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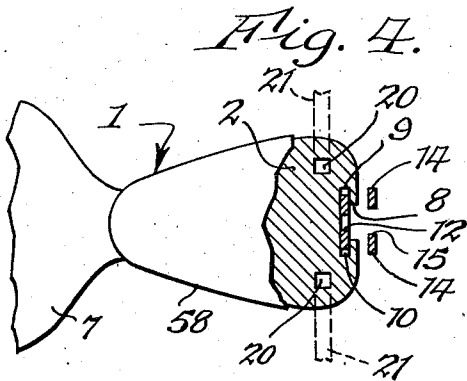
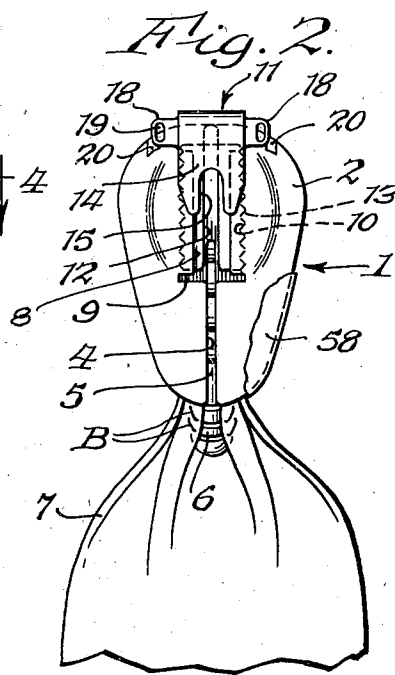
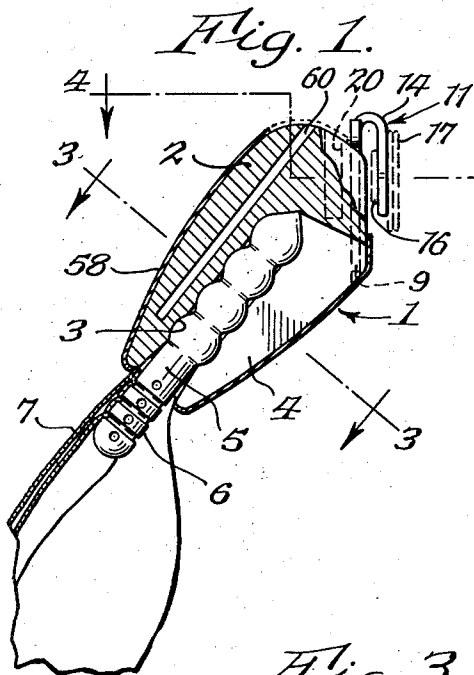
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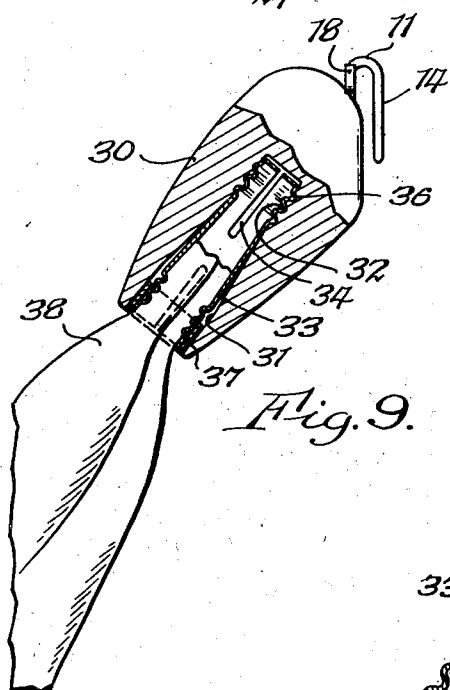
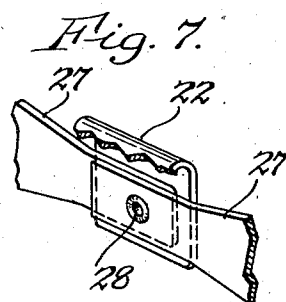
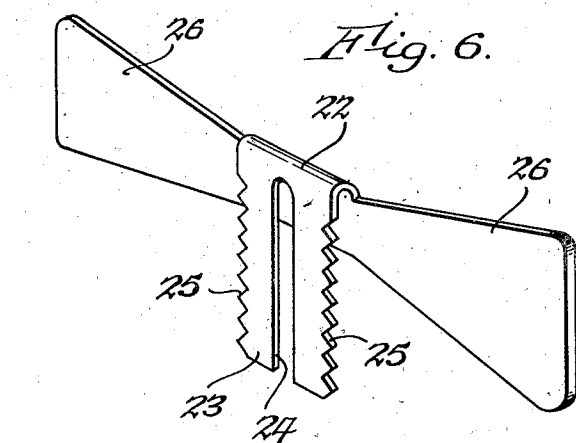
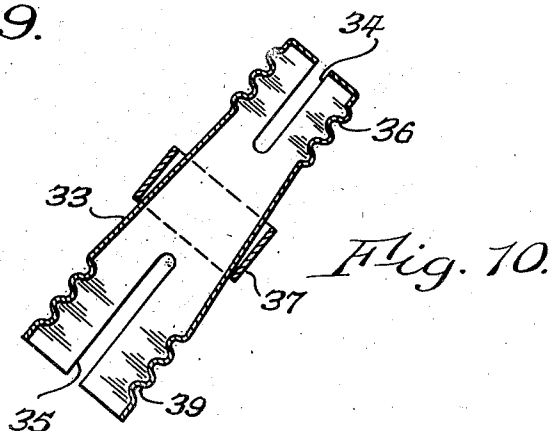
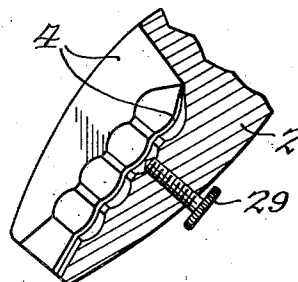


Fig. 8.



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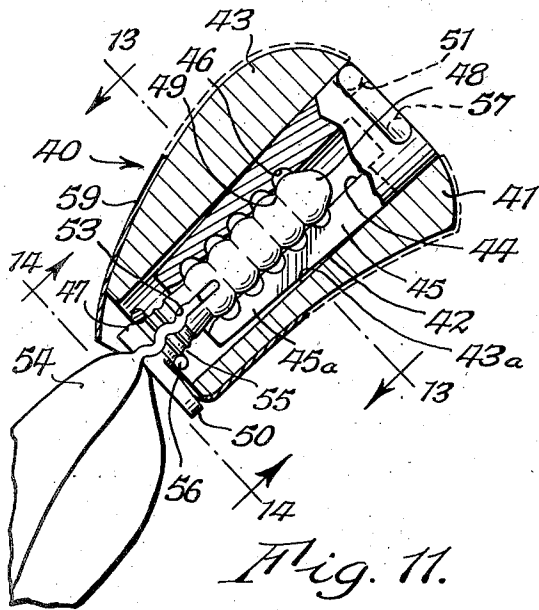


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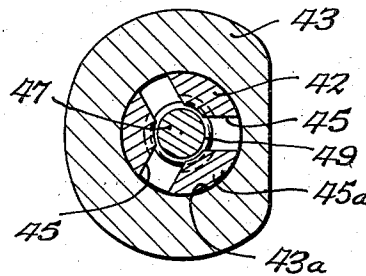


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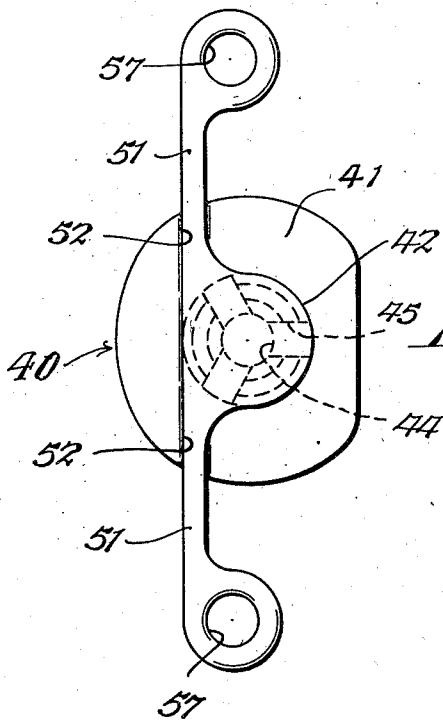


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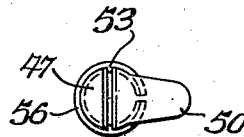


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This invention relates to preformed neckties of the type having preformed knot portions with textile members detachably coupled thereto.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved preformed necktie in which a plurality of different textile members may be detachably coupled to said knot portion; with which differently appearing textile members may be selectively and alternately attached to the knot portion to vary the visual appearance of the tie; with which the attachment and detachment of the textile member will be a relatively simple matter and may be accomplished without injury to the textile material; with which the textile material, when detached from the knot portion, may lie perfectly flat and substantially ungathered for ease in cleaning and pressing; with which pulling stresses on the fabric member during which attachment and detachment may be avoided; and which will be relatively simple, practical and inexpensive.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved and simple preformed tie; with which any of a plurality of different drapes and wing members may be alternately or selectively coupled to the knot portion for creating different visual effects.

Another object of the invention is to provide improved means for attaching a member of textile material to the knot portion of a tie; with which the manipulation of attachment and detachment will be relatively simple and can be easily and rapidly performed with a minimum of danger to the material of the fabric; which will not interfere with the external appearance of the knot portion; and with which the coupling means will be effectively concealed.

Another object of the invention is to provide improved means for attaching the knot portion of a preformed tie to the collar or neckband of a shirt.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved preformed tie, with which the visual appearance thereof may be varied at will to a substantial extent and in a simple manner, and with which the knot portion will be confined to the collar at a desired inclination to the collar band.

Various other objects and advantages will appear from the following description of several embodiments of the invention, and the novel features will be particularly pointed out hereinafter in connection with the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a longitudinal, sectional elevation

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through a tie constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same;

Fig. 3 is a sectional plan of the same, the section being taken approximately along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is another sectional plan of the same, the section being taken approximately along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a perspective of a member by which the tie may be coupled to the collar or collar band;

Fig. 6 is a perspective of a wing element that may be attached to and be used with the tie illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4;

Fig. 7 is a slight modification thereof, by which different wing sections may be coupled to form a complete wing device shown in Fig. 6;

Fig. 8 is a sectional elevation through part of the knot portion of the tie shown in Figs. 1 to 3, but illustrating a slight modification thereof;

Fig. 9 is a side elevation, partly in section, of a tie also constructed in accordance with this invention and illustrating a modification thereof;

Fig. 10 is a longitudinal, sectional elevation through a coupling element by which the drape may be attached to the knot portion;

Fig. 11 is a longitudinal, sectional elevation through a tie also constructed in accordance with the invention, but illustrating another embodiment thereof;

Fig. 12 is a plan of the same;

Fig. 13 is a sectional plan of the same, the section being taken approximately along the line 13—13 of Fig. 11; and

Fig. 14 is a bottom plan of the attaching post of the same, as viewed along the line 14—14 of Fig. 11.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4, the improved tie of the preformed type includes a knot portion 1 having a preformed body 2 which has, in its interior, a recess 3 opening outwardly through the lower end of the knot portion. The lower end of the body 2 is provided with a plurality of slots 4 extending in an endwise direction from the lower end towards, but not entirely to, the opposite end, so as to provide a plurality of spring fingers. An attaching member in the nature of a post or pin 5 is of a size to enter the open, lower end of the recess 3 and slide along it, and has a length such that when the post is fully within the recess 3, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, a substantial end portion 6 thereof will depend below the body 2 of the knot portion.

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A drape or element 7 of textile material has one end thereof wrapped largely around the depending end 6 of the post 5 so as to conceal the post, and with the post forming a rigid extension of the drape. The drape may be formed of one or two pieces and is detachably secured to the depending end 6 in any suitable manner such as by threads B. The end of the drape which is attached to the post 5 is preferably and normally flat and ungathered, so that it may be cleaned and pressed while detached from the post 5.

The wall portions of the spring fingers in the recess 3 are provided with undulations, such as corrugations, the ribs and valleys of which run or extend in a direction crosswise of the longitudinal axis of the recess 3, with the undulations and ribs of each finger aligned, in a direction transversely of the axis of the recess, with those of the other fingers. The periphery of the post 5, at the end received in the recess 3, is peripherally corrugated with the valleys progressing around the post so that when the post is inserted into the recess, the corrugations or undulations of the surface of post 5 will cam aside the fingers or spread them in passing the ribs on the fingers, and as the post moves into its final position in the knot portion, the ribs or hills on the fingers will engage in the valleys of the post so as to yieldingly and resiliently hold the post 5 against accidental and unintentional removal, and with the end of the drape which is attached to the depending end 6 slightly entering and closing the lower end of the recess 3, as shown in Fig. 1. Since the post 5 has a depending end 6 to which the drape is attached, this depending end serves as a convenient but concealed handle that may be grasped and pulled when one desires to detach the drape from a knot portion. Drapes of different materials, shapes, colors and patterns may be attached to individual posts 5, so that they may be easily and quickly inserted alternately and selectively in the knot portion so as to vary the visual effect of the tie.

The body 2 may be formed of any suitable material, either of molded material, or cut or machined from a suitable solid object. Preferably it is formed of a molded plastic material of either thermo-plastic or thermo-setting types. The body 2 is provided at its upper end with a slot 8 which extends vertically when the knot portion is at the proper angle at which it is worn on a collar band. The slot 8 has an undercut portion 9 at each side, with serrations, teeth or notches 10 along the undercut side walls. A U-shaped member 11 (Fig. 5) of any suitable or relatively rigid, but springy or resilient material, has its arms parallel and spaced apart, but relatively close together. One arm is provided with a slot 12 extending from its free end nearly to the cross bar of the U, and that arm has a width from edge to edge which corresponds approximately to the width of the undercut part 9 of the slot 8 so that it may be received in the slot 8 and moved endwise therein to different distances, with the other arm of the U extending along the rear face of the knot portion, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The side edges of the arm having the slot 12 are provided with teeth 13 which normally engage in the notches formed by the teeth 10 in the undercut part 9 of the slot 8 of the knot portion. The side edge portions of the arm of the member 11 which has the slot 12, may spring towards each other because of the slot 12, and this enables the teeth 13 to snap from groove to groove or notch to notch of the serrations 10 of the under-

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cut portion of the slot 8. Thus the member 11 may be adjusted vertically in the knot portion by merely moving it vertically, during which the teeth 13 snap from notch to notch of the serrations, and the member 11 will thus be held yieldingly in any of a plurality of different, adjusted positions. The other arm 14 of the member 11, is provided with a slot 15, so that it may straddle the shank of the collar button, with the head 16 of the collar button received between the arms of the member 11. Thus when the arm 14 is hooked downwardly over a collar button carried by the collar band 17, Fig. 1, the knot portion 1 will be supported at the proper inclination or angle in front of the collar band.

The member 11 may have, adjacent the cross part of the U, laterally extending ears 18 with apertures 19 therein, in which may be engaged hooks on the end of an elastic band (not shown) that encircles the collar band. This makes it possible for one to attach this preformed tie either directly over the collar button as shown in Fig. 1, or by an elastic band that encircles the collar.

This body 2 of the knot portion may also have, in its upper end face adjacent opposite sides, two parallel recesses 20, see Figs. 1, 2 and 4 in which may be tightly fitted suitable depending arms of members 21, shown in dash lines in Fig. 4. These members 21 may be ornamental members, such as wings, or they may be members which serve to attach the knot portion to the collar band when the slot 8 is used to support ornamental wings such as shown in Figs. 6 and 7.

In Fig. 6 a member 22 of general U-shape has one arm 23 formed to enter the undercut part 9 of the slot 8, and this arm may have a slot 24 and serrated side edges 25, so that when this arm 23 is passed downwardly in the slot 8 in place of the member 11, it will be yieldingly anchored therein but adjustable to different heights. The other arm of the U of this member 22 may have side wings 26 as in Fig. 6 which extend from opposite sides of the rear of the knot portion, or the same arm of this member 22 may have separately formed and detachable wings 27 coupled to the outer depending arm of the member 22, such as by a suitable fastener 28, as shown in Fig. 7.

The wings 26 may have any desired outline, finish or appearance, so as to create a desired visual effect, or wings 27 of different outlines, materials, colors and appearances may be combined, as shown in Fig. 7, in different combinations on the member 22 to produce different appearances. Thus any of several wing devices of the type shown in either Fig. 6 or 7 may be alternately inserted in the knot portion, and interchanged when one desires to create different visual appearances.

In Fig. 8 a slight modification of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 4 is illustrated, in which the rear finger of those formed by the slots 4 in the body 2 is provided with a set screw 29 that may be adjusted inwardly to engage the post 5 after its insertion, and thus provide a positive anchorage for the post 5. The screw 29 may be quickly and easily turned to release the post 5 for removal, when one desires to press the drape or substitute a different drape. In this embodiment of the invention the slots 4 will be so arranged that the set screw 29 will be at the rear, so as not to be visible while the tie is worn, yet convenient for operation when one desires to substitute a new drape.

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In another embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 9 and 10, the knot portion includes a core or body 30 having a recess 31 opening outwardly through the lower end thereof. This recess 31 is outwardly divergent, and near its upper or inner end is provided with peripherally extending grooves 32 separated by lands. An anchorage member 33, shown separately and on a larger scale in Fig. 10, is a tubular member having a slot 34 in one end and a slot 35 in the other end, and both slots extending towards each other for a portion only of the length of the member 33. The end having the slot 34 is substantially smaller than the opposite end, and is peripherally corrugated as at 36 so that when the member 33 is inserted in the recess 31, with its smaller end first, the slot 34 will allow that end to be compressed, and the corrugations 36 may snap successively into the different grooves 32 in the wall of the recess and provide a resilient or yielding anchorage for the member 33.

A clamping ring or sleeve 37 surrounds the member 33, and it has a smaller internal diameter than the maximum external diameter of the larger or outer end of the member 33, so that when this clamping sleeve 37 is moved endwise toward the larger end, it will compress or constrict that larger end, which is permitted by the slot 35, to a substantial extent. One or more textile elements or drape members 38 is first inserted in the larger end of the member 33 while that member is withdrawn from the body 30, and while the clamping sleeve 37 is displaced upon a smaller portion of the member 33. After the ends of the drapes or textile elements are gathered together and inserted into the larger end of the member 33, a movement of the clamping sleeve 37 in a direction endwise of member 33 over its larger end will contract or constrict that larger end into gripping engagement with the gathered ends of the drapes and secure them firmly to the member 33. This larger end may have peripheral corrugations or inwardly extending projections 39 so as to provide internal ribs that are pressed into the drapes so as to increase the frictional grip thereon. This gripping is shown in Fig. 9 and, with the drapes attached to the member 33, the latter can then be inserted in the body 30 into the position shown in Fig. 9. By pulling downwardly on the drapes 38, the member 33 may be pulled out of the recess after which the drapes can be changed, or pressed and cleaned, and then new, different or clean drapes reapplied.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 11 to 14, the knot portion 40 includes a body 41 of the desired shape of the knot portion, and is preferably formed of a soft material having the general softness of the knot portion of a tie formed of textile material, such as cork, felt, papier-mâché and rubber. This body 41 is formed of two telescoping members or sections 42 and 43, with the outer section 43 longer than the inner section and having a passage 43a which opens through the body at opposite walls or ends. In the example given, this recess 43a extends endwise of member 43. The inner member 42 is formed in cross section to fit and slide along the recess 43a from the upper end thereof, and this member also has a central recess 44 extending a substantial distance from its lower end. The inner member 42 is provided with endwise slots 45 (see Fig. 13) extending from its inner end a substantial distance and forming a plurality of concentrically arranged spring fingers 45a at the inner end of this member 42. The fingers so

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formed, normally have some clearance with the wall of the recess 43a so that they may spring outwardly for a purpose which will appear presently. The wall of the recess 44 in the member 42 is provided with annular grooves 46, and a post or attaching member 47 is slidable lengthwise in the recess 44.

The inner end of the post 47 is provided with a convex nose 48 to facilitate its insertion into the recess 44, and it is provided with annular grooves 49 that provide between the grooves convex humps that snap into the grooves 46. As the post or member 47 slides endwise in recess 44, the annular convex humps thereof will cam the spring fingers 45a apart and snap from one groove 46 to another, so that the post will be held yieldingly within the recess 44. The clearance between the exterior of the fingers 45a of member 42 and the recess 43a is sufficient to allow the spring fingers to separate or spread outwardly when sprung apart by the insertion of the post 47. The lower end of the post 47 has a rearwardly and downwardly extending arm 50 which serves as a convenient handle by which the post or member 47 may be inserted or removed from the knot portion.

This arm 50 engages against the lower end face of the body 41 when the post 47 is fully within the recess 44, and by such engagement normally prevents removal of the member 42 upwardly from the recess 43a. The inner member 42, at its upper end, is provided with laterally extending arms 51 which are received flush in grooves 52 in the upper end face of the body 41, and these arms 51 serve as abutments or shoulders which engage with an end of the body 41 to limit movement of the member 42 into the body 41. Thus the arms 51 prevent removal of the post 47 from the body, and the post 47 prevents removal of the member 42 from the body 41, unless the post 47 and member 43 are separated by a force sufficient to spring the arms 45a of member 42 apart sufficiently to pass the annular convex humps on the post 47.

The lower or outer end of each post 47 is provided with a slot 53, see Fig. 14, which extends endwise of the post for a substantial distance from that end, and an end of a drape or textile element may be disposed in this slot 53 and secured therein in any suitable manner. Preferably the outside periphery of the lower end of the post 47 above the arm 50 is provided with a plurality of annular grooves 55, which grooves have diameters increasing progressively towards the lower or free end of the post. A split ring 56 of resilient material such as spring, steel or brass, surrounds the post 47 in the portion or zone having the grooves 55, so that when the ring 56 is moved downwardly on the post, it will, as it engages in grooves 55 of increasing diameters, force together the portions of the lower end of the post on opposite sides of the slot 53 so as to provide a resilient clamping pressure on the end of the drape or element 54 which is received in the slot 53.

To release the drape for pressing or cleaning, the post 47 is first removed from the member 43 by pulling downwardly on the arm 50, and then split ring 56 is moved upwardly into a groove 55 of a smaller diameter to release the end of the drape 54. It will be noted that the ring 56 and the zone of the post having the grooves 55 are within the chamber formed in the body 41 by termination of the member 42 before it reaches the lower end of the recess 43a.

The ends of the arms 51 are provided with loops or eyes 57 to which hooks on the end of an elastic neckband or strap (not shown) may be attached for securing the knot portion at the front of a collar band of a shirt. The eyes 57 are so positioned that when connected to a neckband or strap and applied to a collar band, the knot portion 40 will be held at the proper angle of inclination, such as shown in Fig. 11, so as to simulate the normal position of the knot portion of a well-formed four-in-hand tie.

The body of each knot portion in each embodiment of the invention may have a covering thereover when desired, and such covering may be a sleeve of knit textile fabric which stretches to tightly fit the body of the knot portion. This covering is indicated at 58 in the embodiment of Figs. 1 to 4, part of it being broken away at its upper end in Fig. 1 and to a larger extent in Fig. 2, and at 59 in Figs. 11 to 14, it being understood that in Fig. 13, this covering 59 has been removed. This covering 59 preferably extends slightly below the lower end face of the body 41 so as to conceal as much as possible, the lower end of the post 47. The body which forms the main part of the knot portion of the tie in each of the embodiments may, if desired, be formed of plastic materials of the thermo-setting or thermo-plastic types, and may, of course, be used without the coverings 58 and 59, if desired.

The body of the knot portion in any of the forms of this invention may, if desired, when used without a covering, have one or more recesses 60, see Fig. 1, formed therein just beneath the front face and extending downwardly from the upper end, so that different display elements may be secured to the knot portion, or different colored materials may be placed in these cavities or slots 60 when the body of the knot portion is formed of translucent or transparent material, so that a contrasting color of the material disposed in the cavity or recess 60 will give a visual and attractive, contrasting appearance.

It will be understood that various changes in the details, materials and arrangements of parts, which have been herein described and illustrated in order to explain the nature of the invention, may be made by those skilled in the art within the principle and scope of the invention, as expressed in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having an opening in a wall thereof and a core surrounding said opening and formed of spring fingers which are arranged side by side, between them defining a passage, and extending in a direction lengthwise of the core for a substantial distance, said fingers along said passage being undulatory with the valleys and ribs extending in directions crosswise of the fingers, a plug having a size to enter said passage between said fingers and having peripheral grooves and ribs with which the undulations of said fingers may engage to yieldingly lock the plug within said core, and a drape secured to the lower end of said plug and coupled to the knot portion through said plug, and with the drape and plug closing said opening and the drape concealing the outer end of said plug.

2. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having an opening extending upwardly into the same from its lower end, a plug having a cross sectional size which will enter said opening and pass along it to a substantial extent, with a portion depending from the knot portion when the

plug is advanced to the maximum permissible extent in said opening, said knot portion having therein, and bordering said opening, resilient members yieldingly gripping said post so as to releasably secure it within the knot portion, and a drape secured at one end to and concealing the depending end of said post, movable therewith, and effective, when the post is within said opening, to close the lower end of said opening, whereby the drape and post may be attached to and detached from the knot portion as a unit.

3. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having a recess therein opening outwardly therefrom, a member insertable into and out of said recess through said opening and formed at its outer end to receive and hold a drape, the inner end of said member and the wall of said recess having interengaging surfaces that have peripherally extending ribs spaced apart by valleys in a direction along the length of said member, relatively sliding in the direction of the length of the recess for releasably anchoring said member in said recess.

4. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having therein a recess opening outwardly through the surface of said knot portion, a member formed to enter said recess through said opening, said knot portion and member having interengaging abutting surfaces within said recess, sliding yieldingly past each other as said member moves in a straight, endwise direction, for detachably coupling said member within said recess, said member, at its outer end, extending beyond said recess, and formed to receive and detachably hold the ungathered end of a woven textile element, with the textile element entering, closing and concealing said opening when attached to said member and the member is within said recess.

5. A preformed necktie comprising a body having a recess, open at both ends through the upper and lower ends thereof, an element entering the recess from the upper part thereof, slidably received in said recess and having an abutment engaging with said body for limiting its movement downwardly in said recess, a drape, and a member attached to said drape entering said recess from the lower end, and detachably interlocked with said core through the lower opening of said recess, whereby different drapes may be detachably coupled to said body.

6. A preformed necktie comprising a body having a recess, open at both ends through the upper and lower ends thereof, an element entering the recess from the upper part thereof, slidably received in said recess and having laterally extending arms engaging with the upper end face of said body to limit the movement of said core downwardly in said recess, a drape, and a member attached to said drape, entering said recess from the lower end, and detachably interlocked with said core through the lower opening of said recess, whereby different drapes may be detachably coupled to said body.

7. A preformed necktie comprising a body having a recess, open at both ends through the upper and lower ends thereof, an element entering the recess from the upper part thereof, slidably received in said recess and having laterally extending arms engaging with the upper end face of said body to limit the movement of said core downwardly in said recess, a drape, and a member attached to said drape, entering said recess from the lower end, and detachably interlocked with said core through the lower opening of said recess, whereby different drapes may be detachably cou-

pled to said body, said laterally extending arms being formed for attachment to a neck strap.

8. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having a body with a recess therein, extending through the upper and lower ends thereof to form a passage therethrough, a member formed to slidably enter said recess at its upper end, said body and member having interengaging parts limiting movement of said member into said recess, a drape, and an attaching member to which said drape is detachably coupled, formed for entry into said recess through the lower open end thereof, said members having detachable interengagement within said recess, whereby said drape and attaching member normally prevent removal of each other from the recess.

9. A preformed necktie comprising a body having a recess opening outwardly, the side wall of the recess being undulatory, a member of resilient material formed to enter said recess and slotted for a substantial distance from its entering end, a side wall of said member which enters said recess being also formed with a hump which snaps from undulation to undulation along the wall of said recess as it moves along the recess to yieldingly resist attachment and detachment of said member, and an element of textile material coupled to the outer end of said member.

10. A preformed necktie comprising a body having a recess therein, a member detachably secured in said recess and having a tubular lower end slotted in a lengthwise direction and an outwardly divergent side wall, a sleeve slidable on said member towards said outer end and having a diameter slightly smaller than said divergent end, whereby movement of said sleeve over said slotted end will constrict said slotted end, and a member of textile material detachably clamped in said tubular end by its constriction through movement of said sleeve over the slotted end.

11. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having a recess, a coupling member slidable endwise into and out of said recess, said knot portion and member having, within the recess, interfitting undulatory surfaces which resist endwise movement of said member in said recess, one of said interengaging surfaces being transversely yieldable to yieldingly allow relative sliding movement of the other surface therepast as said member moves into and out of said recess, and an element of textile material coupled at one end to the outer end of said member.

12. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having an outwardly opening recess, an attaching member movable endwise into and out of said recess, said knot portion being formed of two sections telescoping in a direction parallel to the direction of movement of said member, the inner one of said sections being hollow with a passage open at its inner end and receiving said member, the engaging walls of said passage and said inner section having interengaging undulatory surfaces which resist relative endwise movement of said member and inner section, one of said engaging surfaces being resiliently supported to yield in a direction crosswise of said endwise movement and enable relative endwise movement of said member and inner section, said member and inner section having portions engaging with said outer section to limit their movement into said outer section, whereby said member, by its coupling to said

inner section, normally prevents movement of said inner section out of said outer section, and said inner section prevents removal of said member from said outer section, and a textile element coupled to said member for attachment thereby to said knot portion.

13. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having an outwardly opening recess, a member slidable endwise into and out of said recess, said member and knot portion having interengaging surfaces within said recess, one of which is yieldable in a direction crosswise of the direction of movement of said member into and out of said recess, at least one of said surfaces having a plurality of transverse teeth and the other having a part yieldingly snapping over said teeth as said member moves into and out of said recess, whereby said interengaging surfaces adjustably and yieldingly hold said member within said recess, and a textile element coupled at one end to the outer end of said member, whereby said element may be attached to and detached from said knot portion by movement of said member into and out of said recess.

14. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having an outwardly opening recess, a member slidable endwise into and out of said recess, said member and knot portion having interengaging surfaces within said recess, one of which is yieldable in a direction crosswise of the direction of movement of said member into and out of said recess, whereby said interengaging surfaces yieldingly hold said member within said recess, the outer end of said member having an opening progressing in a direction lengthwise thereof, a textile element having one end disposed in said opening of said member at its outer end, and means carried by said outer end so as to constrict said opening and clamp said textile element therein, whereby said textile element may be attached to and detached from said knot portion by sliding said member into and out of said recess, and said textile element may be detached from said member for cleaning and pressing.

15. A preformed necktie comprising a knot portion having a recess, a member slidable endwise into and out of said recess, said knot portion and said member having, within the recess, interfitting undulatory surfaces with the undulations transverse to the longitudinal axis of said recess which resist endwise sliding movement between them, the wall of one of said surfaces being resiliently yieldable toward and from said axis to enable said surfaces to pass during said endwise movement of said member, the outer end of said member and exteriorly of the knot portion carrying an ornamental element with a relatively broad face.

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