

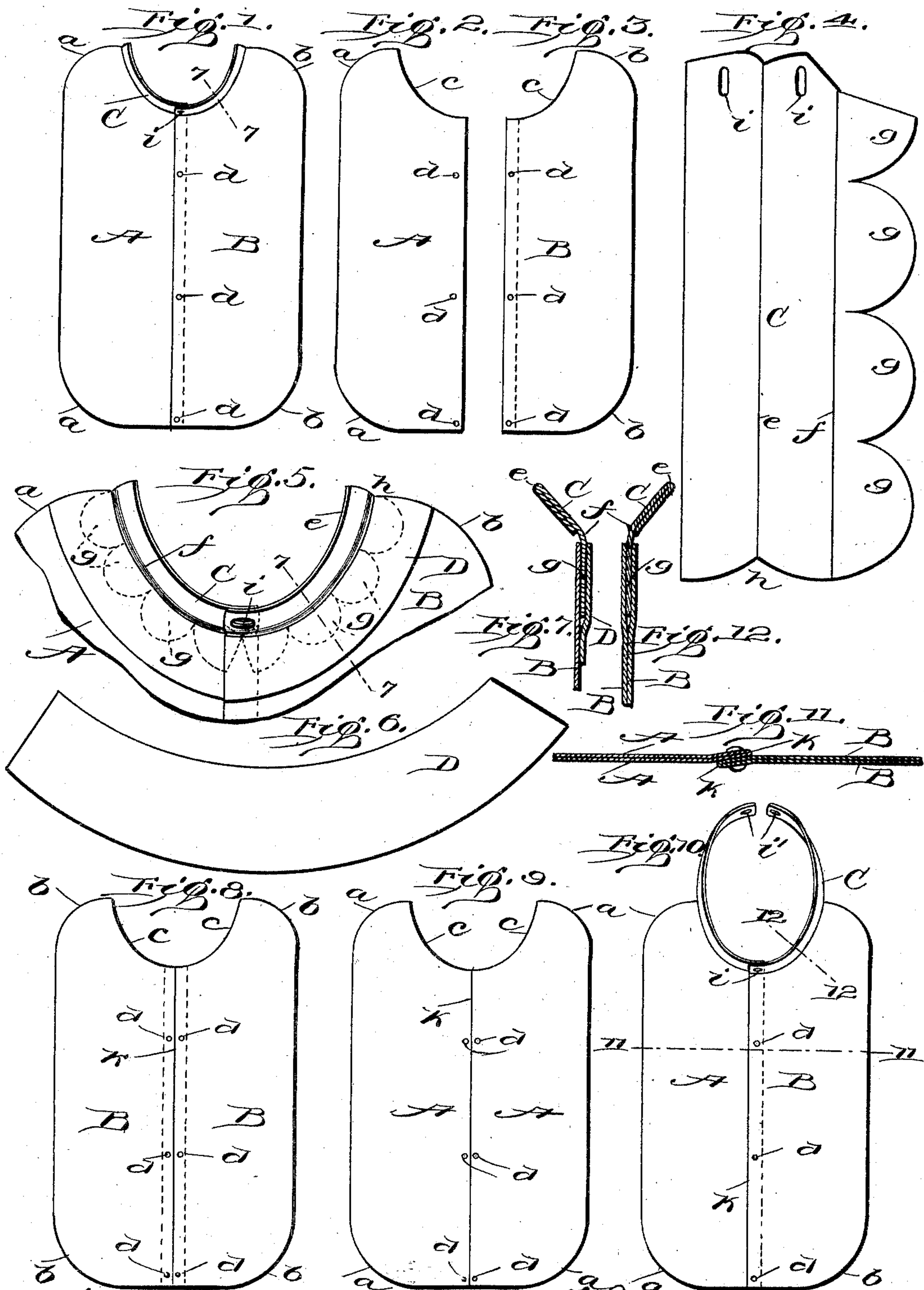
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY C. NELSON, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shams, Dickys, or Supplemental Shirt-Bosoms, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in shams, dickys, or supplemental bosoms to cover shirt-bosoms.

The object of the invention is to provide an easily-adjusted, non-wrinkable, cheap, and reliable sham, dicky, or supplemental shirt-bosom, either single or reversible, to take the place of or to be worn immediately over a shirt-bosom.

Other objects will appear from the following description.

I obtain these objects by the devices described in this specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of the completed bosom. Fig. 2 is a front view of the left half of the bosom with the collar-band and covering-band omitted therefrom. Fig. 3 is a front view of the right half of the bosom with the collar-band and covering-band omitted therefrom. Fig. 4 is a view, on an enlarged scale, of one half of the full collar-band, one half being attached to each half of the supplemental shirt-bosom. Fig. 5 is a view, on an enlarged scale, of the upper portion of the bosom, showing the position of the collar-band and the covering-band. Fig. 6 is an enlarged view of the covering-band. Fig. 7 is a cross-section on line 7 of Figs. 1 and 5 drawn on a still larger scale to more clearly show the connection of the collar-band and the covering-band. Fig. 8 is a front view of one half of the blank used in making one half of the bosom when the completed bosom is to be used reversibly, this view showing the collar-band unattached. Fig. 9 is a similar view showing the other blank used in making the other half of the reversible bosom, this view

also showing the collar-band unattached. Fig. 10 is a front view of the reversible bosom. Fig. 11 is a section taken on line 11 of Fig. 10 to show the position of the blanks 8 and 9 when folded to form the reversible bosom, this view being on an enlarged scale. Fig. 12 is a section on line 12 of Fig. 10, showing the position of the collar-band as secured to the bosom in the reversible form of my device, this view also being on an enlarged scale.

Referring to the drawings in detail, in which similar reference-letters designate similar parts throughout the several views, A represents the right half of the body of the bosom, B the left half thereof, C the collar-band, and D the covering-band. All of these parts are made of cloth-faced paper or other suitable material. The corners *a* and *b* are rounded or curved to prevent breaking and wrinkling of the bosom. A curved piece *c* is cut from both portions A and B to adapt the bosom to fit the neck of the wearer in the usual manner of shirts. Small holes *d* for studs or slits for studs or buttons are provided in the parts A and B to hold the two parts together.

The neckband C is made from a straight or slightly-curved strip, as more clearly shown in Fig. 4, in which are made creases *e* *f* in such manner that the portion of the band on either side of each crease may be folded forward or backward, as desired. To prevent the collar-band from wrinkling, the lower or body edge is slit or cut in scallops, (shown at *g*.) The outer end of this band is also scalloped at *h* *h* for the same reason. The inner end of the band is provided with holes *i* for the insertion of a collar-button, said holes being so arranged and positioned with respect to each other as to register when the band is folded lengthwise through the crease *e*. If desired, this collar-band C may be folded on the crease *e* and the folds pasted or sewed together before being fastened to the bosom portion.

The covering-band D is cut on the same curvature as the edges *c* *c* of the parts A and B and is pasted, sewed, or otherwise attached to the back of the scallop *g* and the back of A and B at their curved edges in the single bosom.



In attaching the collar-band to the body of the bosom the scalloped portion *g* is placed flat against the dicky below the neck curved portion *c*, with the folding-crease *f* slightly above the edge *c*, and there pasted, sewed, or otherwise secured to the dicky. The covering-band *D* is then smoothly pasted, sewed, or otherwise secured directly over this scalloped portion, thereby forming a neat and smooth adjustment. The parts as thus assembled are secured together, as clearly shown in Figs. 5 and 7. It will be observed that the collar-band being slit or scalloped in the manner described and, if desired, slightly curved will not wrinkle or pucker when attached to the body of the bosom, and the surfaces and edges where it is attached will be smooth and comfortable to the wearer.

In Figs. 8 to 12 a modified form of construction is shown in which the bosom may be used reversibly. As shown in Fig. 8, a shallow cut or crease is made in the blank *B* on line *k*, so that the left portion of this blank may be folded on this line under the right side or portion and form one half of the reversible bosom, this half being shown when folded in Fig. 10. Fig. 9 is the blank out of which the other half is to be made. This half is also creased or cut on line *k* and one side folded under the other to form the other half of the reversible bosom, as also shown in Fig. 10.

In attaching the collar-band to the reversible bosom the right half of the body portion—for example, the left half of *B*—is folded through the crease *k* back onto the right half, and the scallops *g* are placed between the two folds at the curved edge *c* and there sewed, pasted, or otherwise fastened together, as shown in Fig. 12. This collar-band in its modified form of construction may be folded at either side on the crease *c*, so that either side may be to the front, depending on which side of this reversible bosom is used.

As shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the collar-band does not extend beyond the upper portion of the bosom; but, if desired, this collar-band may be extended into a longer band, as shown in Fig. 10, the free ends of this band being provided with buttonholes *i*, so that when the band goes around the neck it may be secured together by a button passing through the buttonholes.

The two halves of the non-reversible bosom being put together by passing studs through the holes *d*, the bosom is used by simply passing the front button of the shirt through the button-holes *i* if a shirt is used by the user. If a shirt is not worn, a collar-button may be passed through these holes and a collar used, which, together with an ordinary necktie, will hold the dicky or sham bosom in place. If the collar-band *C* is provided with an extension, as shown in Fig. 12, this extension would go around the neck of the wearer and the collar-button inserted through the holes *i'* to

hold the bosom in place. When the bosom is made to be used reversibly, one side—for example, that shown in Fig. 10—will be used. When the other side is to be used, the collar-band is folded over or reversed on the line or crease *c*, so that the bosom will properly fit to the neck of the user. The bosom will be held in place as before described.

It is evident that various changes may be made in the device as disclosed without departing from the spirit of my invention. I therefore do not desire to limit myself to the exact construction herein shown and described.

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

1. A sham, dicky or supplemental shirt-bosom, consisting of two parts forming the body thereof, each of said parts being provided with button or stud holes near the inner edges thereof through which buttons or studs may be inserted to hold the two parts together, an independent collar-band having one edge only attached to each of said parts, said edge being scalloped, the band being provided with a crease lengthwise thereof whereby that edge of the band not secured to the body portion may be folded or turned over from one side to the other, one end of the band being provided with holes so arranged that they may register with each other when the band is folded on one side or the other through the crease.

2. A sham, dicky or supplemental shirt-bosom, consisting of two parts forming the body thereof, each of said parts being provided with button or stud holes near the inner edges thereof through which buttons or studs may be inserted to hold the two parts together, an independent collar-band having one edge only attached to each of said parts, said edge being scalloped, the band being provided with a crease lengthwise thereof whereby that edge of the band not secured to the body portion may be folded or turned over from one side to the other, one end of the band being provided with holes so arranged that they may register with each other when the band is folded on one side or the other through the crease, and a covering-band extending over and covering that part of the collar-band attached to the body portion.

3. A sham, dicky or supplemental shirt-bosom, consisting of two parts forming the body thereof, a collar-band having one edge only attached to each of said parts, said collar-band being provided with creases in two places lengthwise thereof on which the said band may be doubled either backward or forward along either of said creases, the said band also having slits or scallops along its attaching edge and plain the rest of its length, the said parts of the body being provided with button or stud holes through which studs may



be inserted to hold the two parts together, and the collar-band being provided with buttonholes through which a button may be inserted.

5 4. A sham, dicky or supplemental shirt-bosom, consisting of two parts forming the body thereof, each part being provided with button or stud holes through which buttons may be inserted to secure the two parts together, a collar-band having one edge only at-  
10 tached to each of said parts, each of said bands being creased lengthwise in two places, whereby the band may be doubled either backward or forward along either crease, the said band

being also provided with scallops or slits along its edge and by which the band is secured to the body part, each of said bands being provided with buttonholes through which a button may be inserted, and a covering-band extending over and covering that part of the collar-band attached to the body portion. 15 20

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

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