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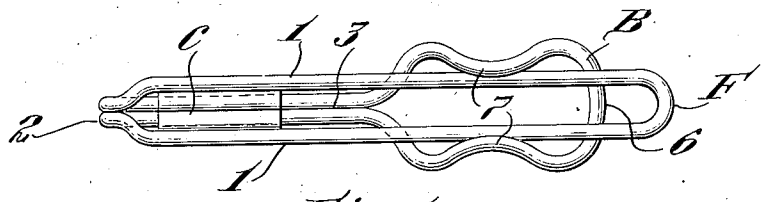


Fig. 1

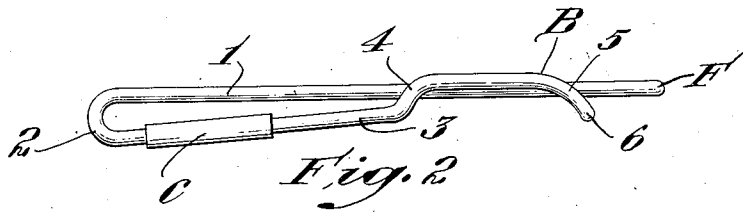


Fig. 2

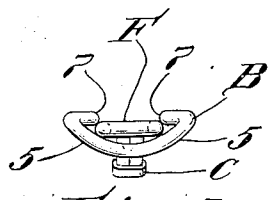


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to a spring clip of the type which slips over the edge of the tie and shirt pleat to clamp the two together, the objects of the invention being to provide a clip which is simple in construction, which is attractive in appearance, which can be made easily and economically, which clamps the tie and shirt together tightly and which has minimum tendency to become detached accidentally.

According to the present invention the holder comprises elongate front and back parts fast together at one end and unconnected at the other end to receive the necktie and shirt band therebetween, the front part being narrow and the back part comprising a portion which is wider than the front part, the sides of the aforesaid portion being bent forwardly and inwardly toward each other to form wings which straddle the front part. Preferably the aforesaid wide portion is bent into the form of a channel and one of the parts is resiliently biased toward the other so that the tie and shirt are resiliently gripped between the front part and the bottom of the channel when the tips of the wings snap over the front part as aforesaid. The preferred method of producing the resilient bias is to form the holder out of spring wire and shape it so that the front and back parts tend to spring together. In order to secure the aforesaid snapping action it is only necessary for the distance between the wing tips to be less than the width of the front part plus the thicknesses of tie and shirt, but in the preferred embodiment the distance between the wing tips is less than the width of the front part by itself, so that the tips snap over the front part even when no tie or shirt is interposed between the two parts. In the preferred embodiment the wings are formed by bending each side of the aforesaid loop forwardly at each end and the wing tips are formed by bending each of these sides inwardly intermediate their ends.

For the purpose of illustration a typical embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a front elevation;

Fig. 2 is a side view; and

Fig. 3 is an end view.

The particular embodiment of the invention chosen for the purpose of illustration comprises a front part F and a back part B formed of resilient wire. While the entire holder may be formed from a single piece of wire, in the illustration it is formed in two pieces interconnected by a clip C. The front piece comprises two sides

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1 which are spaced apart and legs 2 which are juxtaposed and bent through slightly more than 180 degrees, the free ends of the legs extending into the clip C. The back piece comprises a loop wider than the front loop and legs 3 which are juxtaposed, the free ends of the legs extending into the other end of the clip C. The sides of the back loop are bent forwardly at each end, as indicated at 4 and 5 in Fig. 2 to form wings which extend somewhat beyond the front loop when the end 6 of the large loop resiliently seats against the rear side of the front loop. Intermediate the ends of each of the sides of the rear loop the sides are bent inwardly to form tips 7, the distance between the tips being less than the width of the front loop so that the tips overlap the front loop as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Owing to the resilience of the wire the tips 7 snap past the sides of the narrow front loop as the front and back parts are moved together or apart. The legs 2 of the front loop are so shaped that the end 6 of the rear loop resiliently presses aaginst the front loop to pinch the necktie and shirt between the two loops. The shirt and tie are also pinched between the wing tip 7 and the sides of the front loop. Thus the necktie and shirt are clamped together almost continuously throughout the length of the large loop. Consequently the clip is held against accidental displacement without excessive pressure on the necktie at any point.

To apply the clip the two loops are pulled apart so that the necktie and shirt front can be slipped therebetween and the rear loop is then snapped over the front loop by pressing the two loops together, the pressure preferably being applied to the legs 3 and to the portion of the front loop opposite the legs 3. The clip may readily be removed by inserting a fingernail under the end 6 of the rear loop and prying it away from the front loop. After the tips 7 snap back of the front loop the clamping action is relieved to such extent that the holder may readily be slipped off the tie and shirt as in the case of an ordinary tie holder.

It should be understood that the present disclosure is for the purpose of illustration only and that this invention includes all modifications and equivalents which fall within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A tie holder comprising elongate front and back parts fast together at one end and unconnected at the other end to receive a necktie and shirt band therebetween, said front part being narrow and the back part comprising an elongate

portion which is wider than the front part, the sides of said portion being bent forwardly to form a channel having resilient wings which straddle said front part for receiving a portion of the necktie, shirt band and said front part, the forward extremities of the wings extending substantially parallel to the plane of the back part for a substantial distance lengthwise of the back part and being bent inwardly intermediate their ends and also within a plane substantially parallel to the plane of the back part to form locking tips, the distance between the locking tips being slightly less than the width of said front part, whereby a portion of the necktie and shirt band are resiliently locked between the front and rear parts within the elongate portion of said back part for a substantial distance extending cross-wise of the necktie.

2. A tie holder comprising elongate front and back parts fast together at one end and unconnected at the other end to receive a necktie and shirt band therebetween, said front part being narrow and the back part comprising an elongate wire loop which is wider than the front part, each side of the loop being bent forwardly to form a channel having resilient wings which straddle said front part for receiving a portion of the necktie, shirt band and said front part, and the wings being bent inwardly intermediate their ends to form locking tips, the locking tips extending along a plane substantially parallel to the plane of the back part and the distance between the locking tips being slightly less than the width of said front part, whereby a portion of the necktie and shirt band are resiliently locked between the front and rear parts within the elongate wire loop of said back part for a substantial distance extending cross-wise of the necktie.

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