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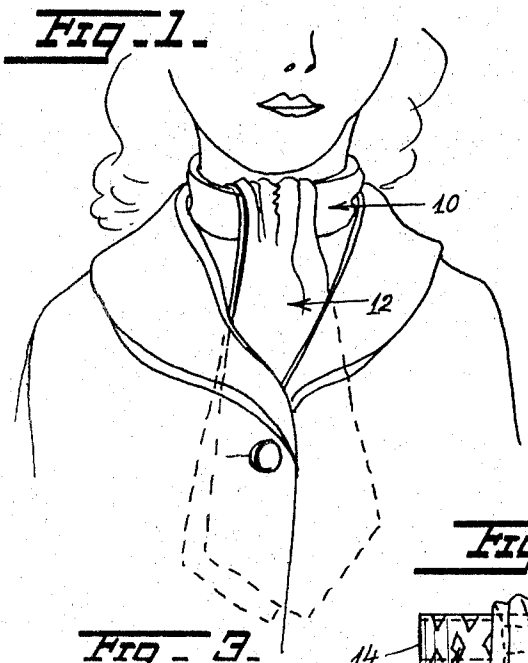



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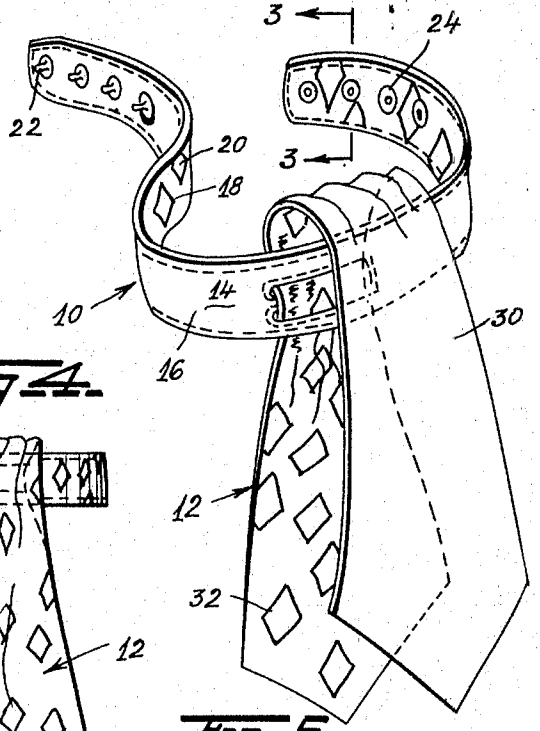



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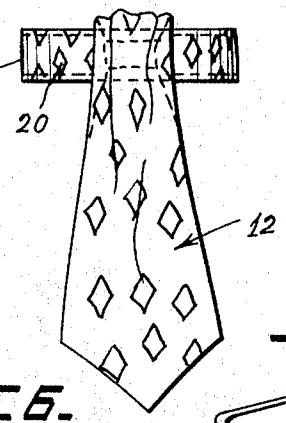



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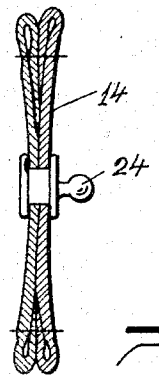



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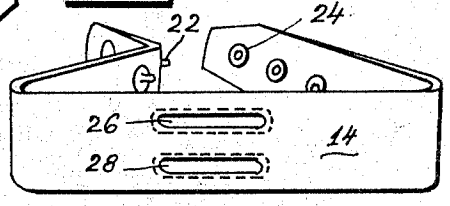



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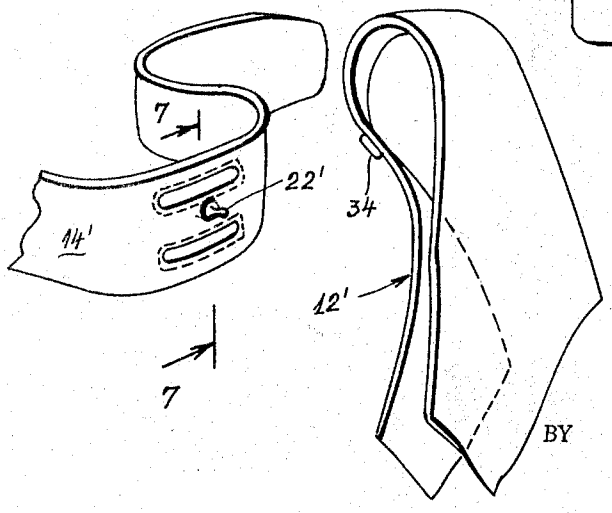
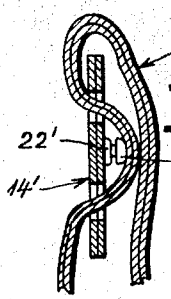



Fig. 7.




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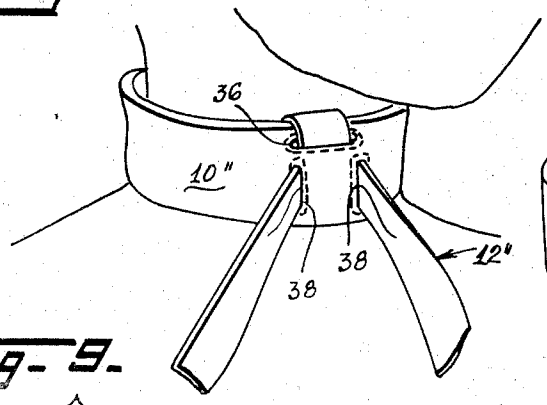



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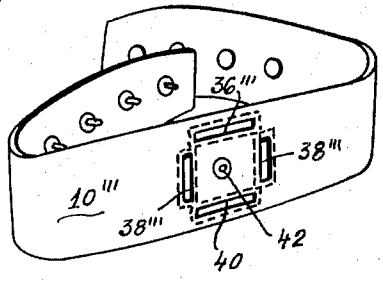



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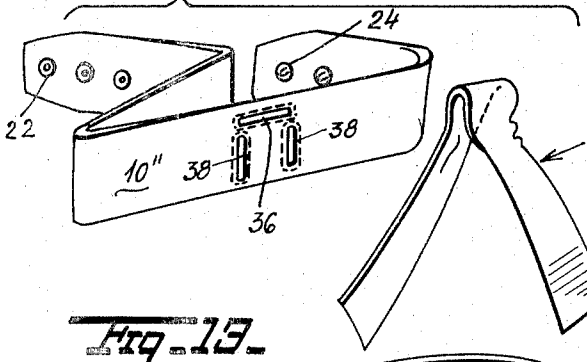



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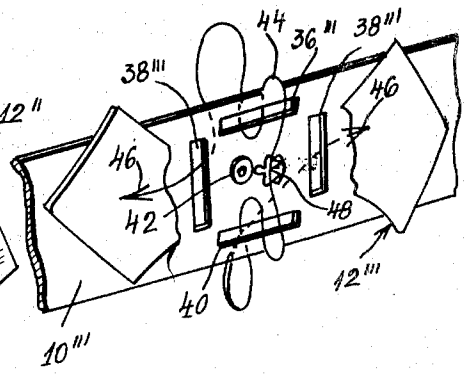



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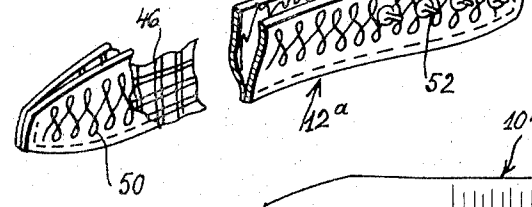



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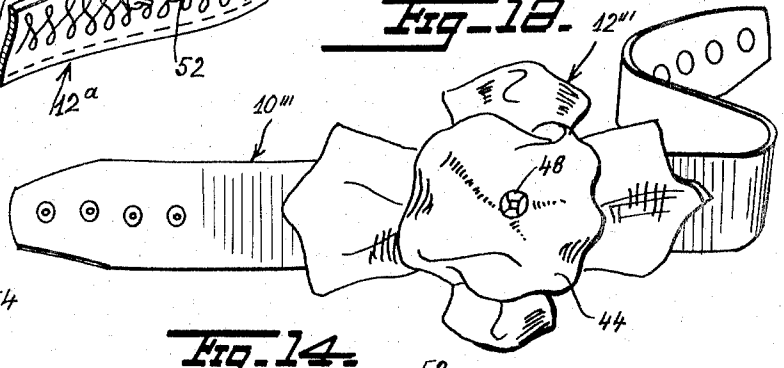
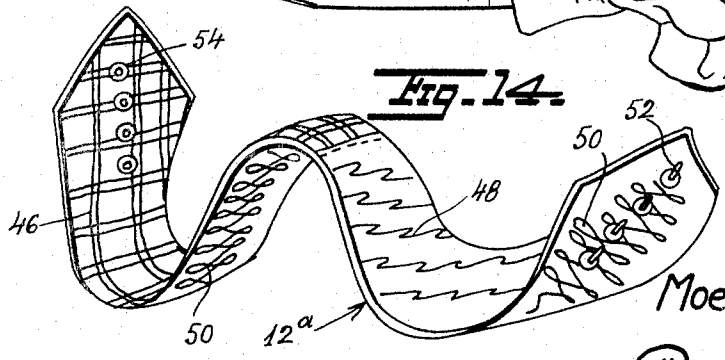



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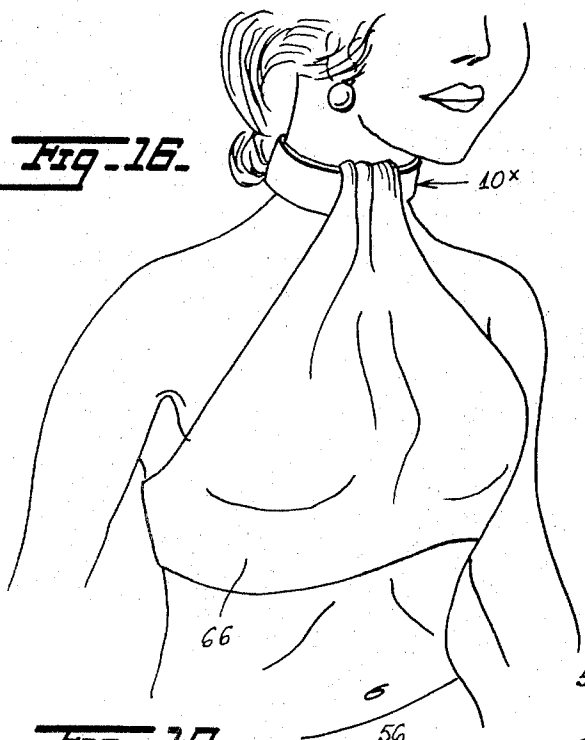



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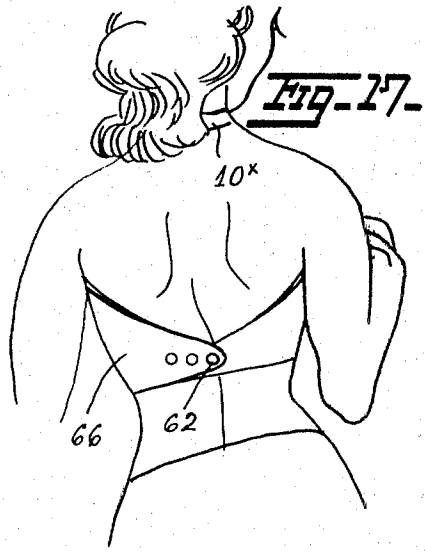



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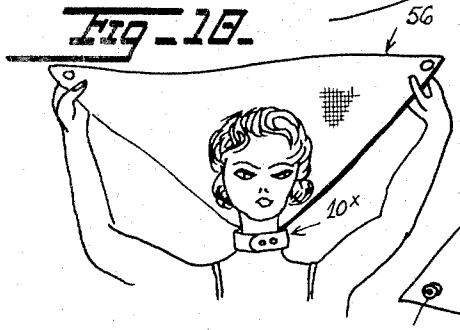



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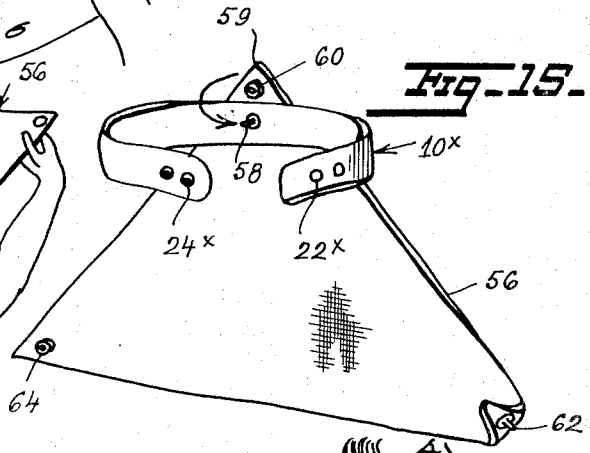



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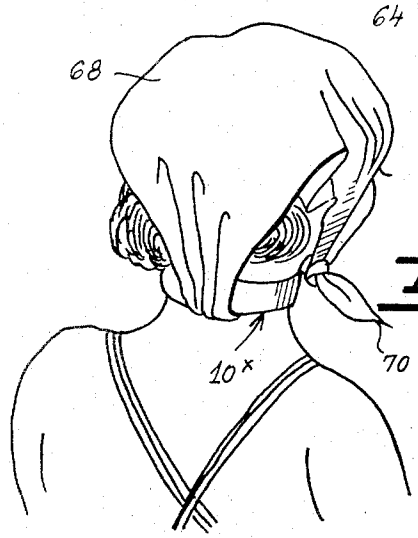
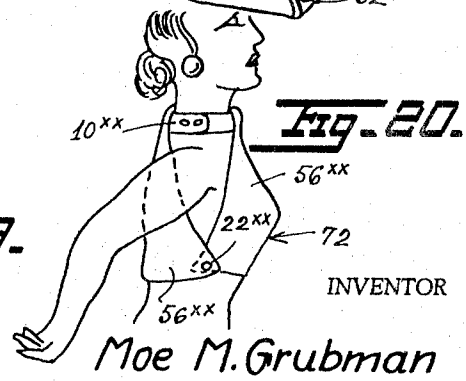



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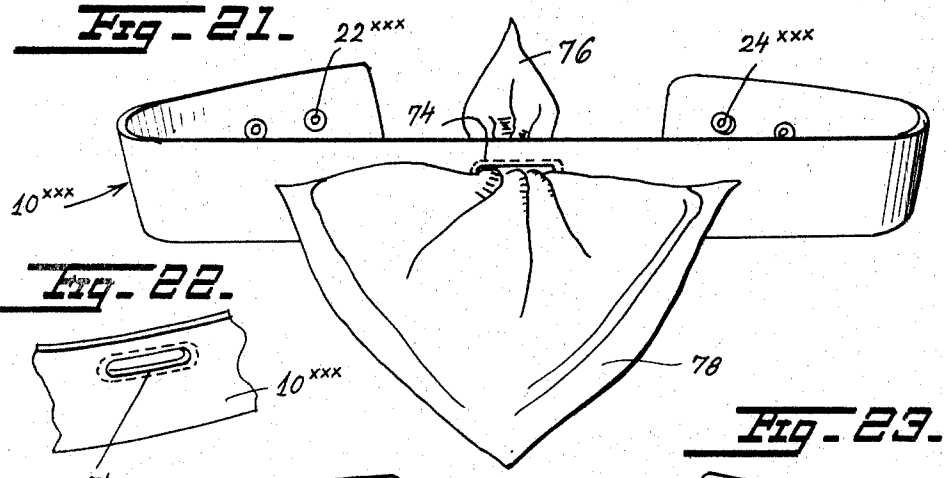



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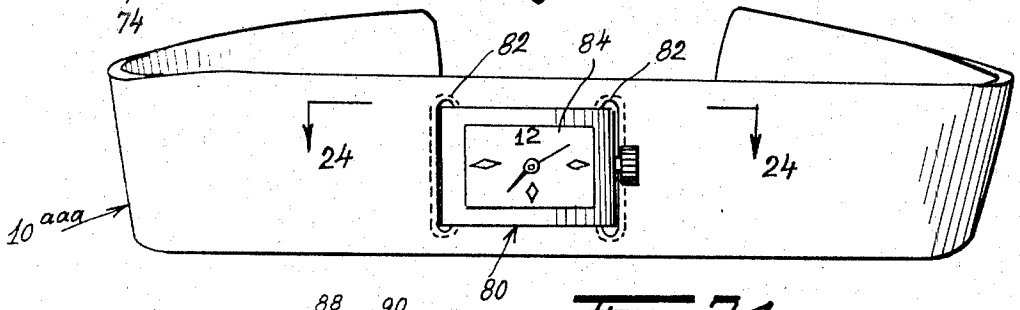



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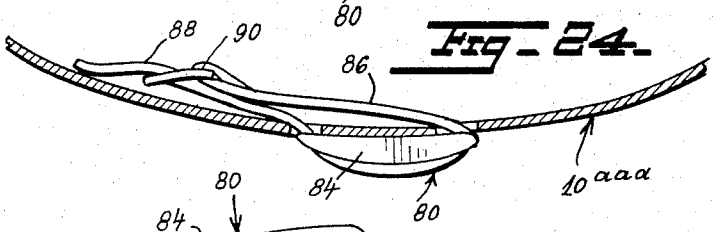
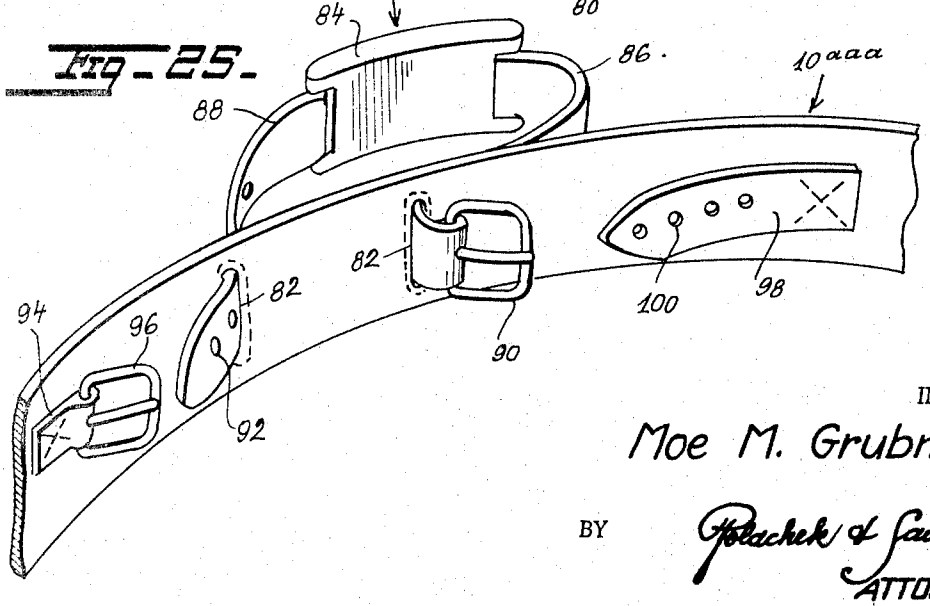



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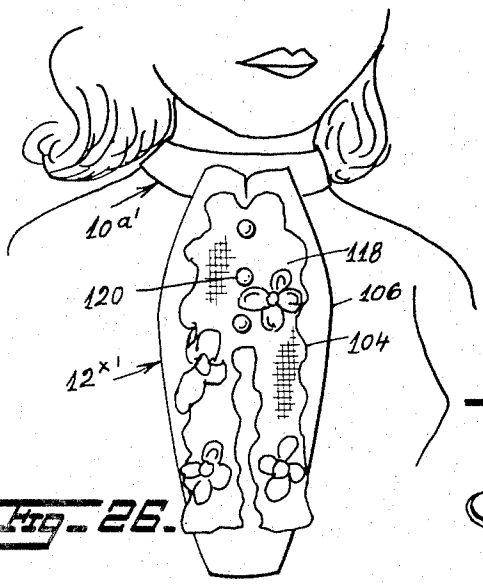



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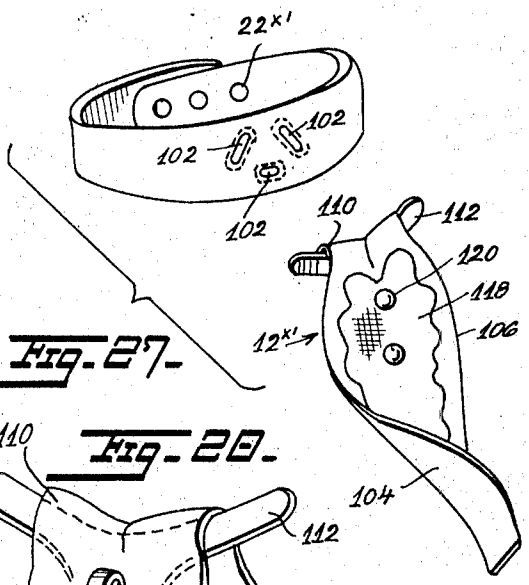



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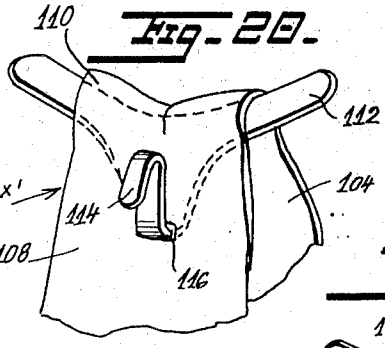



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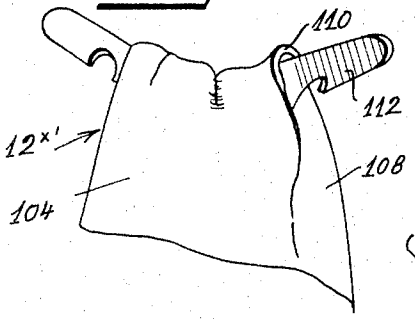



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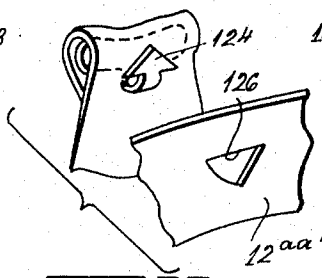



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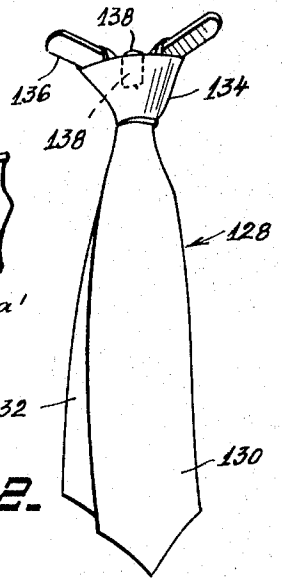



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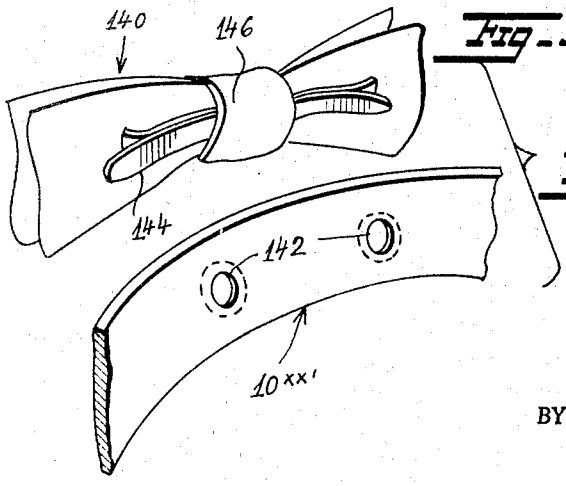



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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A reversible collar for holding an article of neckwear so as not to become displaced on the collar. The collar has an annular body of fabric with a slot or slots formed midway the ends thereof and variously arranged, for receiving the neckwear. The ends of the collar have snap fastening elements, each element having a male part and a female part to permit reversal of the collar.

This invention relates generally to neckwear and more particularly to holders for ascots, ties, cravats and other articles of neckwear.

A principal object of the invention is to provide a flexible band or collar for wearing around the neck with means for supporting an ascot, tie, cravat or other article of neckwear.

Another object of the invention is to provide a one size, adjustable, reversible band or collar for wearing around the neck with means for supporting an ascot, tie, cravat or other article of neckwear to eliminate the shifting during wearing.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this kind that is quickly applied and arranged as desired without tying knots, without forming permanent wrinkles, and without straining or pulling on the garment parts.

Yet another object is to provide the band or collar with fastening elements that permit either side of the band or collar to be presented.

Yet another object of the invention according to a modification is to provide a flexible band or collar for wearing around the neck with means for supporting and holding a bra.

Still another object of the invention according to a further modification is to provide a flexible band or collar for wearing around the neck with means for supporting and holding a head scarf or covering.

It is a further object of the invention according to a further modification to provide an article of neckwear including a time piece.

For further comprehension of the invention and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevational view illustrating a holder or collar and ascot embodying one form of the invention in use.

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of the holder and ascot in assembled relation preparatory to placing around the neck of the wearer.

FIG. 3 is an enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a front elevational view of the holder or collar and ascot assembly of FIG. 1 shown in reversed position.

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the holder or collar of FIG. 1.



FIG. 6 is a fragmentary spread perspective view of a first modified form of holder or collar and ascot.

FIG. 7 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 7—7 of FIG. 6.

FIG. 8 is a view similar to FIG. 1 of a holder and scarf assembly embodying a second modified form of the invention.

FIG. 9 is a spread perspective view of the collar and scarf of FIG. 8.

FIG. 10 is a perspective view of a collar embodying a third form of the invention.

FIG. 11 is a fragmentary perspective view of the collar of FIG. 10 showing diagrammatically a scarf in position thereon.

FIG. 12 is a perspective view of the collar of FIG. 10 with a scarf in decorative position thereon.

FIG. 13 is a fragmentary perspective view of an ascot embodying a fourth modified form of the invention, parts being shown broken away.

FIG. 14 is a perspective view of the ascot of FIG. 13.

FIG. 15 is a perspective view of a holder or collar and garment assembly embodying a fifth modified form of the invention.

FIG. 16 is a view similar to FIG. 1 showing the holder and garment of FIG. 15 in use as a bra on a wearer.

FIG. 17 is a rear view thereof.

FIG. 18 is a fragmentary front elevational view showing the holder or collar and garment of FIG. 15 preparatory to use as a scarf for the head of the wearer.

FIG. 19 is a rear elevational view showing the holder or collar and garment of FIG. 15 in use as a scarf on the head of a wearer.

FIG. 20 is a side elevational view illustrating a holder and garment embodying a sixth modified form of the invention in use.

FIG. 21 is a front elevational view of a holder or collar and handkerchief assembly embodying a seventh modified form of the invention.

FIG. 22 is a detail perspective view.

FIG. 23 is a front elevational view of a holder or collar and watch assembly embodying an eighth modified form of the invention.

FIG. 24 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 24—24 of FIG. 23.

FIG. 25 is a fragmentary perspective view of the parts of FIG. 23 in partly assembled condition.

FIG. 26 is a front elevational view of a holder or collar and jabot or scarf assembly embodying a ninth modified form of the invention in use.

FIG. 27 is a disassembled perspective view of the collar and jabot of FIG. 26.

FIG. 28 is a rear perspective view of the jabot attaching device.

FIG. 29 is a front perspective view thereof.

FIG. 30 is a disassembled perspective view of a scarf and collar connecting device embodying a tenth modified form of the invention.

FIG. 31 is a front elevational view of a necktie embodying an eleventh modified form of the invention.

FIG. 32 is a fragmentary spread perspective view of a collar and bow tie assembly embodying a twelfth modified form of the invention.

Referring now more in detail to the various views of the drawings, in FIG. 1 there is shown a holder **10** for an ascot **12**, the holder being shown in position around the neck of a wearer. The holder **10** is constituted by a rectangular flexible collar composed of a panel **14** of two-ply material. One surface of the collar for example the outer surface **16** may be plain and the other surface, the inner surface **18**, as viewed in FIG. 3, may be provided with a design such as spaced diamond representations **20**. A series of spaced snap fastener elements **22** is se-

cured to the outer surface of the collar, at one end thereof, and a series of spaced snap fastener elements **24** adapted to coact with the male snap elements is fastened to the other inner surface of the collar. The snap fastener elements, each element having a male part and a female part, are combined male and female snap fastener elements as shown in FIG. 3 so that they can coact with each other.

In accordance with the invention, the body of the collar **14** is formed with a pair of elongated closed upper and lower slots **26** and **28**, respectively, midway the ends thereof. The slots permit an article of neckwear, such as ascot **12**, to be threaded therethrough and to be pinched around the material of the holder between the slots for holding the ascot in decorative position as shown in FIG. 1. The ascot **12** may have a plain outer surface **30** as viewed in FIGS. 1 and 2 and an inner surface with a decorative design thereon such as diamond representations **32** to match the decorative design of the inner surface **18** of the collar **14**.

In use, the ascot **12** is threaded through the slots whereupon the holder is placed around the neck of the wearer and fastened thereon by snapping the male snap fastener elements **22** into the female snap fastener elements **24**. The ascot will thus be draped over the chest of the wearer as shown in FIG. 1. In FIG. 4, the holder **10** and ascot **12** are shown turned inside out or reversed in order to show the diamond design thereon.

The modified form of collar and ascot assembly shown in FIGS. 6 and 7 is the same as that of FIG. 1 except that the collar **14'** is provided with a snap fastener element **22'** and the ascot **12'** with a complementary snap fastener element **34** to coact with the element **22'** for fastening the ascot on the collar. Each of the snap fastener elements has a male part and a female part.

In FIGS. 8 and 9, another modified form of holder or collar and ascot is shown. In this form, the holder or collar **10''** differs from the holder **10** of FIG. 1 in that instead of a pair of parallel slots, the body of the collar is formed with a horizontal slot **36** and a pair of vertical slots **38, 38** at the ends of the slot **36**. With this arrangement of slots, the ascot **12'''** is threaded through the horizontal slot **36**, around the top edge of the body of the holder or collar **10''** and then one end of the ascot is threaded outwardly through one of the vertical slots **38** and the other end is threaded outwardly through the other of the vertical slots as seen in FIG. 8, leaving the ends of the ascot hanging free. The collar is provided with snap fastener elements similar to the snap fastener elements **22** and **24** of FIG. 1. Each element has a male part and a female part.

The modified form of holder or collar **10'''** shown in FIGS. 10 to 12, inclusive, differs from the holder or collar **10''** of FIG. 8 merely in that another horizontal slot **40** is cut in the body of the collar and a female snap fastener element **42** is fastened centrally of the slot. With this arrangement of slots the ascot **12'''** is first threaded through the horizontal slots and a loop or bow formed therein midway the ends thereof as indicated at **44** in FIG. 12, and the free ends of the ascot are then threaded outwardly through the vertical slots **38'''** in the directions of the arrows **46** in FIG. 11 to the outside of the collar to a position on each side of the loop or bow **44**. A male snap fastener element **48** is inserted through an opening in the bow **44** and snaps into the female snap fastener element **42** on the collar to hold the ascot in folded condition.

In FIGS. 13 and 14, another modified form of ascot $12^a$ is shown. The ascot $12^a$ has an elongated two-ply fabric body with a box-shaped design **46** along one-half of one surface thereof and with a flash design **48** along the other half of said one surface. The opposite surface has the same interlocked loop design **50** for its entire length. Snap fastener elements **52** are secured to said opposite surface at one end thereof and snap fastener elements **54** to said one surface at the opposite end. The snap fastener elements each has a male part and a female part.

According to still another modification of the invention, shown in FIGS. 15 to 19, inclusive, the holder or collar $10^x$ is adapted to hold or support a triangular shaped fabric garment **56**. The collar $10^x$ is provided with male and female snap fastener elements $22^x$ and $24^x$, respectively, at the ends thereof for fastening the collar around the neck of the wearer as shown in FIG. 15 and is provided with a male snap fastener element **58** midway the ends thereof for fastening the apical corner end **59** of the garment **56** thereto by means of a female snap fastener element **60** on said apical corner. A male snap fastener element **62** is secured to one of the other corners of the garment **56** on one surface thereof and a female snap fastener element **64** is secured to the other corner of the garment on the opposite surface thereof for coacting with the male snap fastener element.

The holder or collar $10^x$ and garment **56** assembly shown in FIG. 17 may be worn as a collar and bra **66** as shown in FIGS. 15 and 16 by fastening the collar on the neck of the wearer so that the snap fastener element **58** is at the front. The apical end **59** of the garment **56** is then inserted inside the front of the collar and the snap fastener element **60** thereon snapped onto the element **58**. The base corner ends of the garment are then brought under the arm pits and around to the back of the wearer where the snap fastener elements **62** and **64** are snapped together as shown in FIG. 16.

In FIGS. 18 and 19, the garment **56** is shown used as a scarf **68** for covering the head of the wearer. When the garment is so used, the collar $10^x$ placed around the neck of the wearer so that the snap fastener element **58** is at the rear of the head, and when the apical end **59** of the garment is attached thereto, the garment is raised over the head as shown in FIG. 18 and then brought downwardly around and over the head covering the head, with the corner ends mounting the snap elements **62** and **64**, tied into a knot **70** under the chin of the wearer.

FIG. 20 illustrates a modified collar and triangular garment assembly wherein the collar $10^{xx}$ has opposed snap fastener elements on the inner surface thereof and end snap fastener elements for fastening the ends of the collar. A pair of triangular shaped garments $56^{xx}$, $56^{xx}$ is supported on the collar, one garment at the front and the other garment at the rear of the wearer, when the collar is around the neck of the wearer as shown. The corner ends of the bases of the garments have complementary snap fastener elements $22^{xx}$ which snap over each other when the corners are overlapped as shown, The pair of garments thereby provide a sectional waist **72** for the wearer.

The modified neckwear shown in FIGS. 21 and 22 consists of a holder or collar $10^{xxx}$ with complementary snap fastener elements $22^{xxx}$ and $24^{xxx}$ on the ends thereof. Midway the ends of the body of the collar, an elongated closed horizontal slot **74** is formed therein to receive one end **76** of a handkerchief **78**, in spread-eagle fashion, at the front thereof. When worn the ends of the collar are at the rear and the handkerchief is at the front.

A still further modified form of neckwear is illustrated in FIGS. 23 to 25, inclusive. This neckwear consists of a holder or collar $10^{aaa}$ supporting a wrist watch unit **80**. Midway the ends of the body of the collar, a pair of spaced vertical slots **82, 82** is formed. The wrist watch unit **80** consists of a watch case **84** with flexible straps **86** and **88** connected to the ends thereof. Strap **86** has a buckle **90** at its free end adapted to coact with spaced holes **92** in the free end of strap **88** for securing the watch to the holder $10^{xxx}$

In accordance with this form of the invention, a strap section **94** with buckle **96** hinged thereto is secured to the inner surface of the collar $10^{xxx}$ adjacent one end, and a section of strap **98** with spaced holes **100** is secured

to the inner surface adjacent the other end for tying the collar around the neck of the wearer.

Referring now to the modified form of the invention shown in FIGS. 26 to 29, inclusive, herein is shown a holder or collar $10^{a'}$ and jabot or scarf $12^{x'}$ assembly to be worn by a female as shown in FIG. 26. The collar $10^{a'}$ has coacting snap fastener elements $22^{x'}$ at the ends of the body of the collar for fastening the collar around the neck. Midway the ends of the body of the collar, three short slots **102**, disposed in angular relation, are formed. The jabot or scarf $12^{x'}$ consists of an elongated fabric strip **104** having a body with curved side edges **106** and formed with an elongated rectangular extension **108**. The scarf is turned upon itself at the juncture of the body and the extension, with the extension overlaping the rear surface of the body providing a loop **110** at said juncture to receive a generally V-shaped plastic clip **112** provided with a hook **114** extending through an opening **116** in the material of the extension and projecting outwardly of the extension. A strip **118** of lacework is placed on the front of the jabot to decorate the same and is secured in place by means of ball-supporting pins **120** extending through the extension and body of the jabot. The jabot $12^{x'}$ is detachably suported by the holder or collar $10^{x'}$ by inserting the hook **114** through one of the slots **102** and hooking it over the edge thereof whereby it depends from the collar as seen in FIG. 26. The hook may terminate in an arrow-head **124** for insertion through a similar shaped opening **126** in a modified form of collar $12^{aa'}$ as shown in FIG. 30.

The modified form of neckwear shown in FIG. 31 consists of a ready-made four-in-hand type fabric tie **128** with the usual outer and inner panels **130** and **132**, respectively, hanging from a preformed knot **134**. A generally V-shaped plastic clip **136** is enclosed and supported by the knot with the ends thereof projecting. A hook **138** is formed on the edge of the clip at its center for detachable connection with a collar such as collar $22^{x'}$ shown in FIG. 27.

Yet another modified form of the invention is shown in FIG. 32 in the form of a bow tie **140** adapted to be supported on a holder or collar $10^{xx'}$. The holder is formed with a pair of spaced round holes **142** and the tie is provided with an elongated bendable plastic clip **144** and secured flat against the tie by a wrap-around portion **146** of the tie. In use, the ends of the clip **144** are bent and inserted through the holes **142** and then bent again to hold the tie in place.

What is claimed is:

**1.** A convertible scarf holding and retaining collar comprising an elongated rectangular body of textile fabric adapted to be positioned around the neck of a person, said body having a pair of elongated slots closely spaced from each other, in horizontal fashion, midway the ends thereof, said slots adapted to receive a scarf, the edges of said slots adapted to cooperate with the top edge of the body to hold a scarf in overlying relation to said body, crosswise thereof, and cooperating snap fastener elements on the ends of the body for detachably interconnecting said ends.

**2.** A convertible scarf holding and retaining collar as defined in claim **1** wherein the body is reversible with varying designs on opposite surfaces thereof and wherein the snap fastening elements each has a male part and a female part.

**3.** A convertible scarf comprising the combination of a scarf adapted to be worn draped over the chest of the wearer, and a free flexible split collar adapted to be worn around the neck of the wearer, said collar having free ends, means for detachably connecting said ends, said collar having a pair of closely spaced closed slots in horizontal fashion to slidably receive and hold spaced portions of the scarf to retain the scarf in overlying relation to the collar, crosswise thereof, said detachably connecting means including snap fastener elements on the ends of the collar, each element having a male part and a female part.

**4.** A convertible scarf comprising the combination of a scarf adapted to be worn draped over the chest of the wearer, and a free flexible split collar adapted to be worn around the neck of the wearer, said collar having free ends, means for detachably connecting said ends, said collar having a pair of closely spaced closed slots in horizontal fashion midway the ends thereof to slidably receive and hold spaced portions of the scarf, a snap fastener element secured to the collar between said slots and projecting therefrom, and a snap fastener element carried by the scarf and adapted to coact with the snap fastener element secured to the collar to retain the scarf in overlying relation to the collar, crosswise thereof, each snap fastener element having a male part and a female part.

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