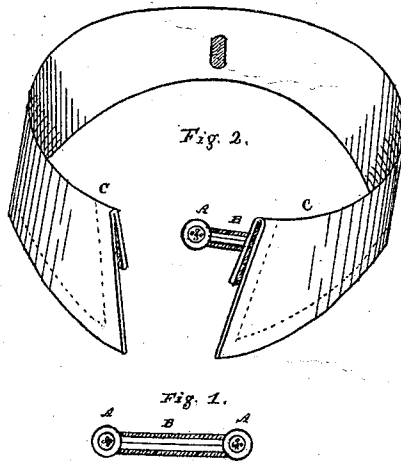


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-COLLAR FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. BRIENTNALL, of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Elastic Fastenings for Shirt-Collars, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to supply a want seriously felt by persons wearing paper-collars during warm weather, especially when the tips are so liable to break off, or the button-holes to tear out, making the collar useless. By means of my elastic fastener the collar can be saved and utilized, besides supplying an excellent foundation for attaching the neck-tie, so as to make it preferable, in use, to that part of the tips on the collars, as now made, with the button-holes therein.

The drawing clearly shows my simple invention, and it is readily understood on inspection.

Figure 1 shows the elastic fastener, and Fig. 2 its application to a collar.

It consists, simply, of a piece or strip of elastic gum cloth or cord, B, with a button on each end. This simple combination can be carried in the pocket-book, and it will be found of great service for remedying a break, as it is only necessary to punch a hole or slit the band of the collar to form a button-hole on each side and apply the elastic fastener or button-band. It is found, however, frequently preferable to cut off the tips from paper collars and apply the elastic button-band from the first. The collar can be exactly gaged to fit, and the elas-

tic-band attachment is found more agreeable and yielding, less liable to break out, and better fitted for the attachment of neck-ties, such as are now in vogue.

I am aware that buttons to each end of a strip of cloth, for the purpose of holding garments together, made substantially as shown and described, have been used, nor do I claim such as my invention; but I am not aware that an elastic band or cord, with a pearl or shirt button attached to each end for the purpose of fastening shirt-collars, and constituting a special article for attachment from one collar to another as a new article to the trade, and a foundation for a neck-tie, has ever been used. It is more especially applicable to paper-collars, and in an emergency, when the button-hole slits out, or the tips break, besides furnishing a more easy and elastic connection, (and as such, alone, is a decided improvement.) As a collar-fastener only I claim its application as novel, highly useful, and desirable; therefore

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the fastener for paper or other removable collars, consisting of an elastic band or cord provided with a button at each end, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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