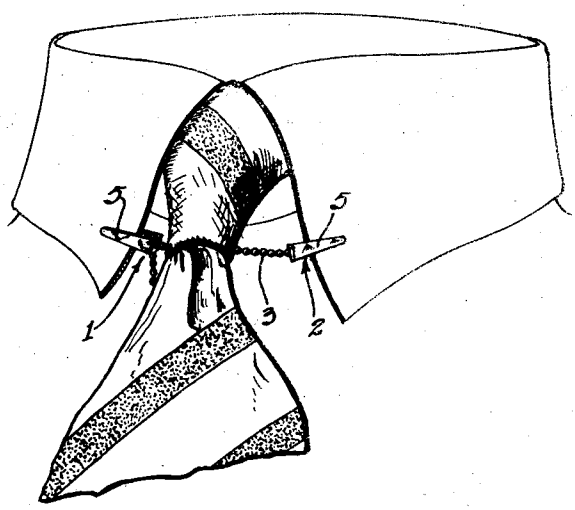
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Fig. 1



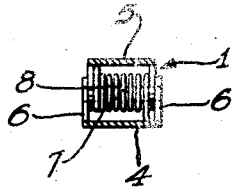
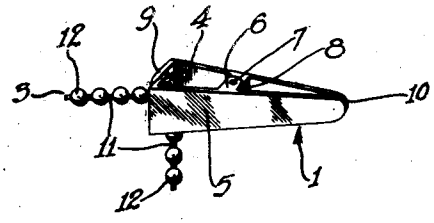


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Fig. 2



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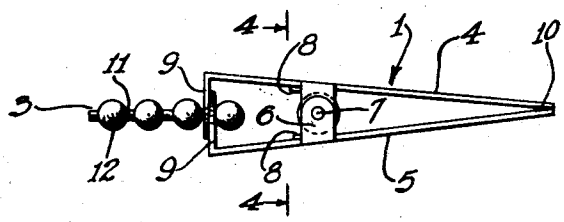


Fig. 3

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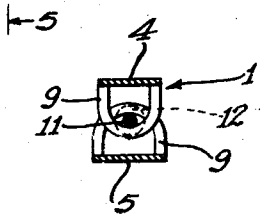


Fig. 5

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My invention relates to improvements in collar holders, and it consists in the combinations, constructions, and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a collar holder of a type adapted to be used in connection with soft and semi-stiff collars and in which novel means is employed whereby the collar holder may be quickly attached to the collar and easily adjusted for properly holding the collar.

A further object is to provide a device of the type described employing a pair of gripping members for connection with the collar and in which the gripping members are constructed for serving a double function in that they are provided with means for connection with an adjusting chain or rope.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features of the invention will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming part of this application, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a collar showing the manner in which the collar holder may be associated therewith,

Figure 2 is a perspective view of one of the gripping members,

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the member,

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken along the line 4—4 of Figure 3, and

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken along the line 5—5 of Figure 3.

In carrying out my invention, I make use of a pair of gripping members 1 and 2 which are associated with a chain or rope 3. Each of the gripping members is identical in construction and the description at this time may be confined to a single member. Referring to Figures 2 and 3, it will be noted that the gripping member comprises a pair of portions 4 and 5 having lip portions 6 which are pivotally connected together through the medium of a pin 7. A spring 8 is positioned upon the pin and has its ends bearing against the portions 4 and 5 in such a manner that they are yieldingly held in the relative positions shown in Figures 2 and 3. Certain ends of the members 4 and 5 are provided with loops 9 which are positioned in close proximity with respect to each other. The loops are preferably formed integrally with the members 4 and 5.

The opposite ends of the members 4 and 5 are preferably rough or toothed as at 10 whereby the member will be securely fixed to the collar when associated therewith. The loops 9 are arranged for connection with the chain 3. The chain in the present instance comprises strands 11 alternately positioned between balls 12 and operatively connected therewith. The ball 12 is positioned upon opposite sides of the two loops as shown in Figure 3. The spring 8 normally holds the loops in their relative position shown in Figure 5, at which time the chain is securely held by the loops. At this time the opposite ends of the members 4 and 5, which may be defined as the gripping ends, are securely fastened to the collar.

In operation, the gripping members 1 and 2 are secured to a collar. The members may be opened up by pressing the loop ends together at which time the edges of the collar may be placed between the portions 4 and 5 of each member. As soon as the members are released, the spring 8 firmly secures the members upon the collar. The assembly may be quickly and easily adjusted, depending upon the character of the collar by merely pressing in firmly upon the loop ends and pulling the chain therethrough in either direction. The chain, and particularly its depending ends, are ordinarily positioned underneath the tie when the collar holder is properly associated with the collar. While I have defined the device as employing a chain, it will be understood that a rope or thread may be used in a similar manner. The chain construction, however, provides a positive non-slip construction.

I claim:

1. A collar holder comprising a pair of members adapted to grip the opposite wing portions of a collar and means disposed between said members and adapted to coact with said members in operatively connecting

the two members for varying the distance between the same, each of said members comprising a pair of spring-pressed elements pivotally connected together, said means comprising a chain having spaced apart enlarged portions.

2. A collar holder comprising a pair of members adapted to be removably attached to a collar and means operatively connecting the two members for varying the distance between the same, each of said members comprising a pair of elements movably connected together, said means comprising a chain having spaced apart enlarged portions, said elements being provided with loops for receiving said chain.

3. A collar holder comprising two spring-pressed members adapted to be removably attached to a collar, and a flexible elongated means adapted for connection at spaced intervals along its length to each of said members, each of said members comprising a pair of spring-pressed elements pivotally connected together and adapted to be attached to said collar and said elongated means, said elongated means having spaced-apart enlarged portions whereby said means may be more fixedly connected to said members.

4. A collar holder comprising members for attachment to the wings of a collar, said members comprising two spring-pressed elements pivotally secured together intermediate of their end portions, said elements being provided with loops arranged for receiving a flexible elongated means, said flexible elongated means having spaced-apart enlarged portions between which said loops of said elements may grip said means.

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