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NECKTIE RETAINER.

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FIG. 3.

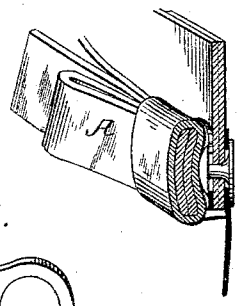


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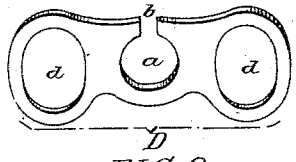


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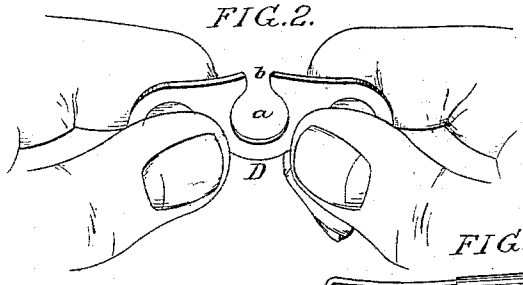


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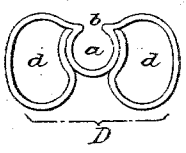


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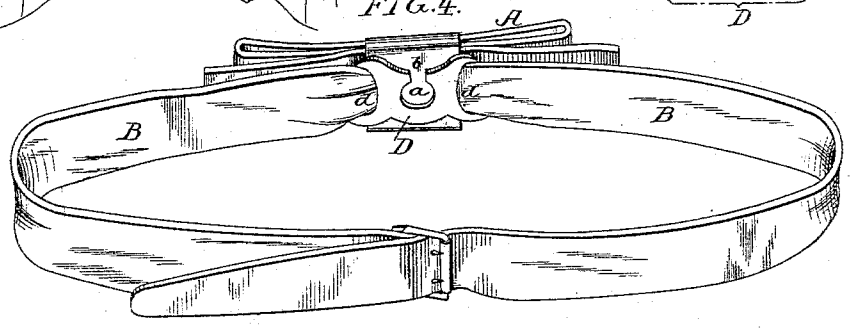
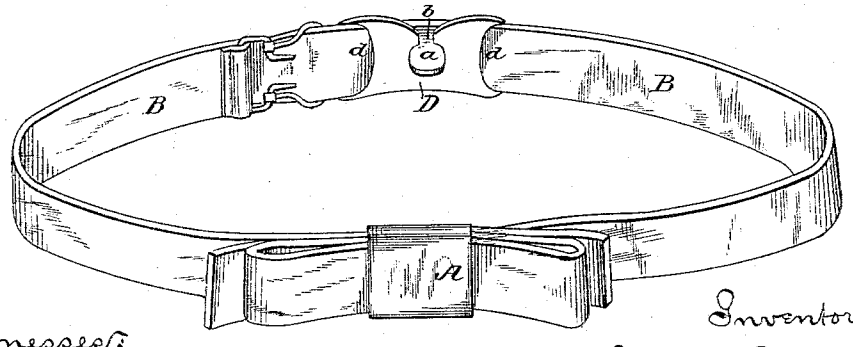


FIG. 5.



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NECKTIE-RETAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. ALBERT ESHLEMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Necktie-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to so construct a necktie-retainer that the same can be readily applied to or removed from the neckband of the tie and easily adjusted to the button.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an enlarged view of my improved necktie retainer; Fig. 2, a view of the retainer as it appears when being bent to pass over the button-shank; Fig. 3, a sectional view of the retainer applied to the shirt, collar, and tie; Fig. 4, a perspective view of a necktie with the retainer; Fig. 5, a perspective view showing the retainer applied to the back of the tie, and Fig. 6 a modified form of the retainer.

In Fig. 4, A represents an ordinary form of tie, of which B is the neckband, the ends of the latter being buckled at the rear.

Ties of this character have been provided with retainers to engage with the collar-button and prevent the tie from rising on the collar, but such retainers have been secured to the tie, and have generally been such that they were more or less difficult to adjust to the button.

My improved retainer consists of a flexible plate, D, preferably of metal, having an opening, *a*, for the reception of the shank of the button, as shown in Fig. 3, the diameter of this opening being slightly less than that of the head of the button, and said opening having a contracted entrance-slot, *b*. In the plate, on each side of the central opening, *a*, is an opening, *d*, for the reception of the neckband B of the scarf, so that the retainer can be readily applied to the tie by passing the opposite ends of the neckband through these openings and slipping the retainer up against the back of the tie, as shown in Fig. 4; or, where the retainer is to be applied to the back button, one end of the neckband can be passed through both openings, as shown in Fig. 5.

The use of a separate retainer for each tie is thus rendered unnecessary, as the retainer can be readily removed from the neckband of one scarf and as readily applied to that of another.

In adjusting the retainer to the collar-button the same is held as shown in Fig. 2, and raised so that the shank of the button will pass through the slot *b* and enter the opening *a*.

If desired, the slot *b* may be narrower than the shank of the button, and the retainer may be sprung so as to widen the slot for the passage of the button-shank, the slot being then closed, so that the retainer is practically locked to the button-shank, and the displacement of the tie in either direction is prevented.

The use of a plate for the retainer is not essential. The retainer may, for instance, be made of wire, as shown in Fig. 6, this construction being considered the equivalent of the plate, and included in that term.

I claim as my invention—

1. The within-described necktie-retainer, the same consisting of a sheet-metal plate, having opposite openings, *d d*, for the reception of the neckband of a scarf, and a central opening, *a*, with contracted entrance-slot *b* at the top for adaptation to the shank of the collar-button, as specified.

2. The combination of a necktie and its band with the within-described detachable retainer, having a central opening for the reception of the button-shank, and opposite openings, *d d*, through which the band of the tie is passed, whereby the retainer is held in position on the band, as set forth.

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

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