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FIG. 1.

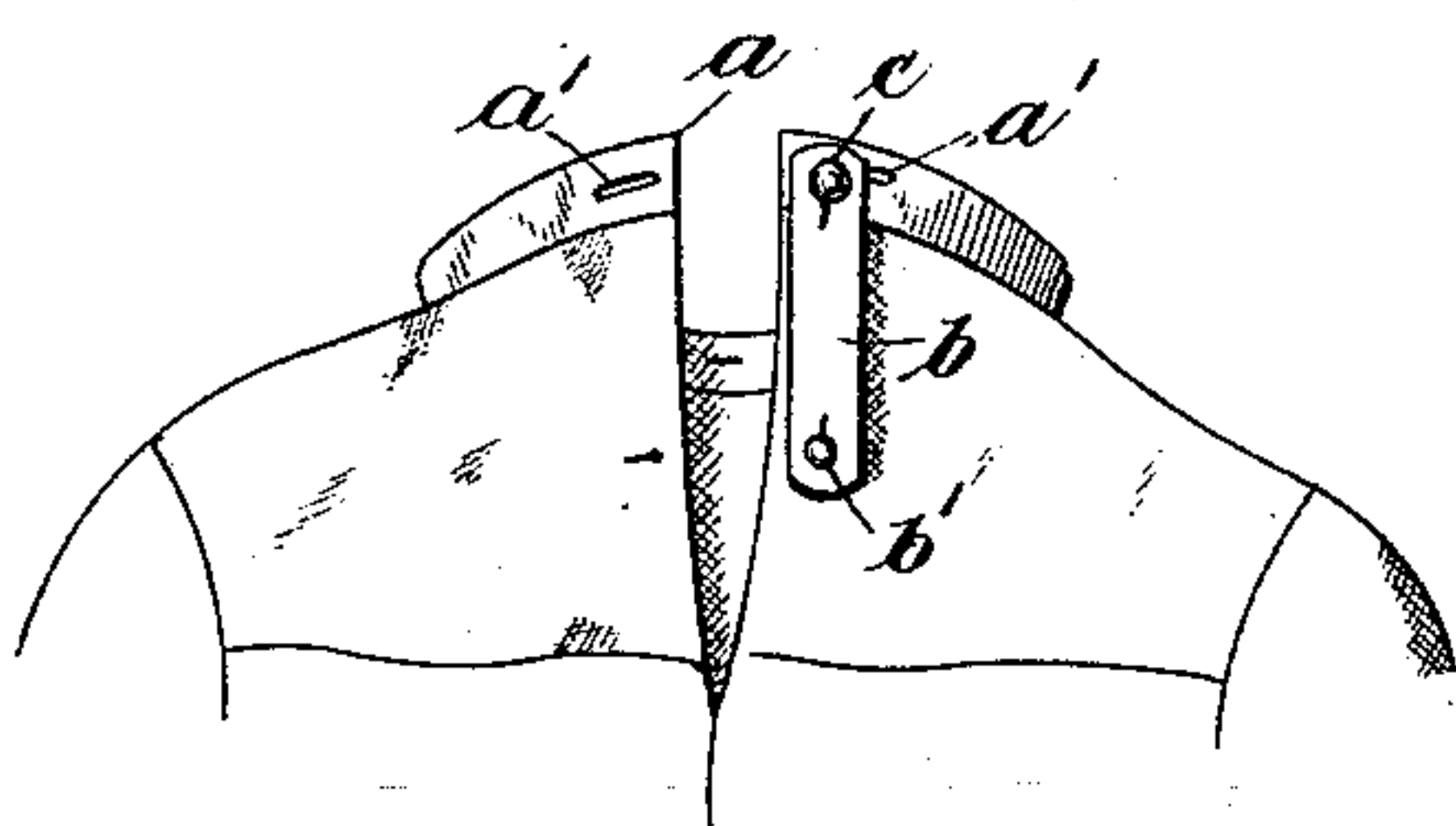


FIG. 2.

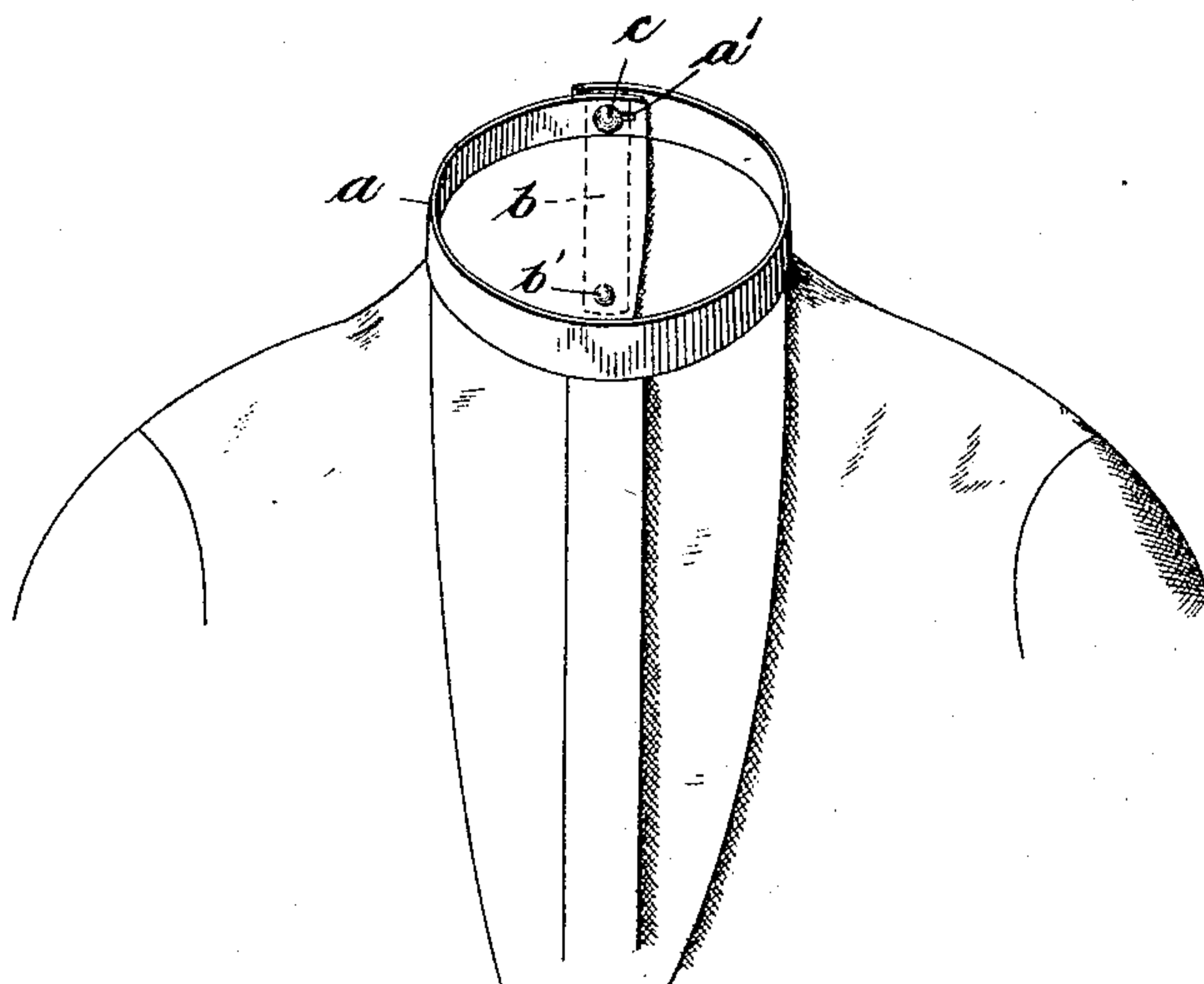
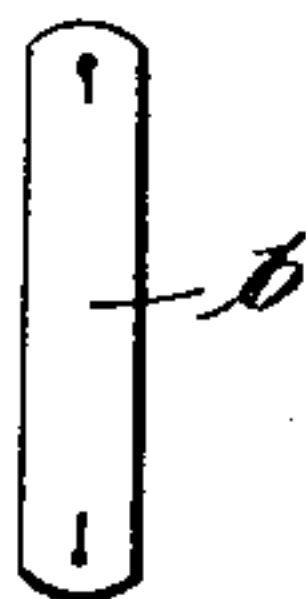


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SPENCER C. CHAMBERLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

It is well known that when shirts are laundered the neckbands are more or less stretched in the operation and varied from the original size and the difficulty of adjusting a fifteen-inch collar on a fifteen-and-a-half-inch neck-back and the discomfort and annoyance arising from wearing it when so adjusted is a common and wearing experience.

The object of my invention is to provide means whereby the neckband of a shirt will automatically adjust itself to the size of the collar although it may be considerably larger, and this I accomplish by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear view of the neckband and shoulder portion of a shirt constructed in accordance with my invention and showing the usual opening in the back unclosed. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same, showing the usual opening closed. Fig. 3 is a view of some of the details.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in the several views.

The letter *a* indicates the neckband of the shirt, and *a'* indicates the openings or buttonholes for the stud *c*, which secures the ends of the neckband together and the center of the collar in position. These openings are not like the ordinary buttonhole, but are elongated slots of sufficient width to allow of the free play of the shank of the stud *c* longitudinally therein, so that when the two ends of the neckband are connected together by the stud they will move lengthwise one upon the other to the extent of the length of said slots.

In order to prevent the stud *c* from becoming displaced from the slots *a'* by the pull or movement of the collar or other strain and to allow the shank of the stud to move in the slots without undue friction, I employ the strap *b*, having each of its ends provided with an ordinary buttonhole, the upper one adapted to take onto the stud *c* in the neckband and the lower one to be secured to the button or stud *b'*, which secures the opening in the back of the shirt, as shown in full lines in Fig. 1 and in broken lines in Fig. 2.

If the neckband of the shirt is larger than the collar to be worn over it, (as it usually is, because of the stretching it receives in being laundered,) the elongated slots *a'* allow the ends of the neckband to slide upon each other, and thus the neckband automatically adjusts itself to the size of the collar when the collar is adjusted over it, and the neckband sets easily and smoothly around the neck. The strap *b* serves to hold the stud *c* in place and relieve the friction of the shank of the stud on the upper sides of the slots *a'*.

The strap *b* has buttonholes at its ends, the upper one receiving the stud *c* and the lower one the stud or fastening *b'*, which serves to pivotally and detachably connect the strap with the yoke of the shirt and likewise answers the purpose of securing the yoke when closed. By having the strap *b* detachably connected with the shirt in the manner set forth it is not in the way and does not interfere with the laundering of the garment, and by having it pivotally connected with the yoke it can turn to adapt itself to the strain, whereby puckering is avoided and the strap permitted to lie close against the shirt without causing the wearer inconvenience, discomfort, and annoyance, which would be the case if the strap were permanently or rigidly stitched or fastened to the shirt.

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

In combination, a shirt having longitudinal slots at the terminals of its neckband, a stud loosely fitted in the slots to permit the neckband to automatically adapt itself to the size of the wearer's neck, a strap located wholly to one side of the neck-opening at all times and having the said stud secured thereto at its upper end, and a fastening pivotally and detachably connecting the lower end of the strap to the yoke, whereby the strap may be removed when laundering the shirt and will lie close against the shirt at all positions without puckering, and said fastening providing means for securing the yoke when closed, substantially as set forth.

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