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SHIRT.

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Fig. 1.

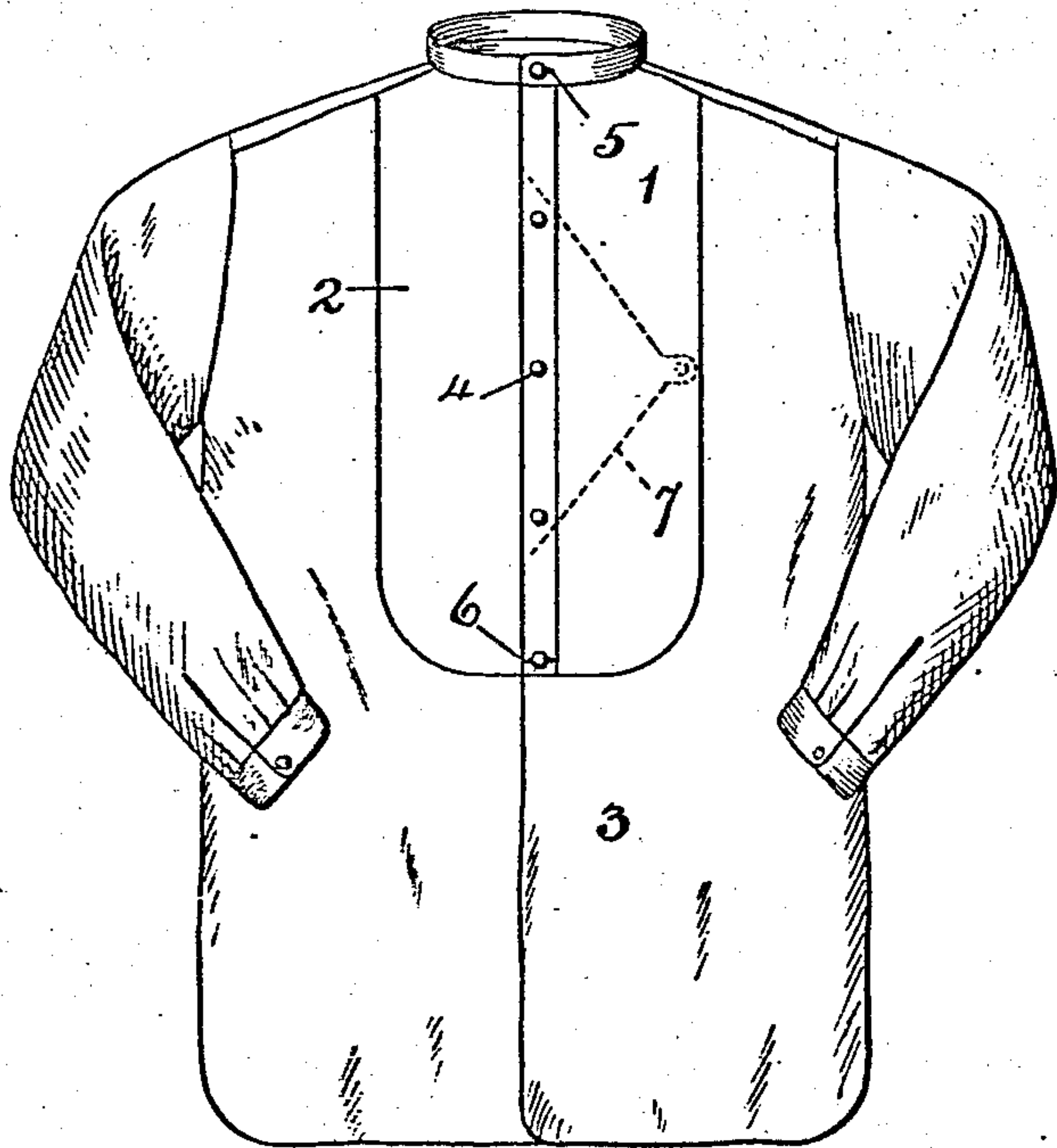


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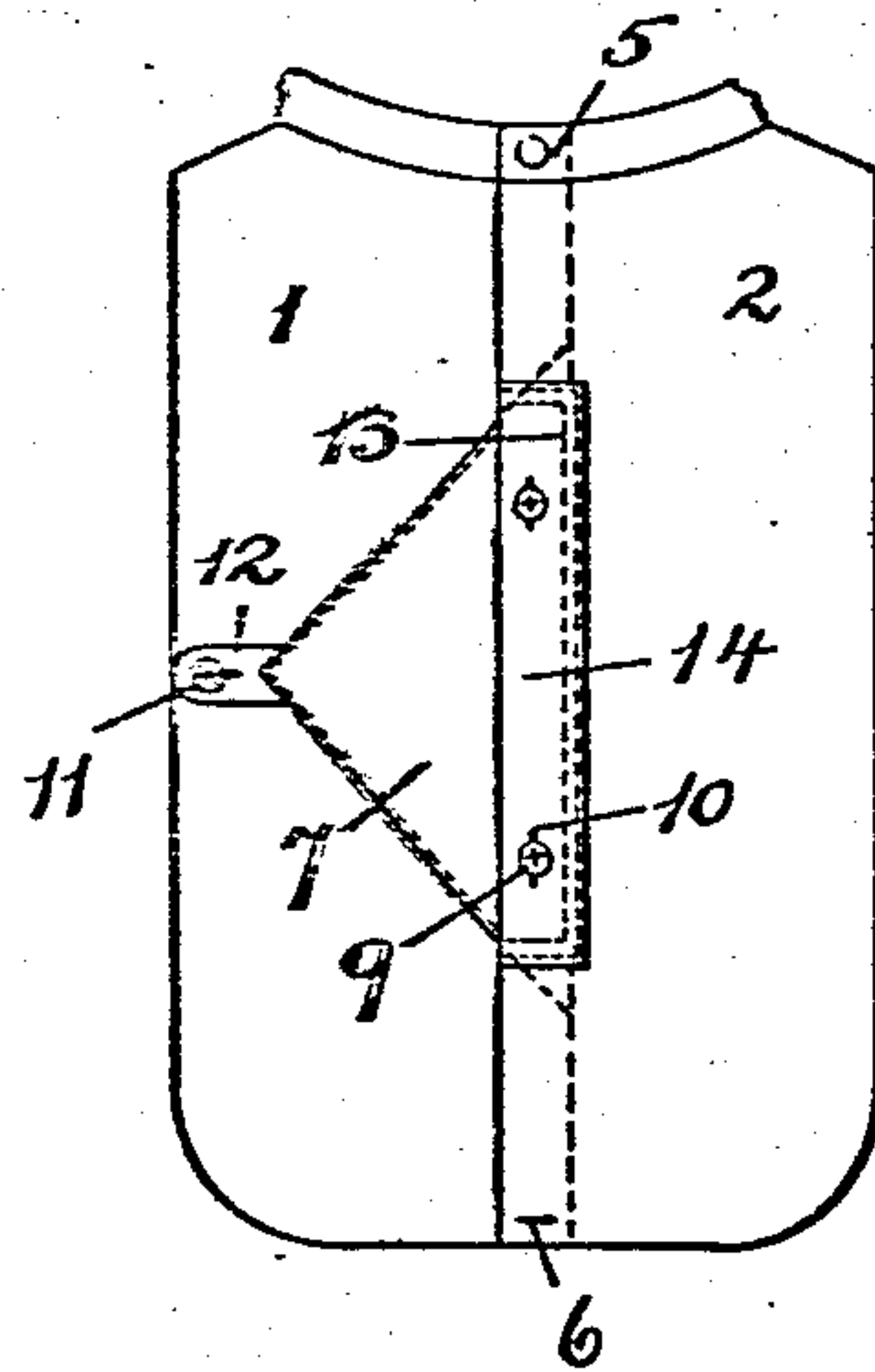


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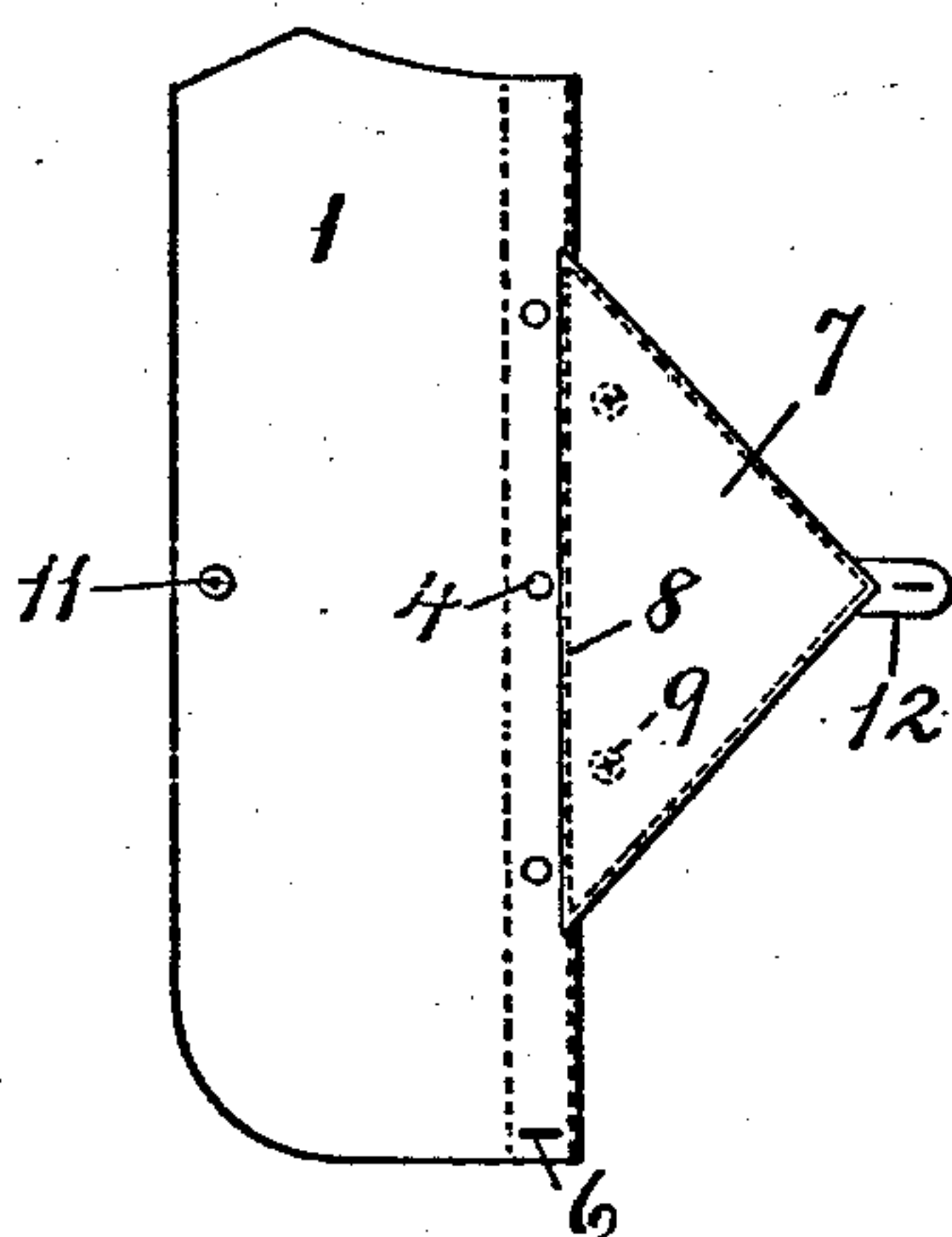


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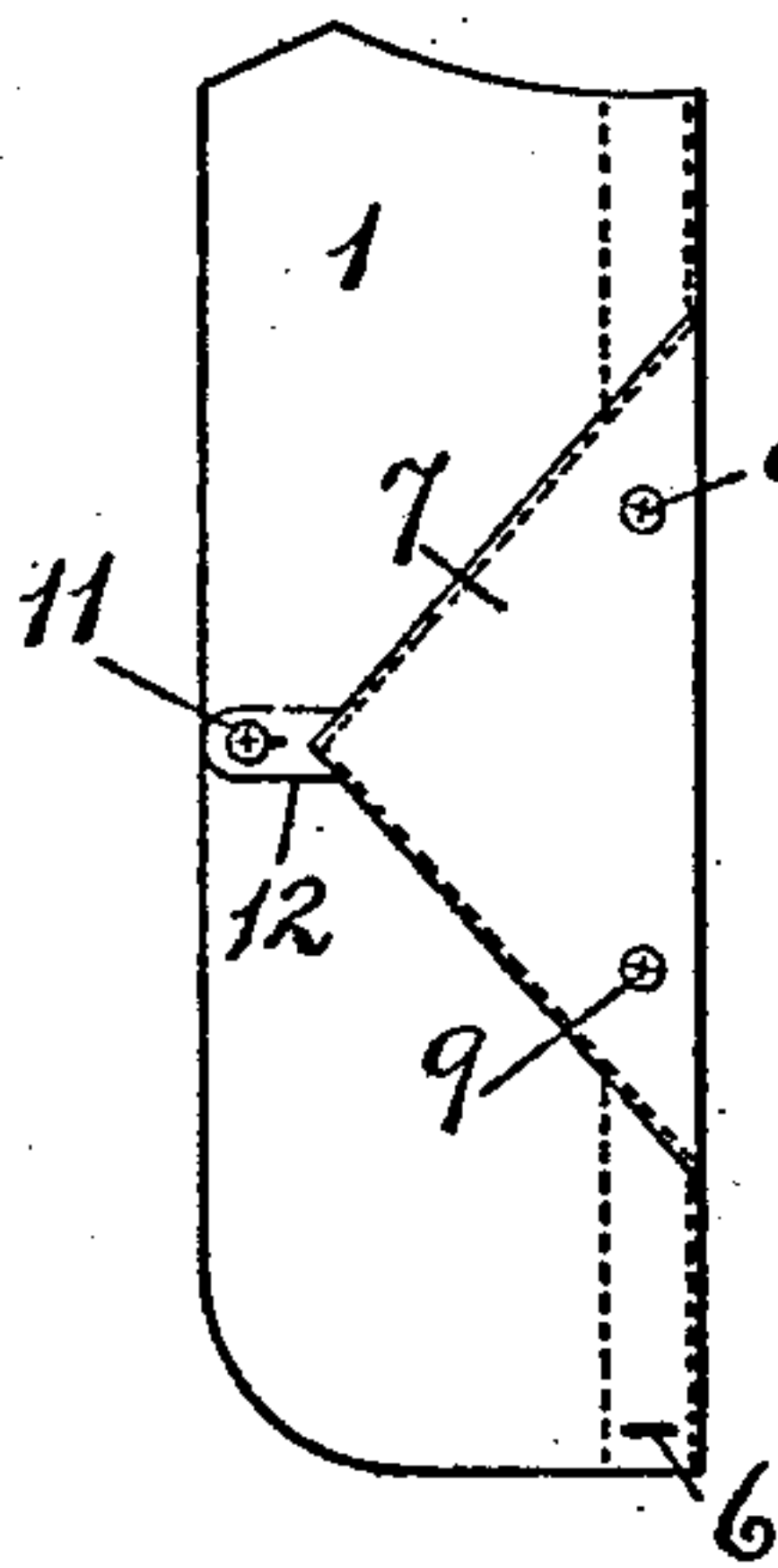
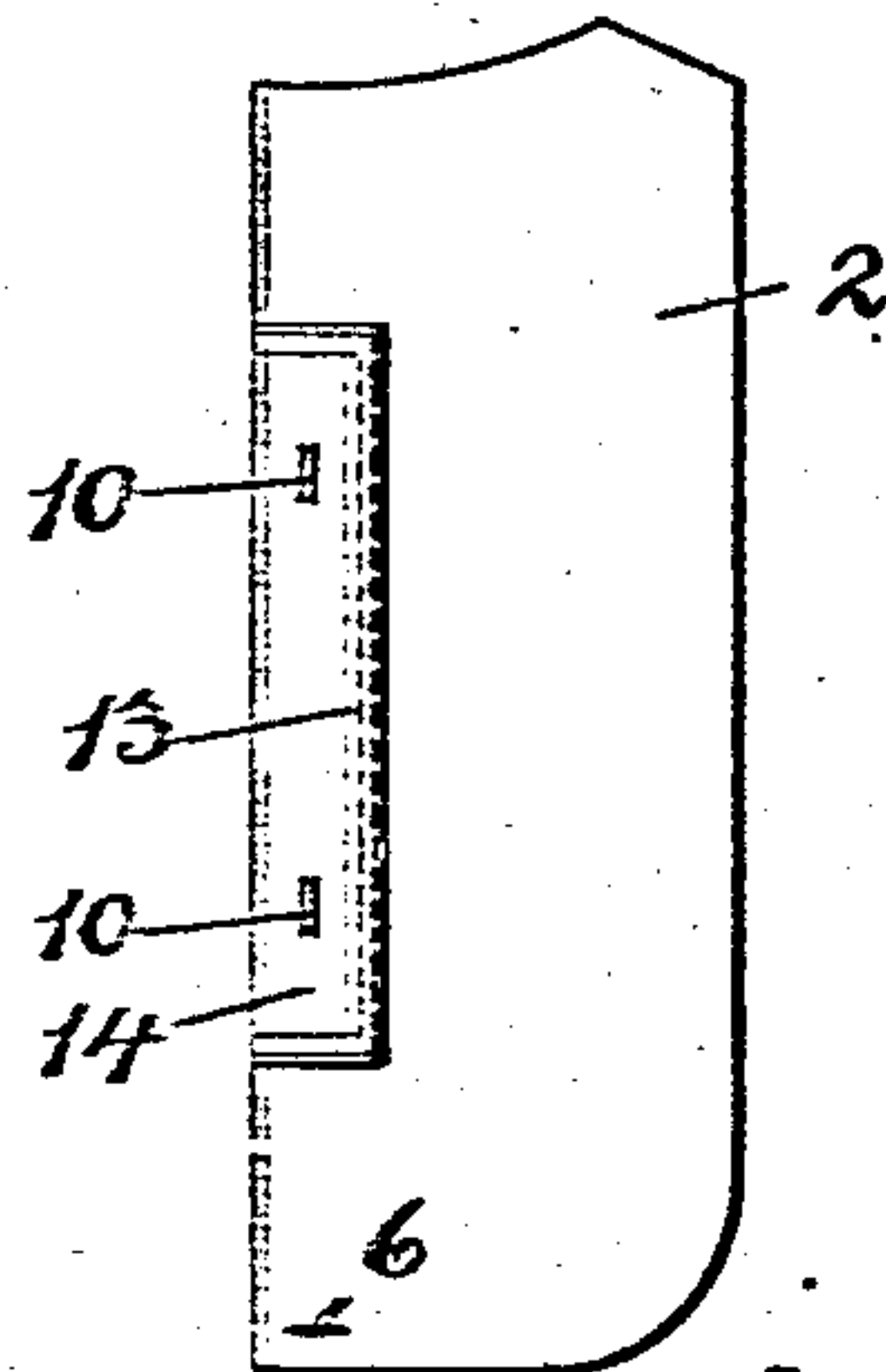


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS F. BOWEN, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved shirt of the so-called "coat" type in which
10 the bosom and skirt open down the entire front.

One object of the invention is to provide a construction that will permit the shirt to be removed from the body and put on again
15 while the studs remain undisturbed in the outer or over-lapping section of the bosom.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a shirt embodying the invention and showing the parts in their normal relative position as when the shirt is on the body of a wearer. Fig. 2, is a view showing the wrong or reverse side of a shirt-bosom having my invention. Figs. 3,
20 4 and 5 are reverse views of one half of a shirt bosom showing features of the invention.

The bosom, 1, 2, and skirt, 3, open from the neck-band to the bottom, and constitute the "coat" style of shirt. In many shirts
30 of this style the smoothness of the shirt-bosom is marred by the removal and re-insertion of the studs, 4, when the shirt is taken off and again put on. I have therefore provided a construction that will permit studs which are used merely for their
35 ornamental effect, and not for utility, to remain undisturbed in the outer or over-lapping section of the bosom when removing the shirt from the body.

The improved construction appertains solely to the bosom. The bosom consists of the overlapping section, 1, and the under-lapping section, 2; these have button-holes,
40 5, at the neck-band and button-holes, 6, at the lower end of the bosom; a button or stud in each will serve to secure the two parts of the bosom together.

In carrying out my invention the studs, 4, are inserted only through holes in the outer
50 or over-lapping section, 1; these studs therefore are used merely for their ornamental effect, and do not assist to keep the two sections of the bosom connected. To secure this latter result I provide a construction
55 that will now be described.

The inner or reverse surface of the overlap-

ping bosom section, 1, has a suitable flap tang, 7, which is secured by a row, 8, of stitches extending vertically and close to the edge of said bosom-section. In the drawing the flap
60 tang has a triangular or V-shape, but this shape may vary and any preferred shape may be employed. This flap tang has a plural number of buttons, 9, which may be permanently stitched on; in the present instance
65 two buttons are shown, but obviously three or more might be used. The flap tang, when the shirt is on the body, will be folded back from the edge of the bosom section, as shown in Fig. 4, and at such time the said buttons,
70 9, will have position next to the body of the wearer. The flap tang is held in the folded-back position by engaging with a button, 11, on the inside of the bosom. In the present instance a short strap, 12, is shown attached
75 to the flap and this strap has a hole that engages with the button, 11. The invention, however, is not limited to the special construction shown. When folded back, as in Fig. 4, the flap covers the base, or fastener
80 part, of the studs, 4, which project through only one side of the bosom.

When the shirt is being laundered the flap tang will be extended, as shown in Fig. 3, in
85 which position it may readily be ironed.

The under-lapping bosom section, 2, has no holes for studs, but is provided with holes,
10, which engage with the buttons, 9, on the flap tang. This under-lapping bosom section need have no other special construction. I
90 deem it advantageous, however, to provide the under-lapping section which has the button-holes, 10, with a softer and more flexible edge than is usually possible with the thick and stiffly-starched linen bosom; a soft and
95 more pliable edge enables the connection to be easily made between the button holes, 10, and buttons, 9. A construction to effect this is shown in Figs. 2 and 5. The linen part of bosom-section, 2, is cut away along
100 the vertical edge a width about one-half to five-eighths of an inch, indicated by the line, 13; and a facing of thin fabric, 14, is stitched on the bosom-section over the said removed or cut-away part. The button-holes, 10, are
105 formed in the thin fabric facing, 14. The connection of the buttons, 9, on the flap of the overlapping section with the button-holes, 10, on the underlapping section, insure that the two bosom-sections will not gap
110 open. It is obvious that the relative position of the buttons, 9, on the flap and button-

holes, 10, on the section, 2, may be reversed from that shown in the drawing.

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

1. A shirt having a bosom with an overlapping and an underlapping section,—the overlapping bosom section having stud holes and a flexible flap attached to its inner side at a point between the stud holes and the vertical edge thereof and said flap being turned back beneath the section to which it is attached and being provided with buttons at one side, and the underlapping bosom section projecting over the attached edge of the flap and the edge of said underlapping section having a flexible portion with button holes therein to receive the buttons on the turned-back flap.

2. A shirt having a bosom comprising an

overlapping and an underlapping section,—the overlapping section having stud holes adjacent its vertical edge and a flexible flap attached at its inner side between the stud holes and said edge,—said flap having buttons attached thereto adjacent its secured edge and the underlapping bosom section having a flexible fabric strip attached to its vertical edge and said strip having button holes for receiving the buttons on the flap of the other bosom section and means on the overlapping bosom section for detachably securing the movable end of the flap to said overlapping bosom section.

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

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