SHIRT COLLAR STIFFENER

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Fig. 1

Fig. 2

Fig. 3

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My present invention relates to an improved shirt collar stiffener of the type adapted to be worn under the turned down portion of the collar and on the point thereof to stretch the cloth and thereby improve the appearance of the collar and to prevent the collar from curling or becoming wrinkled and unkempt.

The stiffener of my invention is easily attached or detached and may be varied in length to fit properly under collars of different shapes and depths.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of my invention according to the best mode I have thus far devised, but it will be understood that various changes and alterations may be made in the exemplified structure within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a shirt collar and necktie showing the use of a pair of stiffeners of my invention.

Figure 2 is an interior perspective view showing the stiffener in position.

Figure 3 is an enlarged perspective view of the stiffener.

Referring now to the drawings wherein I have illustrated the present preferred embodiment of my invention I employ the flattened ring band 2 having an elongated open center 4, and at each end of the open center and rigid with the band I locate a pair of wire arms 6 and 8 which terminate at the lower edge of the band.

The arm 6 is bent at right angles at 10 and the lateral portion 12 is pointed at 14 to engage the eye 16 of the flattened end 18 of arm 8. These arms are, of course, resilient and the portion 12 and point 14 may be disengaged from the end 18.

A second section of the stiffener includes a flattened ring band 20 in which are slidably secured the arms 22 and 24 connected upwardly by curved loop 26. At their lower ends the arms 22 and 24 are bent at 27 away from the horizontal plane and are bent inwardly at 28, the ends 30 being tapered and painted at 32 and overlapping each other.

The band 20 is normally located near the lower ends of the arms, and the loop and upper ends are of sufficient width to fit snugly into the band 2 against the arms 6 and 8.

To vary the length of the stiffener I employ a spacer band 34 which may be of suitable length to fix the distance between the pointed ends 30 and the lateral portion 12 as may be desired to stiffen the selected collar.

In use the first section is detached and the band 20 is slid up along the arms 22 and 24. The arms 22 and 24 may then be spaced to separate the points 32 which may be engaged with the lower portion 36 of collar 38. The band 20 is then slid down to secure the points in the cloth and a spacer band is then positioned.

Next with the collar turned up the arms 6 and 8 are spread to disengage the pointed end 14 from the flattened end 18 and the point 14 is inserted into the cloth of the collar band 40 and the band 2 is slid over the loop 26 and arms 22 and 24 and the stiffener will assume the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. The necktie 42 is located as usual between the collar and the collar band and with my stiffener is best located between the collar and the stiffener.

As the collar is turned down the stiffener will pivot about the lateral portion 12 and the looped arms 22 and 24 will slide further through the band 2 to the full line position of Fig. 3 and as seen in Fig. 2, maintaining the collar taut.

The stiffener may be easily removed for use in other garments and as described may be varied in length to fit different length collar points.

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

1. A stiffener for the points of collars folded upon the collar band and adapted to engage the upper edge of the band and the lower extremity of the collar point and comprising a closed wire frame having overlapping cloth penetrating points in one end of the frame, a confining band on the frame slidable thereon to permit separation of the overlapping ends, and a second frame including a band slidable on the first frame, the second frame having cloth engaging means extending beyond the first frame.

2. A stiffener for the points of collars folded upon the collar band and adapted to engage the upper edge of the band and the lower extremity of the collar point and comprising a closed spring wire frame having overlapping cloth penetrating
points in one end of the frame, a flat confining band on the frame slidable thereon to permit expansion of the frame, a spacing band on the frame, and a second closed wire frame including a band at one end slidable on the first frame, and separable cloth engaging means in the second frame extending beyond the first frame.

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