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NECKTIE RETAINER.

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Fig. 6.

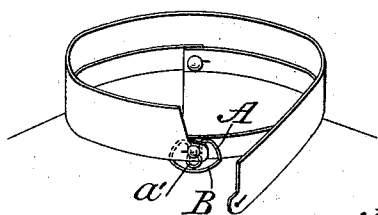


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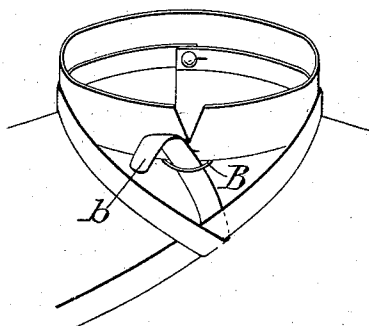


Fig. 1.

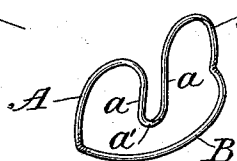


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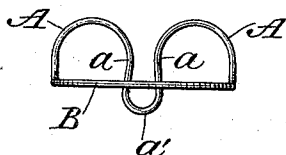


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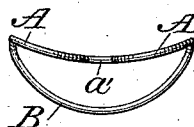


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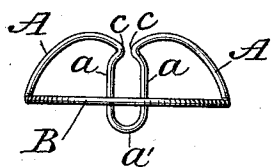
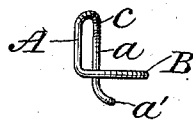


Fig. 5.



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NECKTIE-RETAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT STOWE BUSHNELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Retainers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to devices for retaining neckties in position after being tied around the collar of a person, and its object is to prevent the displacement of such articles of dress which might readily ensue from any abrupt or unusual movement.

The desirability of preventing the necktie from being disarranged is one which will be readily conceded, for the appearance of a well-dressed individual is marred to a great extent by his necktie not being able to retain the position which was originally given to it. The ordinary means for securing it in place, such as pins or hooks or pieces of metal with abraded surfaces, have not heretofore given satisfaction, and a device which shall readily fill all requirements is therefore in great demand.

An embodiment of my invention may comprise a wire-like structure adapted to be introduced between the neckband of a shirt and the collar and having an upwardly-bent portion and a loop formed in such a manner as to clasp the button or stud usually worn in the front of a man's shirt to which the collar may be attached and a portion formed at right angles to the other in the shape of a semicircle, through which part of the necktie may be passed when the bow or knot is being made, and which shall prevent the same from being accidentally disarranged.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrating a form of my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the necktie-retainer. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view looking at the device from the top. Fig. 4 is a front view of a slightly-different modification of the same. Fig. 5 is a side view of the same. Fig. 6 represents the manner of placing the device in position. Fig. 7 represents the

manner of introducing the necktie into the device.

The upwardly-bent portion of the device comprises the two parts A A, which may either have a curved shape, as shown in the drawings, or any other suitable shape. Between these two parts is located the loop which will be placed around the stud fastening the collar. It is, as shown in Fig. 1, a gradually-curved loop having the sides *a a*, which may be described as substantially straight, and the rounded lower portion *a'*. At right angles to the plane of the upwardly-extending portion A is an outwardly-extending portion or loop B, through which the tie may be passed while the knot is being made, and which will retain the same in position.

As shown in the modified form, Figs. 4 and 5, the centrally-located loop may have a constricted throat formed by the two bends *c c*, which add greatly to the clasping-power of the device and therefore render more difficult the withdrawal of it accidentally from the collar-button.

The material of which the device is made may be left to the choice of the manufacturer; but it is of the utmost importance for its proper operation that the upwardly-extending parts A A be of a substance having great resiliency or elasticity, so that the bends forming the throat may be readily forced by gentle pressure on to the stem of the button. For this purpose I have very successfully used spring brass wire, which may be heavily plated with gold, so as to prevent the defacing of the shirt front or collar. The object of bending outwardly the end of the central loop *a'* is to afford greater ease of manipulation and also to prevent the possibility of the shirt catching it in any way and forcing the loop downward and therefore out of engagement with the button.

I do not desire to be restricted to the exact herein-described form, as other modifications might be easily made. The forms shown, however, are preferred ones and have attained the objects for which they were constructed.

The operation is as follows: The device having been placed as shown in Fig. 6 and the necktie arranged around the collar and the first turn of the knot made, the end *b* of

the tie is introduced into and passed through the outwardly-projecting loop B, whereby the first turn or single hitch of the knot is brought in front of and covering the loop B, after
5 which the rest of the bow-knot may be made.

What I claim is—

As a new article of manufacture, a device for retaining neckties, constructed of wire, comprising two upwardly extending loops
10 adapted to be introduced under the collar and to embrace the collar button, and a loop ex-

tending substantially at right angles thereto through which the necktie may be passed while the knot is being made, substantially as described.

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In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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