

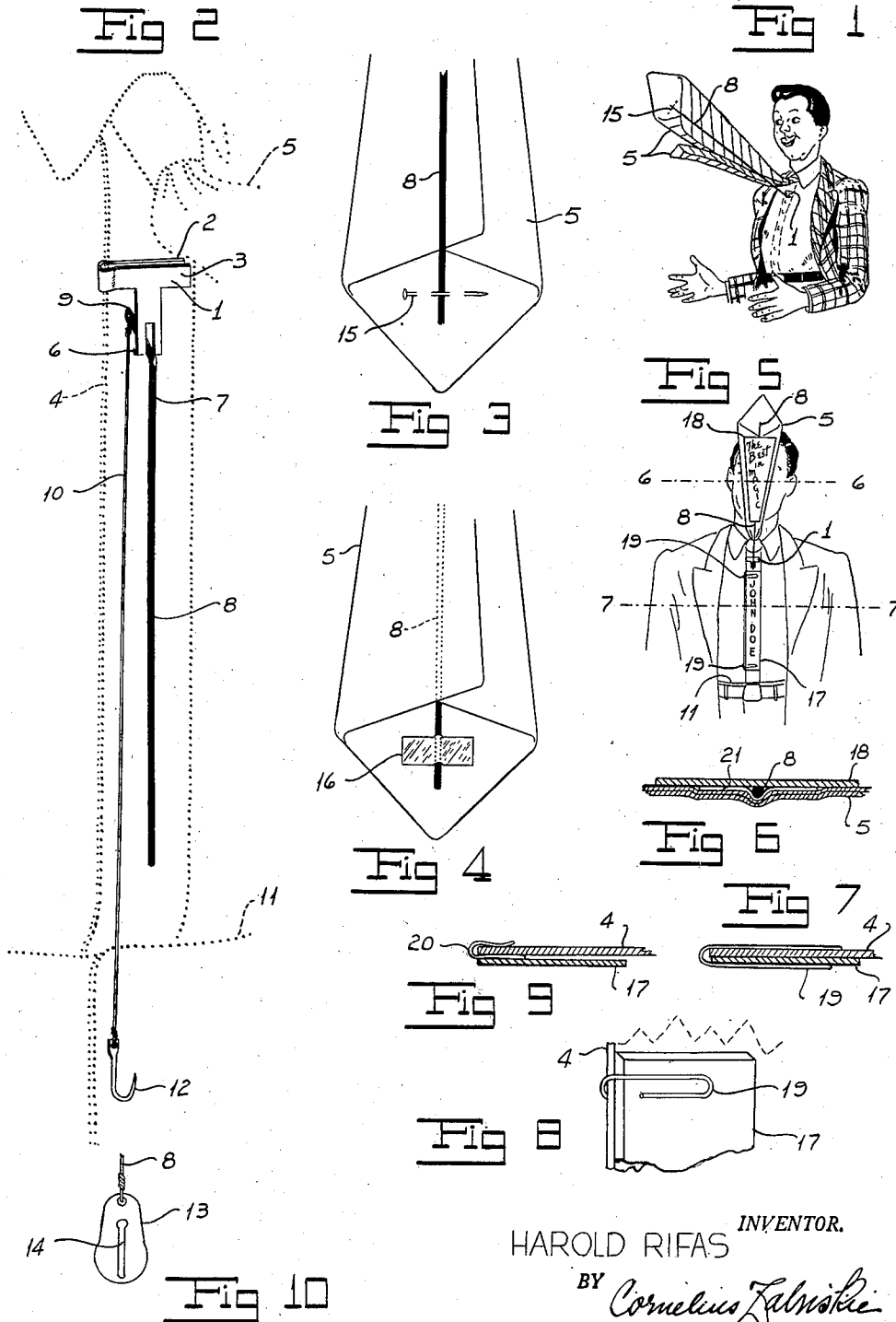
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This invention relates to magic or trick devices and is more particularly directed to a mechanical contrivance which may be associated with a necktie in such manner that, by movement of a predetermined part of the body of the wearer, the necktie may be caused to swing outwardly and upwardly from its normal position against the shirt front. The device is intended for amusement purposes in the carrying out of a dexterous or ingenious feat or procedure intended to puzzle or amuse the observer.

Speaking generally, the invention comprises a lever which may conveniently be in the form of a wire rod, fulcrumed intermediate its ends upon an appropriate anchoring member adapted to be secured either to the button facing of a shirt or to the rear of a four-in-hand necktie directly below the knot thereof. The lever has arms of unequal length. The longer arm is adapted to be secured to the depending portion of the four-in-hand necktie, so that movement of the lever will impart movement to the tie. To the shorter arm of the lever is secured a cord or thread adapted to extend downwardly back of the tie and to be secured to the front of the trousers interiorly thereof, in a normally substantially taut condition. Ordinarily the tie will hang in the usual and conventional manner against the shirt front, but by slight expansion of the chest of the wearer, the cord may be placed under sufficient tension to cause the lever to swing outwardly and upwardly, carrying with it the depending portions of the tie to the astonishment of the onlooker. Upon relaxation of the chest, the tie will re-assume its natural position by gravity.

The invention embodies various novel features which will more fully appear from the following detailed description when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

The accompanying drawings illustrate different practical embodiments of the invention, but the constructions therein shown are to be understood as illustrative only, and not as defining the limits of the invention.

Figure 1 is a pictorial view showing the contrivance of the present invention in operation to perform the trick or illusion for which it is intended.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the preferred form of the invention showing the operating parts in full lines and an associated shirt and four-in-hand necktie in phantom, to illustrate the manner of its attachment.

Figure 3 is a rear view of the lower end of a

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four-in-hand tie showing one means of attaching the long arm of the lever to the tie.

Figure 4 is a similar view showing a different form of attachment.

Figure 5 shows the present invention carried further than is exemplified in the preceding figures, in that there is associated therewith printed cards or signs adapted to be secured to the button facing of the shirt and to the back side of the four-in-hand tie, the tie being raised in this figure to disclose the printing matter on both cards.

Figure 6 is a section on the line 6-6 of Figure 5.

Figure 7 is a section on the line 7-7 of Figure 5.

Figure 8 is an enlarged fragmental view showing the manner of attaching the printed card to the shirt.

Figure 9 is a view similar to Figure 7, but showing a modified form of attachment of the card to the shirt or to the tie.

Figure 10 shows a modified form of cord attachment.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates an anchoring member which may partake of widely different forms without departing from this invention, but which, for the purpose of illustration, is shown in the form of a spring clip having resilient clamping jaws 2 and 3 adapted to straddle the edge of the button facing 4 of a shirt to resiliently hold the anchoring member thereon back of a four-in-hand necktie 5.

It is preferred that the anchoring member be secured to the shirt as this gives the most satisfactory results, but, if desired, it may be secured to the rear loose end of the four-in-hand tie directly below the knot thereof, without departing from this invention, the essential criteria being that it be anchored firmly in place and provide a fairly firm support for a horizontal pivot 6 carried thereby. On this pivot 6 is fulcrumed a lever 7 of the first class, having arms of unequal length. The long arm 8 hangs freely from the pivot, while the short arm 9 is perforated near its free end for the attachment of a cord or thread 10, adapted to extend downwardly into the interior of the trousers 11 and provided at its end with a hook 12, as shown in Figure 2, or a leather or plastic terminal piece 13 having therein a keyhole slot 14. The hook may be hooked into the fabric of the trousers or passed about one of the trouser fly buttons or the terminal piece 13 may be fastened over a fly button before buttoning up the fly to form a lower attachment of the cord 10 to the garment. In practice, the cord is preferably carried around the free vertical edge of the button facing and downwardly inside of the shirt,

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so that it will be concealed for substantially its full length at all times.

The long or work arm 8 of the lever is adapted to be secured to the tie. It may be passed down along the back surface of the depending ends of the tie, as shown in Figure 3, or it may be passed down through the interior of the tie and secured in place in any suitable manner. In Figure 3, an ordinary straight pin 15 is employed to secure the lever to the tie, while in Figure 4 a piece of adhesive tape 16 is utilized for this purpose. In any event, the arm 8 of the lever is concealed back of the tie and by preference concealed within the tie when the same is in normal position.

When the tie is worn in conventional fashion, it rests upon the surface of the shirt and to all appearances is of the usual sort. However, if the chest of the wearer is expanded slightly, it will serve to increase the tension on the thread or cord 10 and this increased tension will draw down the power arm 9 of the lever and elevate the work arm 8 to which the tie is attached, so that the tie will be automatically raised to substantially the horizontal position shown in Figure 1. Relaxation of the chest will cause the tie to re-assume its natural position. In Figure 1, the power arm of the lever is shown exposed, in the interest of clearness, but, in practice, it is preferably concealed, so that the operations of the tie will have the appearance of magic. The operator's hands may be exposed to view, while the tie is actuated as stated, to lend an air of incredibility to the performance. The slight expansion of the chest above normal will not be noticeable to the onlooker.

The structure may be employed as described, although I may additionally associate therewith cards or signs 17 and 18 containing appropriate printing matter of advertising or other nature or pictorial effects as may be desired. The card or sign 17 is adapted to be secured to the shirt front so as to overlie the button facing 4 thereof, while the card or sign 18 may be secured to the back of the four-in-hand tie. Either one or both of these cards may be used and they may be attached in any appropriate way.

In Figures 5, 7 and 8 ordinary paper clips 19 are shown for attaching the card 17 to the shirt, while in Figure 9 a spring clip 20 is attached to the back face of the card 17 and is adapted to clip over the edge of the button facing. These different forms are optional.

In Figure 6 the card 18 is shown as secured to the lever arm 8 by means of one or more strips of adhesive tape 21 and the arm 8 of the lever may be secured to the tie at its lower end in either of the ways shown in Figures 3 and 4 or in any other suitable way.

When the tie is worn in the conventional fashion, the two cards 17 and 18 are of course concealed back of the tie, but, when the tie is lifted, as shown in Figure 5, both cards are exposed to the view of the onlooker, so that he may read the messages thereon contained.

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This trick contrivance of this invention has met with an astonishing reception by both professionals and amateurs in the amusement fields because of the unexpected performances of the tie and of its pronounced novelty.

The foregoing detailed description sets forth the invention in its preferred practical forms, but the invention is to be understood as fully commensurate with the appended claims.

Having thus fully described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A necktie trick contrivance comprising: a lever, the work arm of which is adapted to be secured to the depending portion of a four-in-hand necktie on a wearer, said lever having a fulcrum attachable to an article of apparel on said wearer at the rear of said tie, a lever operating cord attached to the power arm of said lever, and means at the free end of the cord to secure the same to the apparel at another part of the person.

2. A necktie trick contrivance comprising: a lever, the work arm of which is adapted to be secured to the depending portion of a four-in-hand necktie on a wearer, said lever having an anchoring member adapted to be attached to the shirt at the rear of the necktie and carrying a pivot on which said lever is fulcrumed, a lever operating cord attached to the power arm of said lever, and means at the free end of the cord to secure the same to the apparel at another part of the person.

3. A necktie trick contrivance comprising: a lever, the work arm of which is adapted to be secured to the depending portion of a four-in-hand necktie on a wearer, said lever having an anchoring member adapted to be attached to the back of the necktie adjacent the knot thereof and carrying a pivot on which said lever is fulcrumed, a lever operating cord attached to the power arm of said lever, and means at the free end of the cord to secure the same to the apparel at another part of the person.

4. A necktie trick contrivance comprising: a lever, the work arm of which is adapted to be secured to the depending portion of a four-in-hand necktie on a wearer, said lever having a spring clip adapted to be attached to the shirt at the rear of the necktie and carrying a pivot on which said lever is fulcrumed, a lever operating cord attached to the power arm of said lever, and means at the free end of the cord to secure the same to the apparel at another part of the person.

5. A necktie trick contrivance comprising: a lever fulcrumed to the apparel on the wearer rearwardly of a four-in-hand necktie, means for securing the work arm of said lever to the depending portion of said tie, a lever operating cord attached to the power arm of said lever, and means at the free end of the cord to secure the same to the apparel at another part of the person.

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