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NECKTIE BRACE.

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Fig. 1.

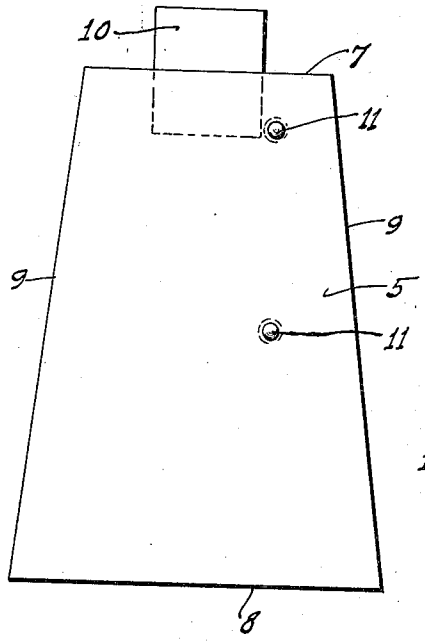


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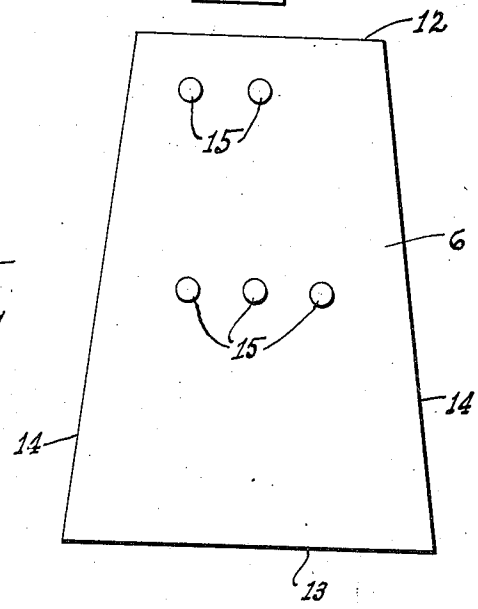


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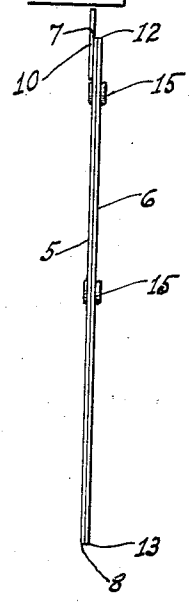
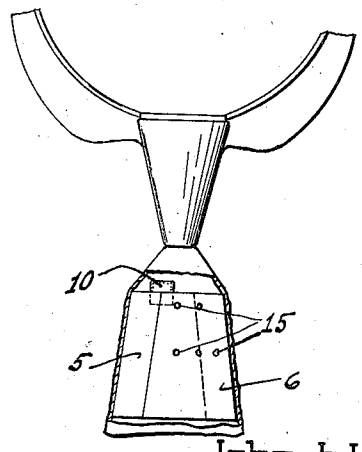


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. RICE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Des Moines and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie Braces, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to braces, and more particularly to necktie braces.

It is an object of the invention to provide a device of this character which properly maintains the portion of the necktie adjacent the knot in the proper shape regardless of the kind of material from which the necktie is made.

It is another object of the invention to provide a brace of this character which is adjustable to accommodate the size of the tie.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a brace of this character which is composed of a pair of sections, said sections being provided with means for holding the same in various adjusted positions to increase or decrease the size of the brace.

It is still a further object of the invention to provide a brace of this character which is adapted to be disposed within the tie adjacent the point where the knot is tied.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the improved construction and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more particularly described, fully claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of one section of a necktie brace,

Figure 2 is a plan view of the remaining section of the brace,

Figure 3 is a view in elevation showing the application of the brace, a portion of the tie being shown in section, and

Figure 4 is a side elevation showing the sections connected.

Referring to the drawings, 5 designates one section of the brace and 6 the remaining section. Each section is intended to be constructed of celluloid or like material and of a length corresponding to the length of the knot of the tie. The upper edge 7 of the section 5 is smaller than the lower edge 8 so as to permit the longitudinal side edges 9 to taper from the edge 8 to the edge 7. Secured to the intermediate portion of the upper marginal edge of the section 5 is a fabric tab or strip 10, one portion of the tab extending beyond the edge 7 and is intended to be secured to the back of a necktie, adjacent the point where the knot of the tie will be formed. The section 5 is also provided with studs 11 forming part of snap fasteners, said studs being disposed adjacent one of the longitudinal edges and in spaced relation to each other. The section 6, similar to the section 5, has its upper edge 12 constructed smaller than the lower edge 13 so as to permit the longitudinal edges 14 to taper from the bottom edge to the upper edge. The section 6 is provided with a plurality of sockets 15 which form the other section of the snap fasteners. Two of the sockets are disposed adjacent the upper edge 12, while three or more are disposed adjacent the intermediate portion of the section. The upper sockets are adapted to be engaged by the upper stud 11, while the lower sockets are adapted to be engaged by the lower stud 11 or stud disposed adjacent the intermediate portion of the section 5. By this means, the brace can be adjusted laterally by engaging the longitudinally aligned sockets with the studs 11. It is of course obvious that any number of sockets may be used, so as to permit the adjustment to be regulated as desired.

In the application of the device, the seam of the tie adjacent the point where the knot is to be tied, is open a sufficient distance to permit insertion of the brace within the tie. The fabric tab 10 is then secured to a portion of the tie, preferably the back of the tie so that no stitching will appear on the front face of the tie. Regardless of the fact that a brace is disposed within the tie, it is an easy matter to adjust the sections without removing the brace from the tie, but by simply grasping the portion of the tie disposed over the brace, disengaging said sections and moving them to the desired point according to the width of the tie. When the tie is applied to the neck of the wearer, the portion of the tie containing the brace is moved to the point where the knot will be tied, so that after the knot is formed, the upper edge of the brace will be disposed closely adjacent the lower end of the knot. In this way, the portion of the tie adjacent the knot is held smooth and neat, wrinkles or rolls being eliminated.

From the foregoing it will be readily seen

that this invention provides a novel form of necktie brace which is simple in construction, light in weight, does not interfere with the tying of the knot of the tie, and is invisible at all times. Another important feature is that even if the knot is tied tight, the portion of the tie adjacent the knot is maintained substantially flat, and bulging of the tie at the knot eliminated, and in view of the fact that the brace is adapted to be connected to and within the tie, there is no danger of the same becoming accidentally disengaged, or lost.

What is claimed is:—

1. A necktie brace of the character described comprising a pair of sections, each section being longitudinally tapered, means carried by each section for connecting said sections to each other, and a flexible tab carried by one of said sections and arranged for connection to a tie to prevent disengagement of the brace from the tie when in use.

2. A necktie brace of the character described comprising a pair of sections arranged to overlap each other, a pair of spaced studs carried by one of said sections adjacent one longitudinal edge of said section, and a series of sockets carried by the remaining section, said sockets being adapted for alternate engagement with the studs to hold said sections in various laterally adjusted positions.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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