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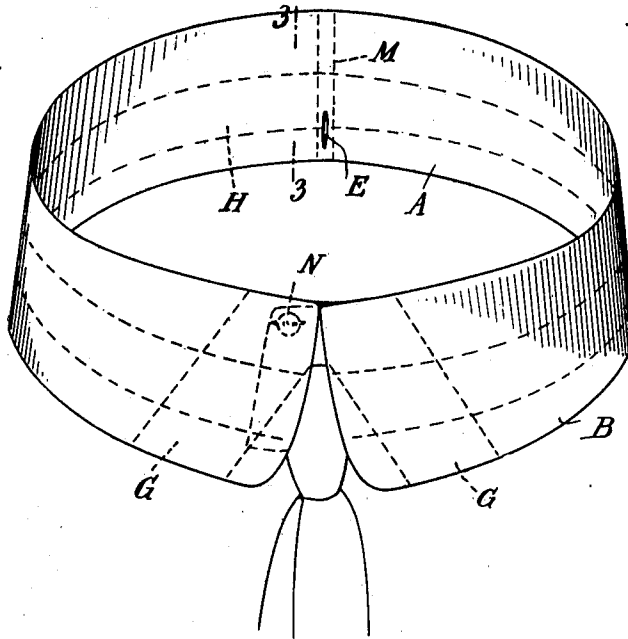


Fig. 2,

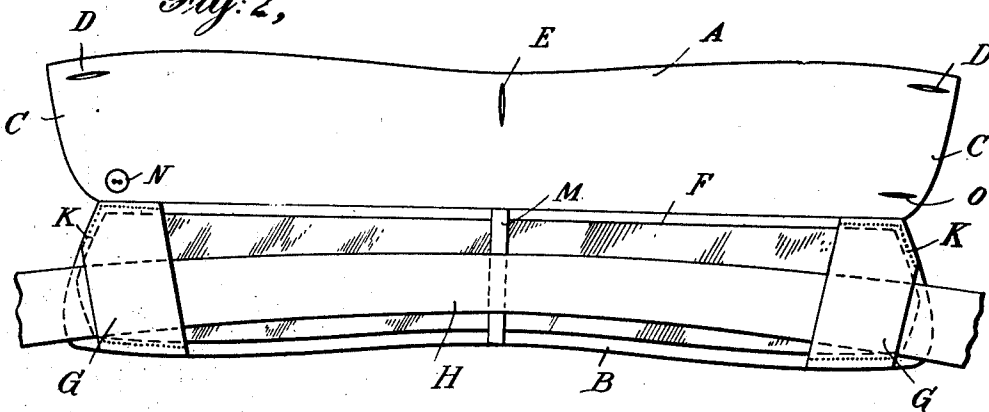
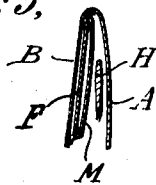


Fig. 3,



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PHILIP E. HEERY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newark, county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to collars, more particularly to soft or negligée collars, and the object of the invention is to provide a soft or negligée collar which when in use will have all of the appearance of a stiff or starched collar, with none of the latter's disadvantages.

Further objects of the invention are to do away with buttons and metal fastenings and to make the collar in such a manner that it can be easily laundered and readily assembled for use.

To the accomplishment of the above objects, and to such others as may hereinafter appear, the invention comprises a soft turned down collar, the top portion of which is provided with a removable stiffening member, and suitable guides secured to the under side of the top portion of the collar at the ends thereof, through which the tie is passed for holding the collar in position.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a collar constructed according to my invention in assembled position, some of the parts being shown in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a view of the collar laid out flat with the neck band of the collar turned back. Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the drawings A designates the neck band of the collar, and B the top portion of the collar, the same being of ordinary construction, the neck band of the collar being provided in the usual manner with overlapping ends or tabs C which are each provided with suitable button holes D, which together with the hole E in the central portion of the neck band provide means for securing the collar to a shirt.

Secured to the top portion of the collar is the stiffening member F, which in the present instance is made to conform substantially to the shape of the top portion of the collar, the same being usually made of celluloid or other flexible material which can readily be removed for laundering the collar. In the present instance the stiffening member F is retained in position on the under side of the top portion of the collar

by means of the guides or pockets G secured to the top portion of the collar preferably at each end so as to extend the collar and keep the top portion thereof smooth. The pockets or guides G are sewed to the under side of the top portion of the collar only at the top and bottom, the sides of the pockets being left open for the insertion of the ends of the stiffening member F and the ends of the tie H. As the tie is not usually as wide as the ends of the top portion of the collar, the pockets are preferably sewed at one side to the upper part of the ends of the top portion of the collar, as shown at K, the remaining portion of the sides of the pockets being left open and preferably cut away or back from the ends of the collar to give a natural effect to the loose ends of the collar, and to permit of the knotted portion of the tie being partly covered by the ends of the collar as shown in Fig. 1. The sewing of the pockets G as shown at K also prevents the stiffening member F from getting out of place.

The primary object of the pockets G is to act as guides for the tie to make the same hold the ends of the top portion of the collar firmly in position, and to give a dressy appearance to the ends of the top portion of the collar. In the present instance the pockets G are also arranged to hold the ends of the stiffening member F, but the stiffening member might just as well be secured to the top portion of the collar by a separate pocket similar to the pockets G but entirely closed at one end. In the present instance, the stiffening member is also retained at its middle by a small tab M which is sewed at the top and bottom to the under side of the top portion of the collar. Additional pockets may be provided if desired for holding the member F in position or the pockets or tabs may be made longer or shorter as desired. It is desirable in any case to so arrange the pockets or tabs for holding the member F so that the same can be readily inserted and removed from the collar.

It is to be noted that the stiffening member F is only fastened to the under side of the top portion of the collar so as to give a uniform unwrinkled surface to the top portion of the collar. It is also to be noted that the tie is placed between the member F and the neck band so that when the tie is drawn tight it will not wrinkle the top

portion of the collar which is a decided advantage in this kind of a collar.

The pockets G being arranged as shown in the drawing, obviate the use of a safety pin or similar fastening for holding the ends of the top portion of the collar together in order to make the collar stand up.

In order to hold the tabs of the neck band together at the top, there is provided a small button N with a suitable button hole O for accomplishing this purpose.

While the invention has been described with particular reference to the details of construction it is not to be considered as limited thereto, as many changes may be made and still fall within the scope of the following claim.

What I claim is:—

A negligée collar comprising a neck band

and a top portion, in combination with a stiffening member, and pockets secured to the ends of said top portion, said pockets being open at their inner sides to permit of the insertion of the stiffening member and closed on their outer sides for a portion of said sides to retain the stiffening member in position, the remaining portion of the outer sides of said pockets being left open to permit of the insertion of a tie between the stiffening member and the pockets.

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

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