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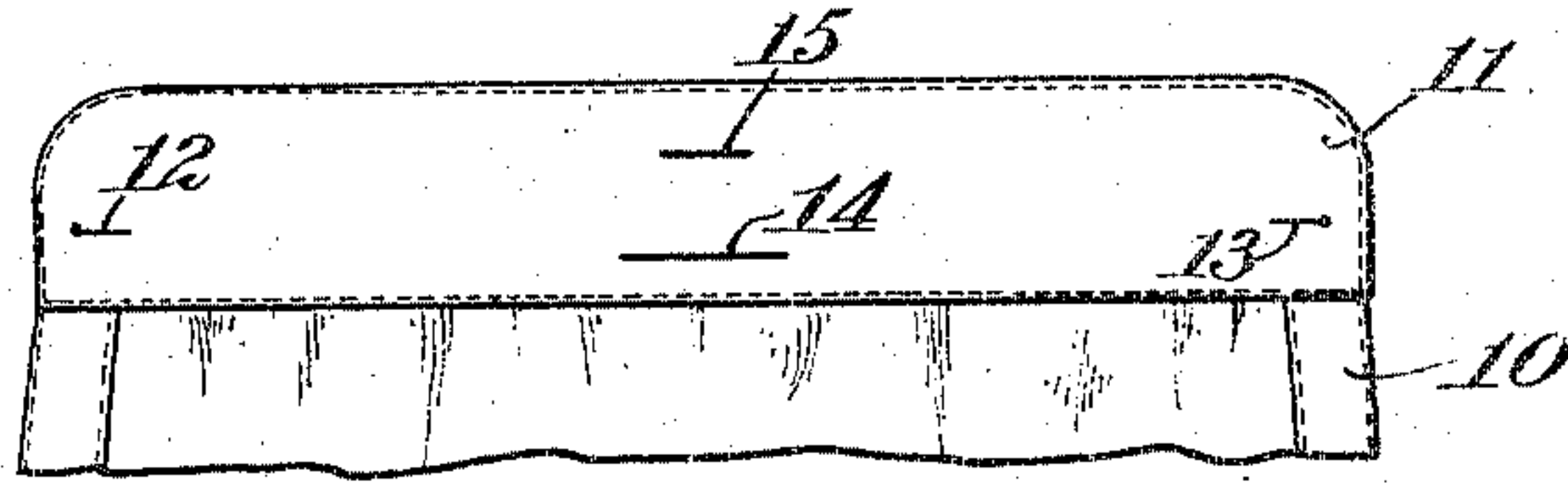
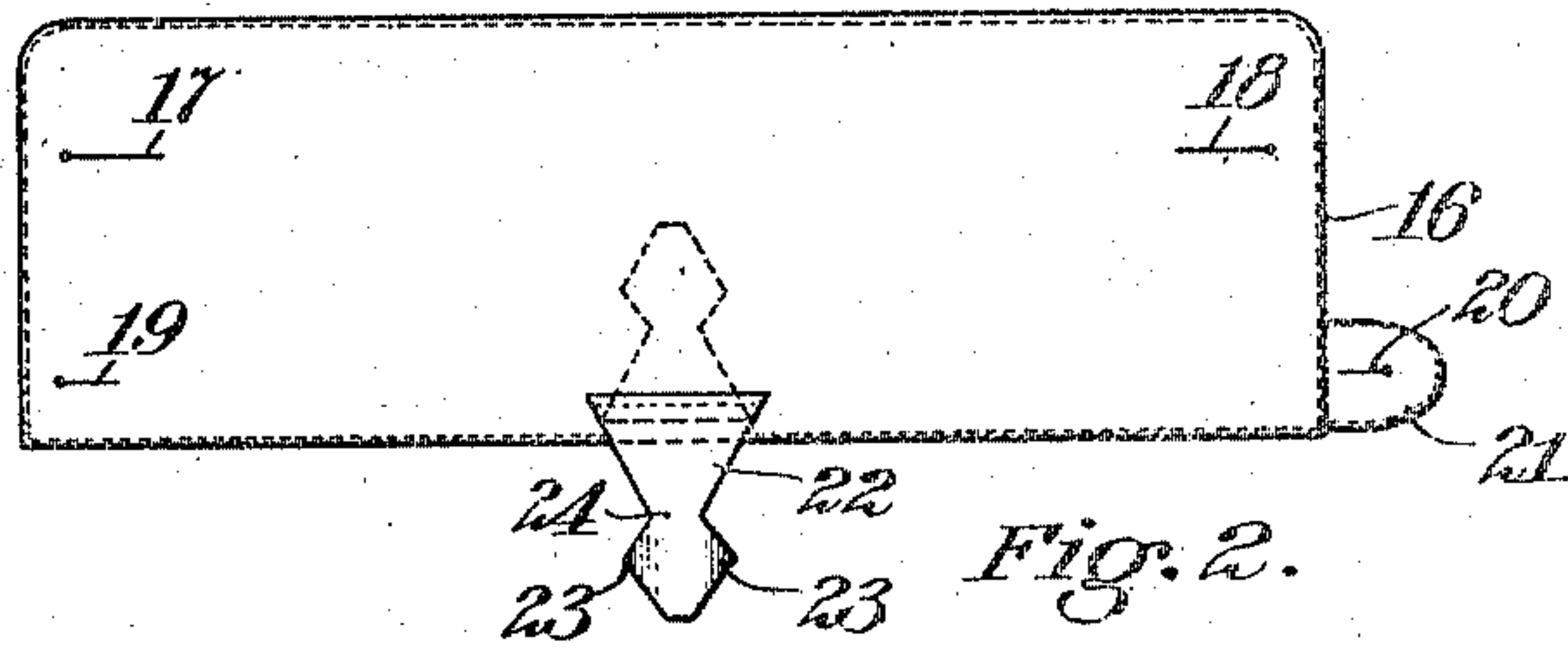


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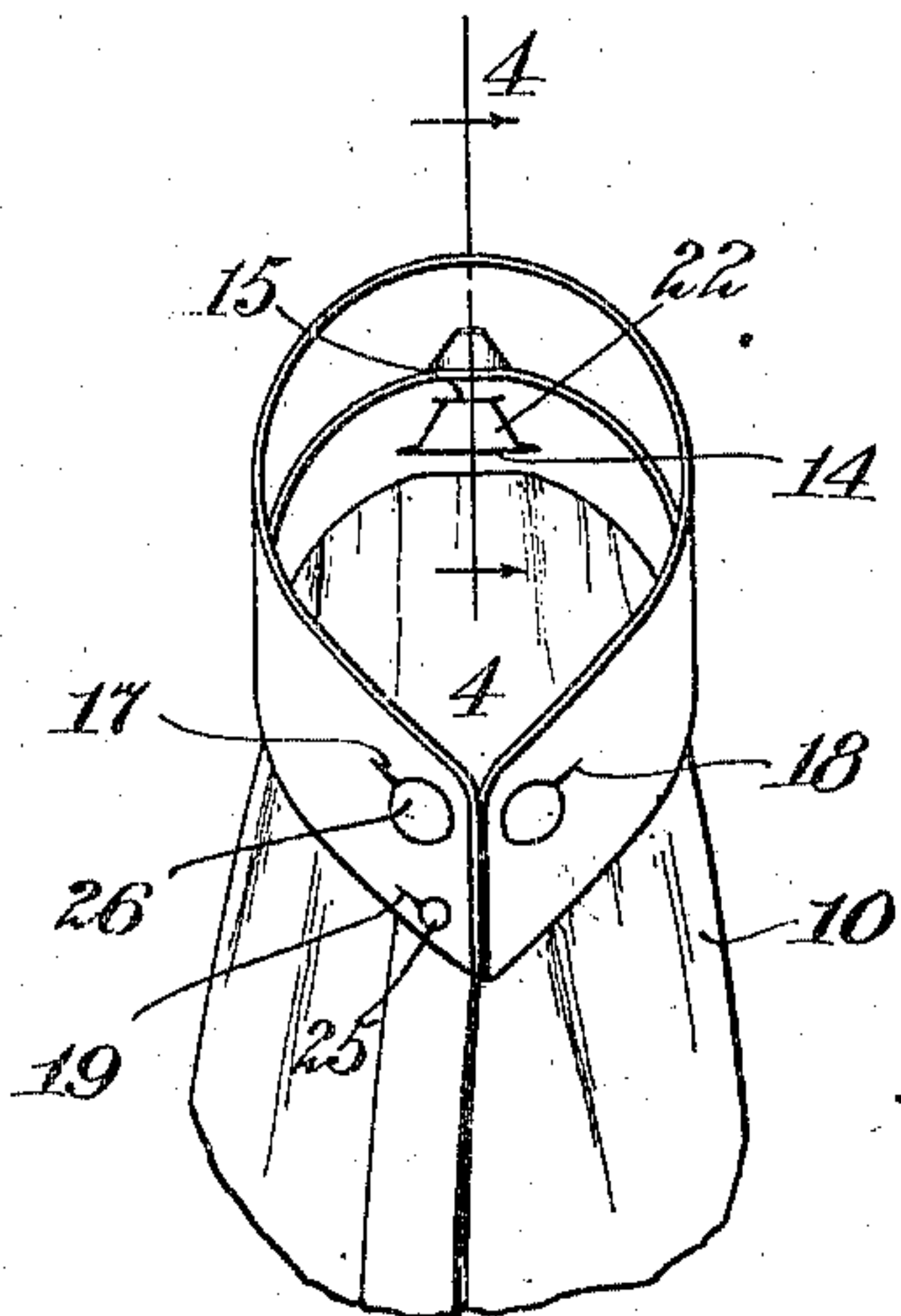


Fig. 1.

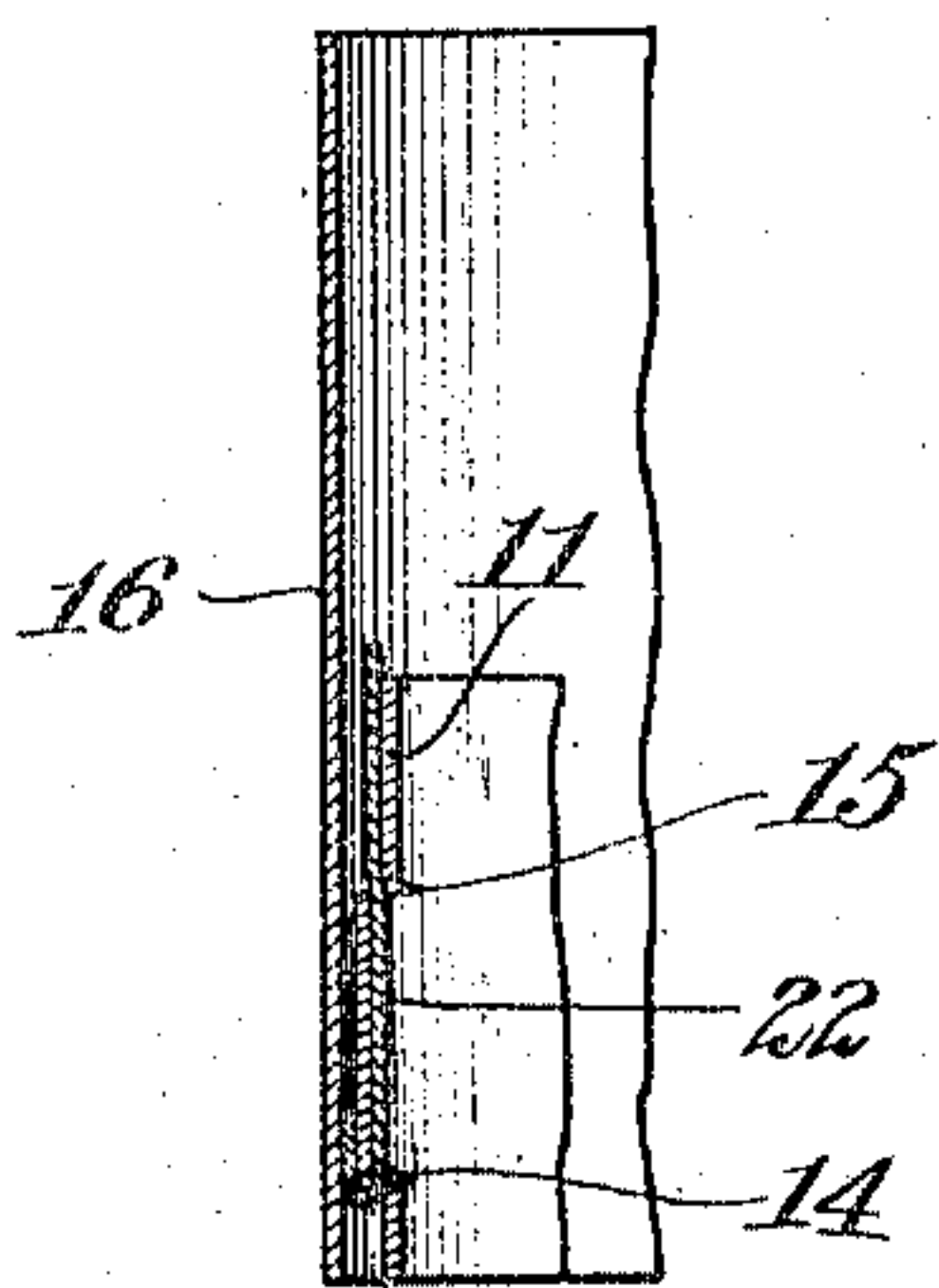


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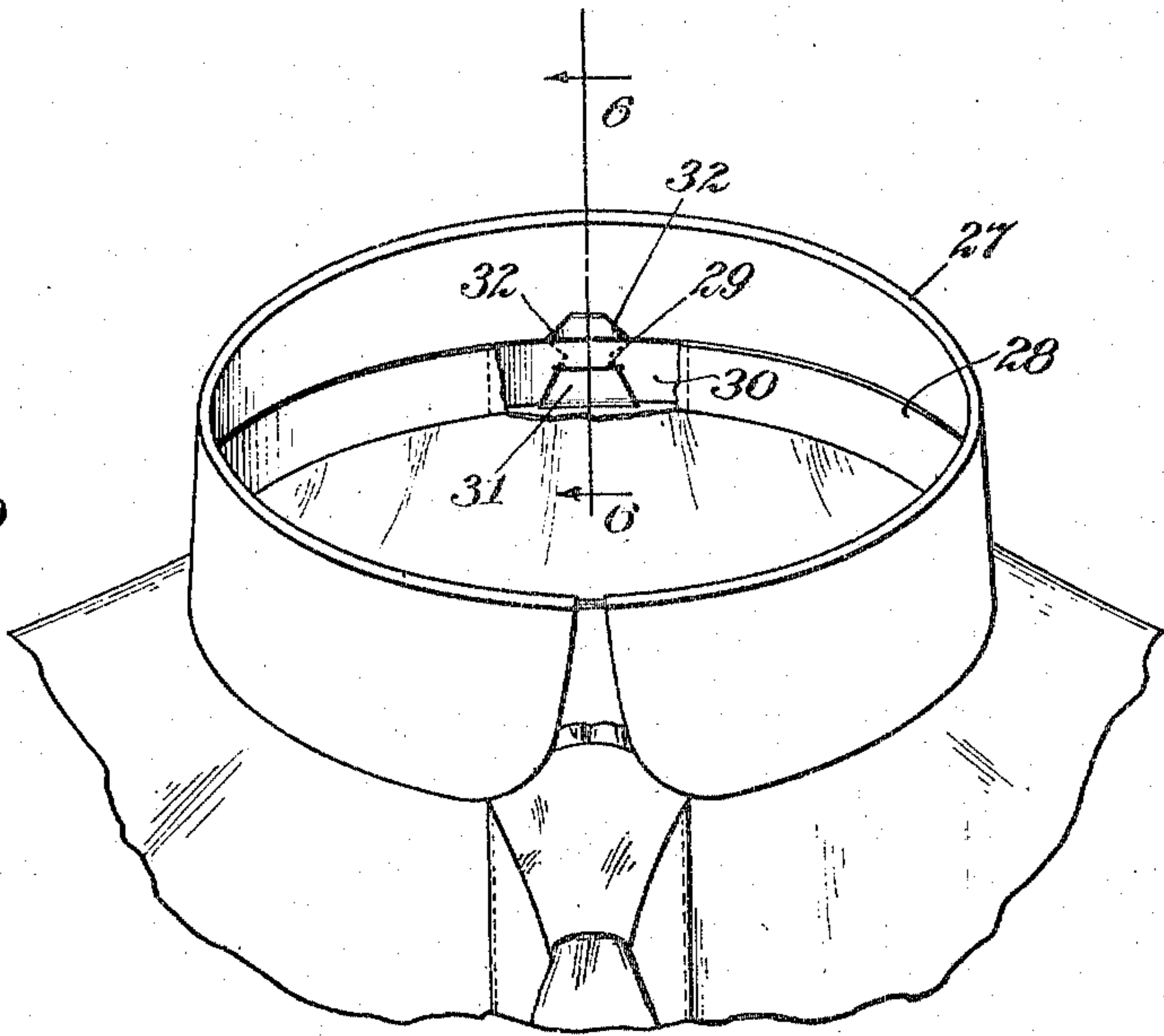


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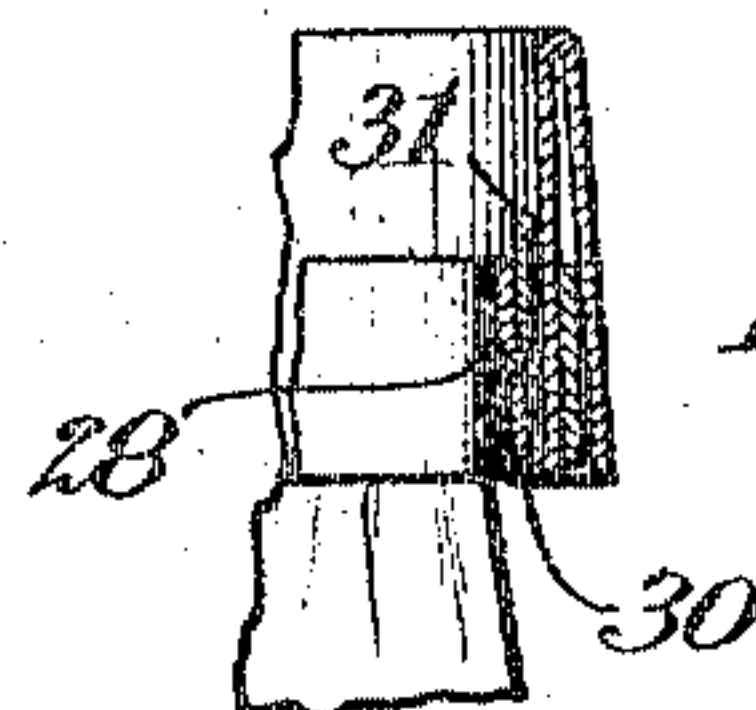


Fig. 6.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH H. C. DE FORGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in garments and more particularly to shirts, collars and cuffs and means for detachably connecting collars and cuffs to shirts.

The object of my invention is primarily to provide simple, convenient and neat appearing devices for detachably attaching collars and cuffs to shirts in a secure manner so that accidental disconnection shall be impossible.

The object is further to provide a cuff and means for detachably attaching the same to the wrist band of a shirt so constructed and arranged that the appearance of the combined cuff and sleeve shall be practically the same as a cuff permanently attached to the sleeve by sewing in the well known manner.

In the attainment of the latter object I have provided a cuff having means for attaching the same to the wrist band of a shirt at two points, one of the attaching devices being the button of the wrist band, which I button into the usual buttonholes provided in the cuff and the other device being a tab attached to the cuff and extending through one or more slits formed in the wrist band of the sleeve, said tab being provided with one or more shoulders adapted to engage the ends of one of the slits and said tab being greater in width at its shoulder or shoulders than the width of the slit whereby the cuff is securely locked to the wrist band. This tab is also embodied in collars constructed in accordance with my invention.

The invention consists in the novel features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of parts set forth in the following specification and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shirt sleeve and cuff attached thereto embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the cuff laid out flat showing in full lines the tab for attachment of the cuff extended outwardly and showing in full lines the tab extended in-

wardly. Fig. 3 is a detail elevation of a portion of the shirt sleeve and its wrist band laid out flat. Fig. 4 is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1, looking toward the right. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a collar and the upper portion of a shirt embodying my invention, the neck band of the shirt being partly broken away to better illustrate the tab for the attachment of the collar. Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 5, looking toward the left.

Like numerals refer to like parts throughout the several views of the drawing.

In the drawing, referring to Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, 10 is a shirt sleeve having a wrist band 11 provided with the usual buttonholes 12 and 13, and provided with two slits 14 and 15 in the central portion thereof, said slits being preferably parallel with the longitudinal edge of the wrist band. 16 is a cuff provided with the usual buttonholes 17, 18, 19 and 20, the buttonhole 20 being formed in a tab 21. Fast to the cuff 16 at its middle portion and adjacent to one edge thereof is a tab 22, the same being preferably secured to the cuff by sewing thereto preferably on the inner face thereof, it being observed that the stitches connecting the two parts are located at a little distance from the adjacent edge of the cuff. The tab 22 is provided with shoulders 23, 23 and has a narrow neck 24 located between said shoulders of the point of attachment to the cuff, said tab being greater in width at said shoulders than the width of the slit 15. These shoulders will, in practice, be curled toward each other by the fingers so as to narrow the tab at that point to make it possible to pass the shoulders of the tab through the slit 15.

In attaching the cuff to the wrist band the end of the tab is passed first inwardly through the slit 14 and thence outwardly through the slit 15 and the tab is bent so as to extend inwardly toward the central portion of the cuff into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 and in full lines in Fig. 1, after which the ends of the cuff are attached to the wrist band by passing a usual button 25 through the buttonholes 12 and 13 of the wrist and, then through the buttonholes 20 and 19 of the cuff, the ends of the cuff being still further connected by

the usual cuff link 26 passing through the buttonholes 17 and 18, the appearance of the parts when assembled being as shown in Fig. 1.

5 It will be understood that the tab 22 is wholly invisible from the exterior of the cuff after the cuff has been applied and consequently the combined cuff and shirt sleeve have very much the appearance of a cuff
10 and shirt sleeve in which the cuff is permanently attached to the shirt sleeve by sewing thereto in a well known manner. The tab 22 acts to securely lock the cuff to the wrist band at the side thereof opposite to the
15 button 25 and thus the cuff and wrist band are prevented from separating from each other, as is common where cuffs are connected to the wrist bands only at one side thereof. It will be understood that after
20 the shoulders 23, 23 are passed through the slit 15 said shoulders are flattened out so that they cannot be withdrawn through said slit without first bending them inwardly toward each other.

25 In Figs. 5 and 6 I have shown another embodiment of my invention in which an attaching tab similar to the one described in connection with the cuff is fast to the collar and constitutes the means for attaching the
30 collar to the back of the neck band of the shirt. In these figures 27 is the collar and 28 is the neck band of a shirt, said neck band being provided at the back thereof with a usual buttonhole 29 and the usual
35 pocket formed by a flap 30, this pocket being usually employed to receive the base of the collar button and prevent the same from bearing against the neck of the wearer by reason of the fact that the neck band 28 is
40 interposed between the base of the button and the neck of the wearer. This pocket and buttonhole I employ in attaching the collar to the neck band, this being accomplished by securing to the collar a tab 31
45 provided with two shoulders 32, 32 greater in width than the buttonhole or slit 29. This tab is passed first upwardly into the pocket and thence outwardly through the slit 29 so as to occupy the position shown in
50 Figs. 5 and 6. The collar will be attached to the neck band at the front portion thereof in the usual manner.

It will be understood that when the collar is to be applied the shoulders 32, 32 of the
55 tab 31 are bent inwardly toward each other so as to narrow the tab at that point and make it possible to pass said shoulders through the buttonhole or slit 29 after which said shoulders are flattened out so as to lock
60 said tab in place. By arranging the tab so that it extends from its point of connection with the other part toward the central portion thereof and in a plane outside of and substantially parallel to the other part, there
65 is formed at said point of connection a

shoulder which constitutes a stop to prevent movement of the cuff in one direction while the locking shoulders prevent movement in the opposite direction so that the cuff is thus securely and accurately held in place and
70 there can be no slipping thereof. By extending the tab through the second slit not only is its attachment thereby rendered far more secure than if a single slit were provided, but the free end of the tab does not
75 necessarily come in contact with the wearer when in use, but the thickness of the cuff is interposed thereby making the cuff very comfortable to wear.

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

1. A garment having, in combination, two parts adapted to surround a portion of the body of the wearer, one of said parts being
85 provided with two slits extending entirely therethrough, and a tab secured to the other of said parts extending through one of said slits, thence along the surface and through the other of said slits.

2. A garment having, in combination, two parts adapted to surround a portion of the body of the wearer, one of said parts being
95 provided with two slits at least one of which extends entirely therethrough, and a tab secured to the other of said parts and having its free end extending toward the central portion of the part to which it is fast and in a plane outside thereof, said tab extending
100 through one of said slits, thence along the surface and through the other of said slits.

3. A garment having, in combination, two parts adapted to surround a portion of the body of the wearer, one of said parts being
105 provided with two slits at least one of which extends entirely therethrough, and a tab secured to the other of said parts and having its free end extending toward the central portion of the part to which it is fast and in a plane outside thereof, said tab extending
110 through one of said slits, thence along the surface and through the other of said slits, said tab being provided with a shoulder to engage one end of the second slit to lock
115 said parts against disconnection.

4. In combination, a shirt having a sleeve provided with a wrist band having two slits extending therethrough, a cuff surrounding
120 said wrist band, a tab fast to said cuff adjacent to one edge thereof and extending toward the opposite edge thereof in a plane outside of said cuff, said tab extending inwardly through one of said slits, thence
125 along the inner surface of said wrist band and thence outwardly through the other of said slits, said tab being provided with a shoulder to engage one end of the second slit, and means to detachably attach said cuff
130 to said wrist band at another point.

5. A garment having, in combination, two parts adapted to surround a portion of the body of the wearer, one of said parts being provided with two slits, and a tab secured to one of said parts adjacent to one edge thereof and having its free end extending toward the opposite edge thereof and in a plane outside of said part to which said tab is fast, said tab being located in said slits and being provided with shoulders adapted to engage opposite ends, respectively, of said

slits, said tab being greater in width at said shoulders than said slits, the ends of which said shoulders engage.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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