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COMBINATION SHIRT AND TIE

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FIG 1

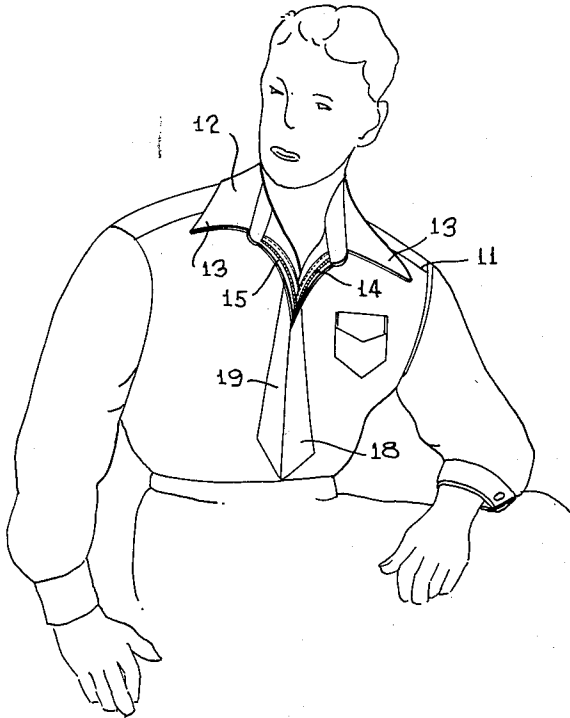


FIG 2

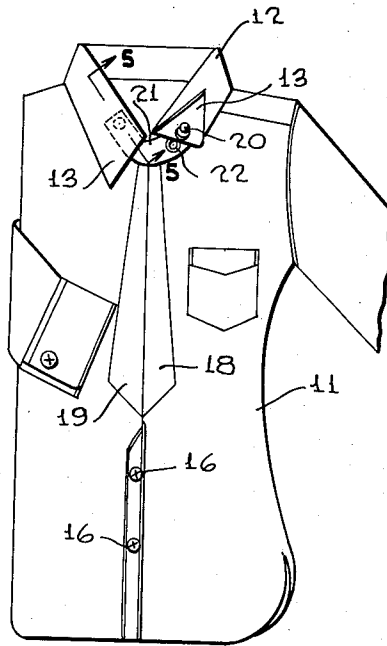


FIG 3

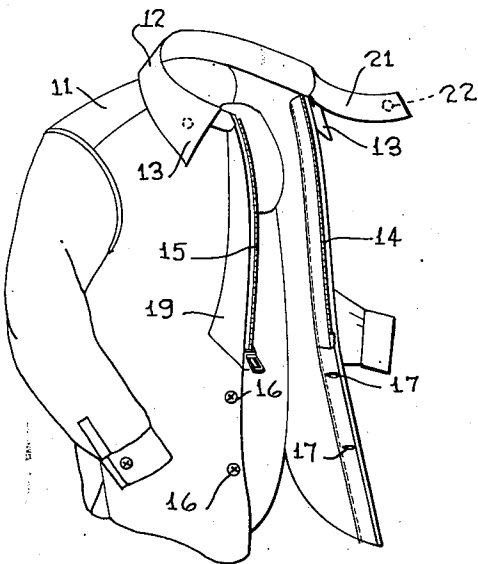


FIG 4

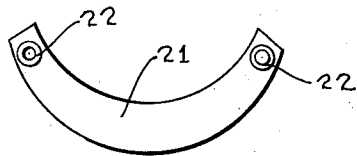
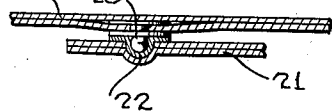


FIG 5



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This invention relates to wearing apparel, and more particularly to a garment which provides the combined appearance of a shirt and tie.

A main object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved combination shirt and tie which is simple in construction, which involves very simple parts, and which may be worn open at the collar in the manner of a sport shirt or which may be worn closed at the collar, thereby simulating the appearance of a shirt and tie.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved shirt which is inexpensive to manufacture, which is attractive in appearance, and which is very comfortable to wear.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description and claim, and from the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view illustrating the appearance of an improved garment according to the present invention, worn as a sport shirt;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the garment of the present invention, with the collar closed and with the attachment simulating the knot of the necktie in position;

Figure 3 is a perspective view showing the shirt of Figure 2 in open position;

Figure 4 is an enlarged elevational view of the attachment employed at the front of the collar of the shirt of Figures 1 to 3, to simulate the appearance of the knot of a tie;

Figure 5 is an enlarged cross-sectional detail view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings, the garment of the present invention is designated generally at 11 and is generally similar in construction to a conventional shirt provided with a collar, shown at 12, having the depending end flaps 13, 13 at the front of the collar. The upper portions of the front edges of the shirt are provided with the interengaging slide fastener elements 14 and 15, and the lower portions of the front edges of the shirt are provided with the conventional buttons 16 and buttonholes 17. The front of the shirt is decorated on opposite sides of the respective slide fastener elements 14 and 15 with colored patches 18 and 19 which, when placed together, as shown in Figure 2, simulate the depending draped portions of a necktie. The patches 18 and 19 may have any suitable ornamental design or color.

The under sides of the depending end flaps 13 of the collar 12 have secured thereto the respective male snap fastener elements 20, 20. Designated at 21 is an arcuately-shaped flexible fab-

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ric band adapted to be placed across the front of the collar 12 beneath the respective flap elements 13, 13, as shown in Figure 2. Secured to the end portions of the band 21 are the respective female snap fastener elements 22, 22 adapted to lockingly engage with the male snap elements 20, 20 to secure the band 21 underneath the flap elements 13, 13. The band 21 is suitably colored or otherwise decorated to simulate the appearance of the knot of a necktie, the draped portions of the necktie being simulated by the colored patches 18 and 19, as above described.

It will be readily apparent that the band element 21 may be readily attached or detached by means of the snap fastener elements 20 and 22. When the garment is to be worn as a sport shirt with an open collar, the band element 21 may be detached and the upper portion of the shirt opened at the collar, as shown in Figure 1, the interengaging slide fastener elements 14 and 15 being separable to allow the front of the collar to be opened. In order to provide a more formal appearance, it is merely necessary to close the slide fastener elements 14 and 15 and to attach the arcuate band member 21 by means of the snap fastener elements 20 and 22, thereby providing the appearance of Figure 2, wherein simulation of a knotted tie at the front of the shirt is provided.

While a specific embodiment of an improved combination shirt and tie has been disclosed in the foregoing description, it will be understood that various modifications within the spirit of the invention may occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore, it is intended that no limitations be placed on the invention except as defined by the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A garment comprising a shirt having a collar of the type provided with depending end flaps at the front of the collar, a slide fastener provided at the front of the shirt and arranged to detachably fasten the front edges of the shirt together in abutting relationship, the front of the shirt being provided with colored patches at its front marginal portions on opposite sides of said slide fastener to simulate the depending draped portion of a knotted necktie when said edges are in abutting relationship, an arcuate colored flexible band, respective snap fastener elements on the end portions of said band, additional respective snap fastener elements on the undersides of said end flaps and being lockingly engageable with the first-mentioned snap fastener elements, said band being arranged to completely cover and overlie the ends of said collar when connected to

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said depending end flaps and being spaced outwardly from said ends, whereby said band is adapted to simulate the knot of the necktie.

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