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FIG. 1.

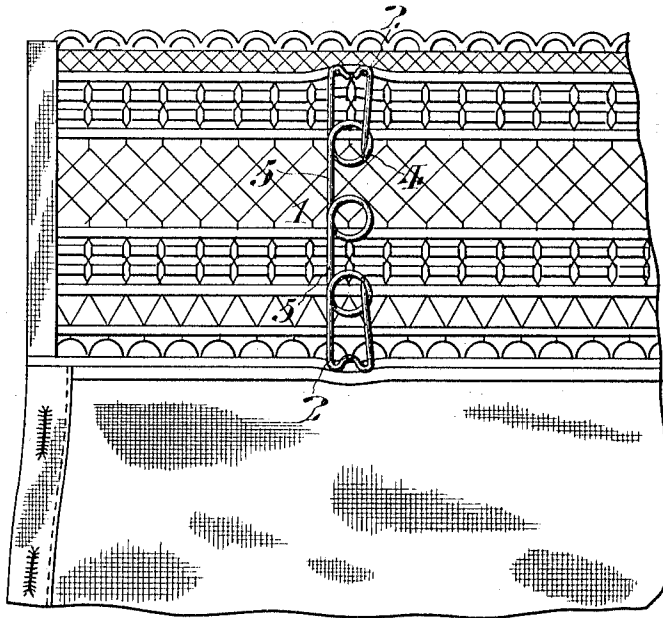


FIG. 2.

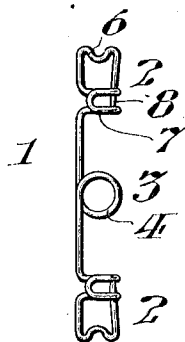
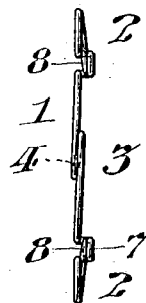


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES H. TAYLOR and IZORA TAYLOR, citizens of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention has reference to improvements in supporters for collars, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating our invention, Figure 1 is a view of our invention applied to a lace collar, a portion of the collar and the garment to which it is attached being shown. Fig. 2 is a view of another embodiment of our invention. Fig. 3 is an elevation of the same.

It is one of the objects of our invention to provide a collar supporter that may be readily attached and removed from a collar without marring the appearance thereof, either by its attachment and detachment, or by its appearance when in use, and which, when in position and being worn, possesses the desired flexibility, so as to conform to the natural positions of the wearer. Combined with the above, of course, is the ability of the device to give to the collar the necessary tension in an upright direction, so as to stretch it, as it were, and hold it against the throat or neck in the desired position, but to allow, without undue resistance, the natural movements of the head and neck by reason of its lateral and longitudinal flexibility.

The supporter is indicated as a whole by 1, and comprises as essential means the fastening devices 2, at each end thereof, connected by a supporting member indicated as a whole by 3.

It is obvious that various materials may be employed, but, for the purpose of illustration, we will, in the following description, take flexible wire as an example. As a preferred form, the form which we have shown in the drawings, the entire supporter is constructed of one piece of wire suitably bent to form the end or engaging members 2, and the central or supporting member 3. For instance, in Fig. 1, the engaging members 2, are in the form of what might be termed safety pins, and the supporting member 3, in the form of a plurality, in the

instance illustrated three, of spring loops 4, all made of the single piece of wire referred to. The end or point or pin proper 8, of the safety pin or engaging member 2 extends inwardly and is so arranged with relation to the outer spring loop 4, that the latter serves as the clasp for the pin as shown. The three spring loops 4, as before referred to, afford the necessary resiliency and flexibility both lateral and longitudinal, combined, of course, with the flexibility of the wire or other material 5, by which they are joined, it being understood that the number of said spring loops 4, may be increased or decreased. The outer end portions or loops of the engaging members 2 are formed at their extremities with what may be termed outwardly facing sockets, somewhat the equivalent of hooks, so as to engage and hold the fabric of the collar, lace or otherwise, and to prevent displacement. These sockets or hooks are indicated by 6, and consist of a return bend in the end portion of the safety pin or engaging member proper.

In Figs. 2 and 3 the construction differs from that shown in Fig. 1, in that there is only one spring loop 4 about midway between the engaging member, while in place of the outer spring loops 4, shown in Fig. 1, there are two clasps 7, by means of which the end of the pins are locked and which also affords resilient means.

The pins are unclasped when the supporter is to be attached to the collar to permit their insertion into the fabric, and in connection with a lace collar, for instance, a selected strand near the top and bottom is engaged with the sockets or return bends in such a position and relation that the supporter holds the collar under upright tension, that is to say that the supporter exerts a tension longitudinally and stretches the collar in an upright direction to hold it in the desired position around the throat or neck, while, at the same time, the flexibility of the material of which the supporter is made, combined with its configuration forming the spring loop or loops and resilient components allows the supporter to adapt itself to the various positions of the wearer without undue pressure.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A supporter of the kind specified, com-

prising a resilient supporting member,
safety pins at the outer ends of said sup-
porting member, said safety pins having in-
wardly extending points and being provided
5 at their extremities with outwardly facing
sockets.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto

set our hands this 5th day of December,
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