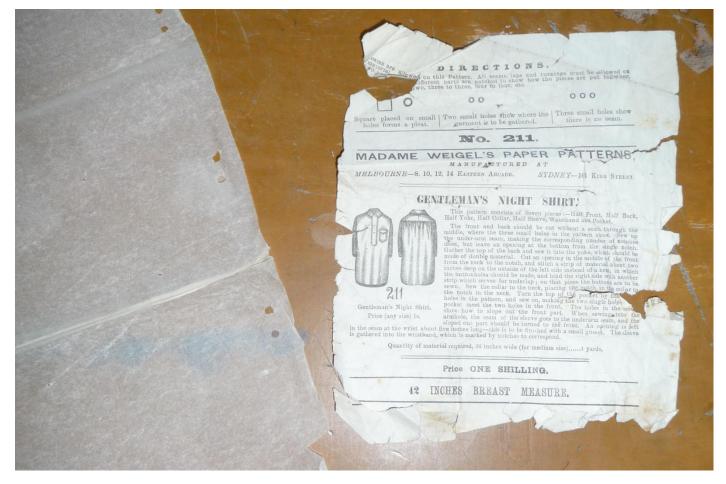
Pattern 211: Gentleman's Night Shirt

Issued by Madame Weigel, circa 1879



This remarkable little pattern remnant for a Gentleman's Night Shirt is part of the collection at the equally remarkable rural museum – The Pioneer Women's Hut, Tumbarumba, New South Wales.

Dedicated to the domestic lives of rural women, the museum holds a good collection of Madame Weigel artefacts – patterns, journals, and craft items made from Madame's patterns.

Pattern 211's survival reflects the value of this pattern to its purchaser and user – it is clear how many times this pattern must have been used, and treasured. The unprinted tissue paper remains with the envelope, perforated for ease of use.

Issued in eight sizes from 'Breast Measure' 32" to 46", this was clearly a practical, everyday pattern. The pattern cost one shilling.

Whilst originally issued circa 1879, the pattern could have been bought over the following years – it also appeared in *Madame Weigel's Catalogue of Patterns* in the 1890s so was still available then.

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