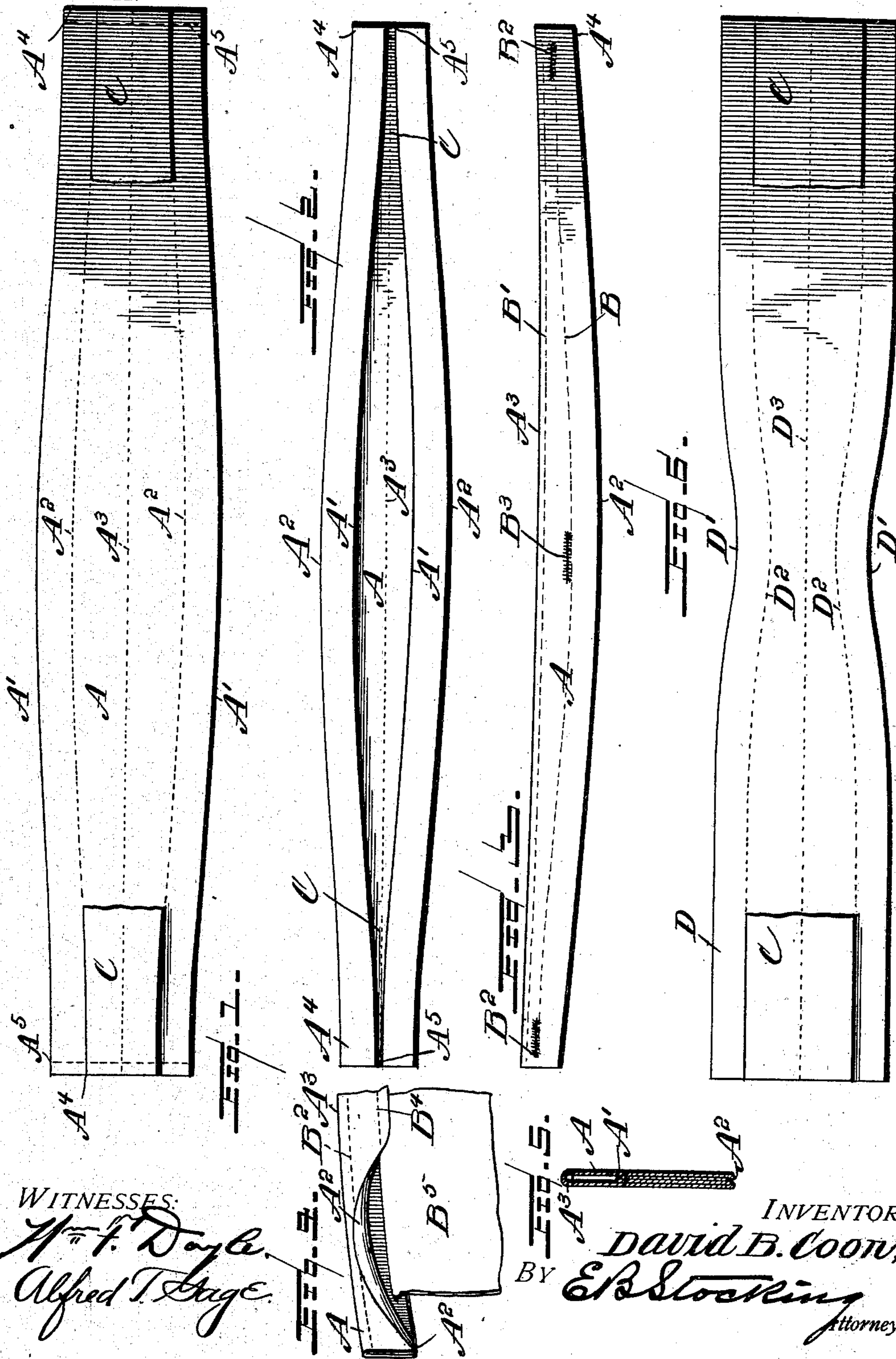


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID B. COON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Troy, in the county of Rensselaer, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Neckbands for Shirts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to a neckband for shirts, and particularly to a novel means of folding the band from a single blank of material in order to secure the most efficient results.

The invention has for an object to provide a neckband folded from a blank of fabric having curved edges or sides, whereby the curved fold in the material may be formed in a single ply, thus avoiding the difficulty of securing a smooth fold in two or more plies of material and producing a finished article having a straight and a curved side edge.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will be hereinafter set forth and the novel features thereof defined by the appended claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of the blank, having fold-lines indicated thereon by dots; Fig. 2, a similar view showing the outer edges folded inward upon curved lines; Fig. 3, a similar view showing the completed article; Fig. 4, a detail perspective showing the manner of attaching a band to a shirt; Fig. 5, an enlarged vertical section through the band, and Fig. 6 a plan of a blank embodying a modified application of the invention.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

The letter A designates a blank which may be formed of any suitable fabric and is provided at opposite sides with curved edges A', while the ends A⁴ thereof may be finished in any manner preferred—for instance, by folding inward on the body upon line A⁵, Fig. 1. In order to secure a curved edge upon one side of the completed band, it is necessary to form a fold therein upon a curved line, and when this fold is made in two or more plies or thicknesses of material a bunching or roughness is produced which renders the finishing of the article to produce a smooth and

regular band very difficult and causes a stretching of the band, which renders the sizes inaccurate. To obviate this serious difficulty and form the fold in a single ply of the material, the outer edges A' of the blank are folded inward upon the curved lines A², thus attaining the positions shown in Fig. 2. Now in order to bring the curved edges which are still at the outside of the band together the same is folded centrally upon the longitudinal line A³, thus effecting the completed article, as shown in Fig. 3, and concealing the free ends of the material within the band, where they may be secured by a line of stitches, as shown at B, and a further stitching-line may be applied at the upper straight edge A³, as shown at B'. The band is also provided at its opposite ends with buttonholes B² and with a central buttonhole B³, this form of band being particularly adapted for application to open-front shirts, as the narrowest portion of the band is applied at the front of the shirt and the widest at the back. The line of stitches B secures the band together and forms a four-ply band having an open lower edge, as shown by Fig. 4, into which the upper portion of a shirt B⁵ or other garment to which the band may be applied may be inserted and secured by a line of stitching B⁴, passing through both the shirt and band. In some instances it may be desirable to apply a reinforcing-strip C to increase the thickness of the band—for instance, where buttonholes are applied, as shown at the opposite ends of Fig. 1—and such a strip should be of less width than the blank, extending substantially from one curved fold-line A² to the other, thus not increasing the thickness of the material upon the curved line of fold.

The modified application of the invention shown in Fig. 6 is adapted for application to shirts which open in the back and is, in effect, the separation of the form shown in Fig. 3 at the widest part and the joining of the narrow ends together, thus producing a continuous piece of material at the narrowest portion, or front of the band. In this modification the band D is provided with curved sides D', which are folded inward upon the lines D²,

as in Fig. 2, and thence upon themselves upon the central line D³, thus producing an article having the advantages set forth.

Having described my invention and set forth its merits, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A neckband having the opposite side edges thereof folded inward upon a curved line and then upon a straight line and secured together; substantially as specified.

2. A neckband having opposite curved sides folded inward upon curved lines in a single ply of fabric, said folded portions being then folded upon themselves and secured together by a line of stitching intermediate of the sides of the band to leave an open edge for the insertion of a fabric to which the band is to be secured; substantially as specified.

3. A neckband having opposite curved sides folded inward upon curved lines in a single ply of fabric, said folded portions being then folded upon themselves and secured together by a line of stitching intermediate of the sides of the band to leave an open edge for the insertion of a fabric to which the band is to be secured, and a supplemental strip disposed within the band and extending between the curved fold-lines at the opposite sides thereof; substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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