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Fig. 1.

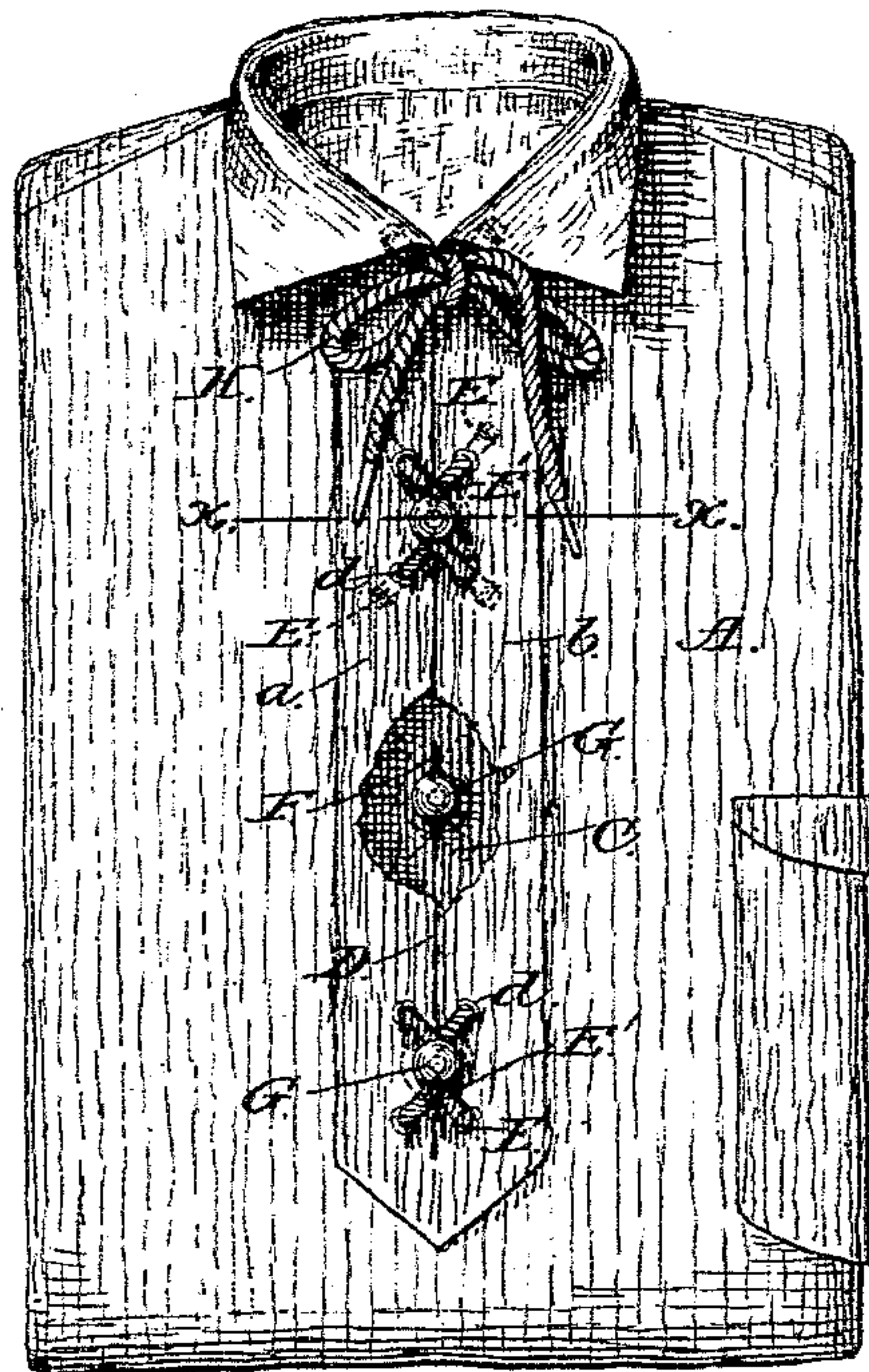


Fig. 2.

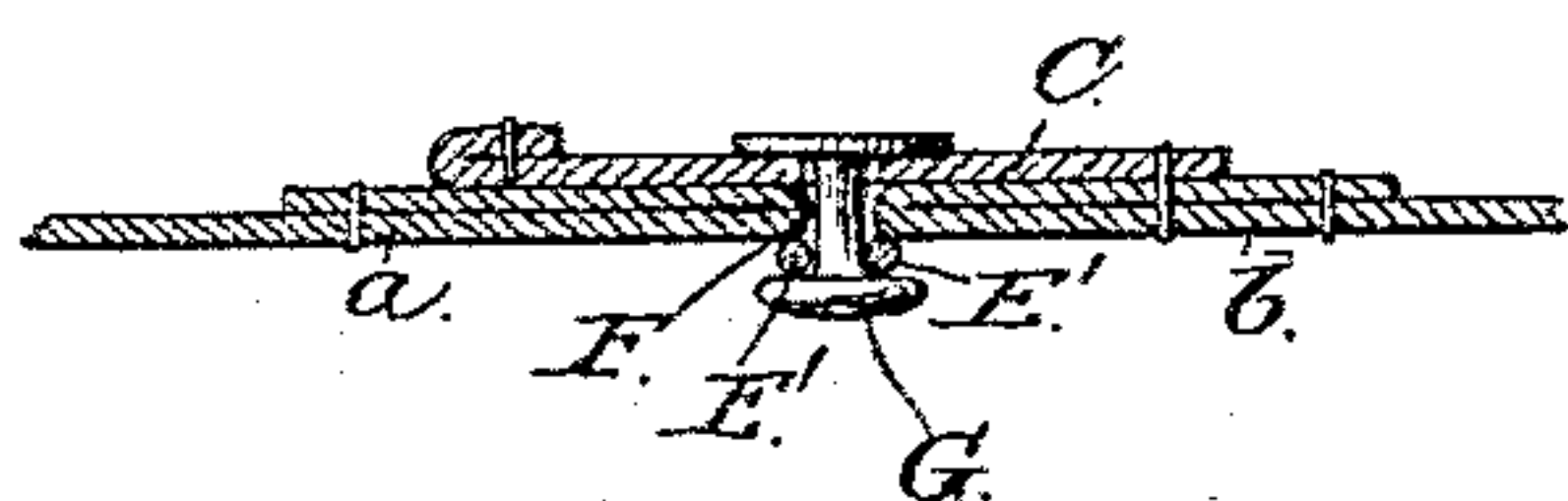


Fig. 3.

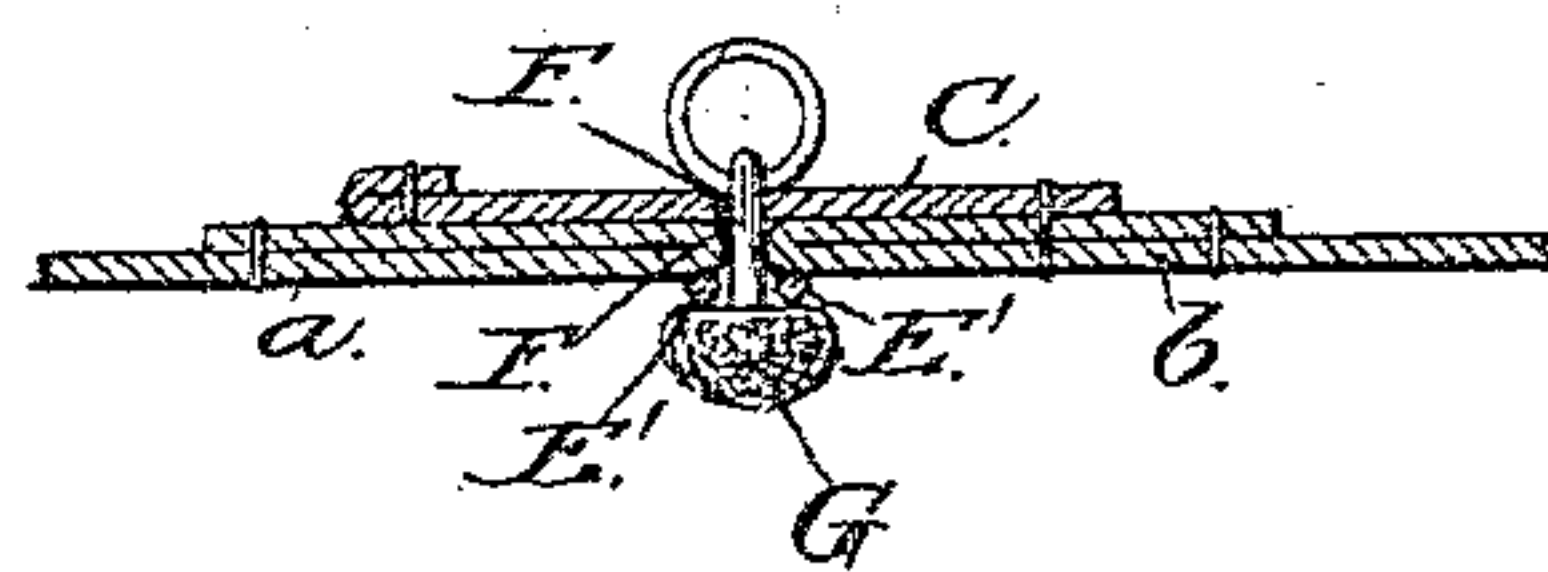
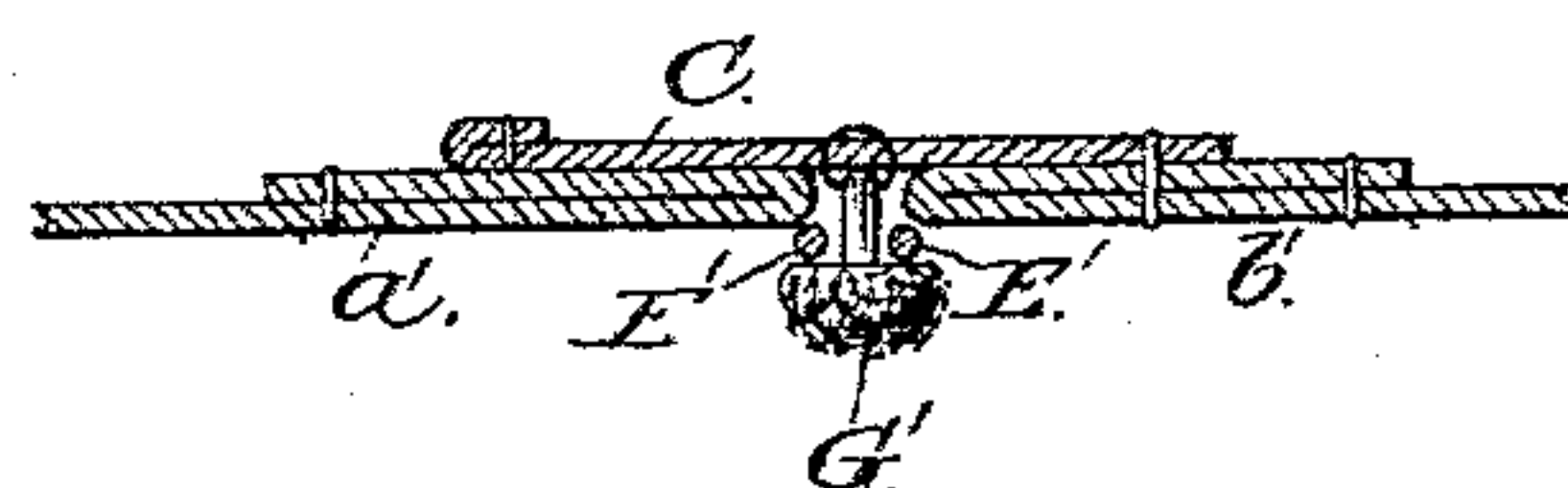


Fig. 4.



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## SHIRT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE, of Newburg, in the county of Orange and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirts, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to shirts, and has for its object to effect an improvement in the manner of uniting the bosom portions of the same, whereby a neat, quick, and effective lacing or fastening is produced.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a shirt with my fastening attached, and Fig. 2 a section through line *xx* of Fig. 1. Figs. 3 and 4 illustrate modified forms of attaching the buttons.

A represents a shirt of that class having the bosom centrally and vertically divided into two portions, *a* and *b*, and a flap, C, attached to one of said portions to extend beneath the other and cover the division-line D between the aforesaid front portions, *a* and *b*. In each of said bosom portions *a* and *b*, opposite one another and a given distance apart, I work eyelet-holes *d*, so as to form groups longitudinally the aforesaid bosom portions, about six or eight in number, a distance from the edge. I now enter in each bosom portion *a* and *b*, through two of the aforesaid eyelets *d*, upon the same side of the division-line D, an end of a cord, E, and attach said ends to the under side of the bosom by sewing, or in any suitable manner, as shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1. This I continue until each set of eyelets *d* upon both sides of the division-line D are provided with an independent loop, E', the one opposite the other, and of such a length as to allow of slight overlapping. Centrally the flap C button-holes F are worked longitudinally the same, one between each opposite loop, E', and within said button-holes F, which may be either large or small, a stud, G, is inserted, as shown in Fig.

2, or a button, G', is held therein by means of a split ring, as shown in Fig. 3.

In the operation of uniting the bosom-sections the opposite loops E' are carried over the buttons or studs, as shown in Fig. 1, crossing one another when in engagement therewith.

Cords H are usually attached at the throat, which may be tied in a knot, as shown in the drawings, or the series of loops and studs may be continued upward to the throat and the cords allowed to remain or be dispensed with, as found most convenient, or any ordinary known throat-fastening may be employed.

Instead of the detachable stud or button above referred to, a button may be employed, as illustrated in Fig. 4, sewed permanently to the flap, or otherwise securely attached. The said detachable stud or button is, however, preferred, as they may be removed before the shirt is laundered, and various sets may be used with the same shirt.

It will be seen that I thus obtain a simple yet effective fastening; one easily adjusted yet strong and durable.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A shirt having its bosom-flap provided longitudinally with button-holes, and studs or buttons detachably entered said button-holes, together with independent opposite loops attached to the divided bosom portions of the shirt adapted to engage studs or buttons, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. In a shirt, the combination, with the bosom portions *a* and *b*, provided with a series of oppositely-arranged independent loops, E', of a bosom-flap, C, attached to one bosom portion, having holes worked longitudinally therein, and studs or buttons G, detachably held in said holes, substantially as shown and described, whereby the said bosom portions are united by the engagement of said loops with said studs or buttons, as set forth.

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