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Fig. 1.

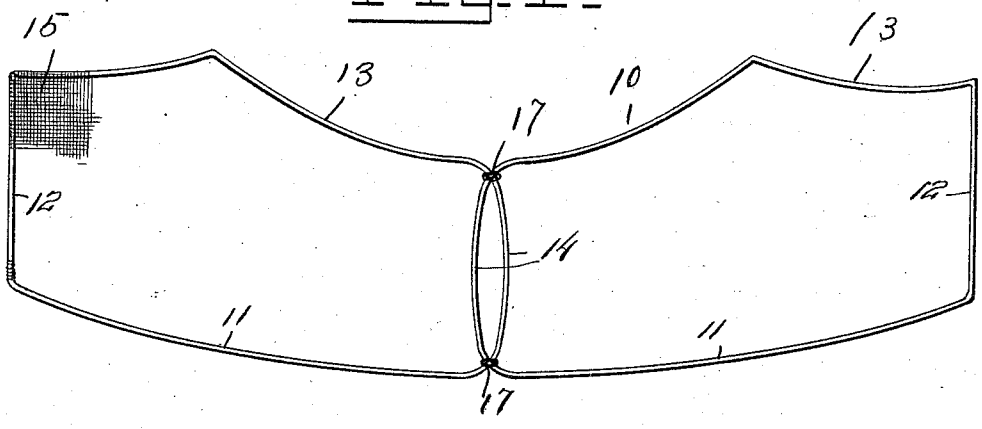
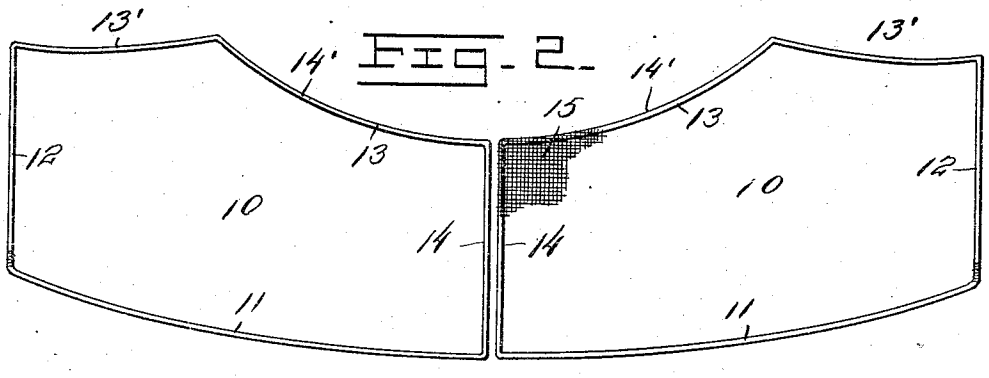


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY M. STILLMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel, and more particularly to neckwear, and has for its object to provide a support for collar trimming which may be worn without discomfort to the wearer.

Another object is to provide such an article which may be used with delicate fabrics, without injury thereto.

Another object is to provide such an article which may be accommodated to different shaped collars.

Another object is to provide such an article which may be manufactured from stock material and at low cost.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description, and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claim, and that any suitable materials may be used, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views:—Figure 1 is a plan view of the supporter having two supporting units, Fig. 2 is a similar view of a supporter comprising two independent supporting units.

Referring to the drawings, there are shown supporting frames 10 formed of wire and comprising base portions 11, end portion 12 extending vertically from the base portions, and neck engaging portions 13 carried by said end portions 12 and supporting portion 14. A suitable engaging tissue 15 is secured over the framework as shown, and is arranged for the attachment thereto of the trimmings or collar to be supported.

As shown in Fig. 1, the structure comprises two supporting units arranged in overlapping engagement comprising base portions 11, end portions 12, middle supporting portions 14, and top engaging portion 13 carried thereby. The end portion 12 is approximately rectilinear and vertical and is intended to be disposed at the back of the neck when worn. The supporting portions 14 are bowed outwardly and longitudinally of the support to provide a resilient yielding support for the front portion of the structure. The supporting units are overlapped as shown, and secured by means of a wrapping of cotton as shown at 17.

The form of the invention shown in Fig. 2 comprises duplicate members having a base portion 11, a rear end portion 12, an angular top engaging portion 13, and a forward supporting portion 14. The base, rear portion 12, and front portion 14 are similar to those already described. The engaging portions 13 in this form comprise inwardly and upwardly inclined portions 13′ from which extend downwardly inverted arcuate portions 14′ connected to the supporting portion 14 at their forward ends. This form of support is intended for use with collars which are divided in front, a suitable space being left between the supporting members 14, which space may be of any width desired.

In the two last described forms of the invention the apices of the angular portions 13 are arranged for disposal adjacent to the ear of the wearer, the portions 12 being located at the back of the neck.

It will be seen that a support is provided which is adapted to use with various types and shapes of collars, and which provides a hygienic and effective means for their support. It will be understood that the wire composing the framework may be wrapped if desired with insulating materials to prevent the soiling of delicate tissues or fabrics by contact with oxidized metal, and that any suitable fabric may be spread over the frame, to which trimmings or collars to be supported may be attached.

It will be understood that the shape of the supporting framework may be varied as desired to accommodate different types of neck, different styles of collars, or other trimmings.

What is claimed is:—

A support for neckwear, comprising two separate polygonal oppositely disposed neck-encircling wire frames, each comprising integral spaced end supports, and top portions,

the top portions being resiliently spaced from the base portions said frames disposed in overlapped relation at their forward ends, their forward support portions being bowed for resilient engagement beneath the chin of the wearer, said frames being adapted to encircle the neck of the wearer.

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

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