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SHIRT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MUIR ANDREWS, manufacturer, late of 217 St. Georges road, in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, but
5 now of 21 Endsliagh Gardens, Partickhill road, in said city, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in or Connected with Shirts, (for which I have obtained a patent in Great Britain, No. 19,386, bearing date
10 October 16, 1893,) of which the following is a specification.

My said invention has for its object the providing of a shirt with an improved device for keeping the bosom or front from bulging
15 or protruding in use. This object is attained by the device illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are respectively front and
20 back views of a shirt embodying my invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts in both figures of the drawings.

In carrying out my invention I provide the side edges of the bosom, about midway be-
25 tween the upper and lower ends thereof, with side flaps or tags attached at one edge to the bosom and extending outwardly free from both the body and bosom, to which flaps or tags are secured the ends, respectively, of an
30 adjustable band or tape which is led around the back of the shirt.

In the drawings, A indicates the bosom, which may be of any desired shape and is attached to the body in the usual manner by
35 stitching along its edges. At each side of the bosom and about the center of length thereof the flaps or tags B and C are fastened. These flaps or tags I prefer to have triangular in shape and fastened at one edge to the side edge
40 of the bosom by stitching, so as to leave the flaps or tags extending outwardly free from both the body and bosom of the shirt.

A tape or band E is led around the back of the shirt, and the ends thereof are fastened,
45 respectively, to the flaps or tags B and C. I prefer to have the attachment of both ends of the band to the flaps made detachable by providing buttonholes in the flaps and buttons D and G on the ends of the tape to en-
50 gage said buttonholes. Of course this means

of attachment may obviously be otherwise effected without departing from the spirit of my invention. I also prefer to have the length of the band made adjustable in some
55 suitable manner, such as by providing a plurality of buttons G upon one end of the band; but of course the length of the band may be readily adjusted by many different devices which will readily suggest themselves to one
60 skilled in the art, such as by having the strap formed in two parts with a buckle or other take-up device on one part, which modification is so obvious and well understood as not to require illustration, or as an adjunct to
65 said adjustable device or as a substitute therefor the band may be provided with an elastic section H therein to maintain a yielding tension of the band around the body of the wearer when in use.

By having the ends of the band attached
70 to the flaps or tags and the tags attached along one edge to the bosom, extending in both directions along the edge comparatively a great distance from the line of the attachment of the band, the pull or draw of the band
75 is distributed over a sufficient area to prevent the breaking of the bosom, which would be promoted by attaching the band directly to the edge of the bosom.

A shirt provided with attachments embody-
80 ing my invention is especially adapted for use as a dress-shirt, which is usually worn with a dress-suit having a very low-cut vest, as it serves to hold the bosom flat to the chest of the wearer whether standing or sitting and
85 prevents the bulging or protruding of the same beyond the edges of the vest, which is exceedingly inconvenient and annoying to the wearer.

I am aware that prior to my invention an
90 effort has been made to attain the object of my invention by means of a band or strap having bifurcated ends, which ends are designed to be buttoned to the side edges of the bosom at two different points; but this struc-
95 ture is not the same as my invention nor will it accomplish the object of my invention, because it will draw across the bosom of the shirt on two lines instead of having the pull of the bands equally distributed throughout the
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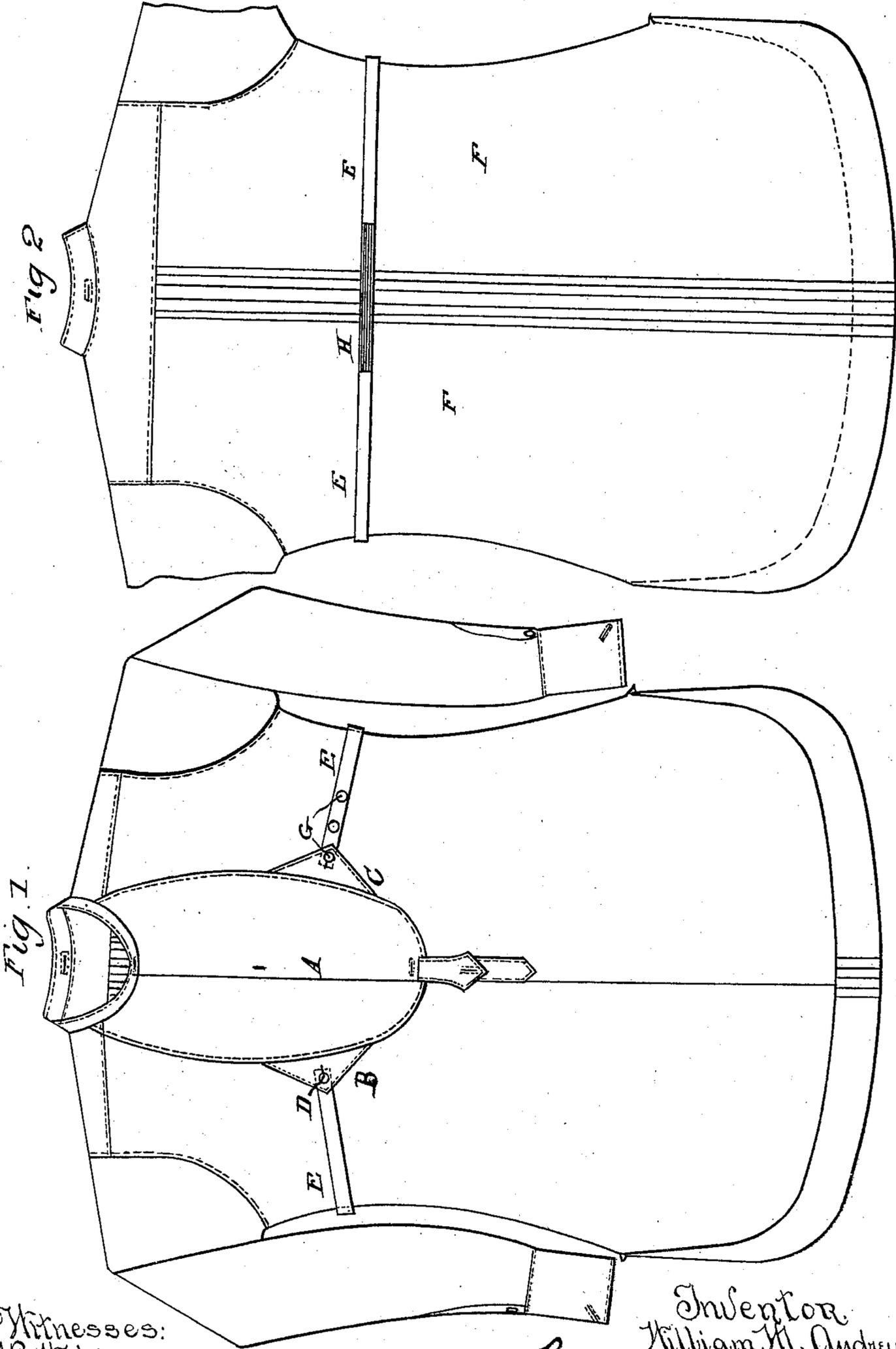
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