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Fig. 1.

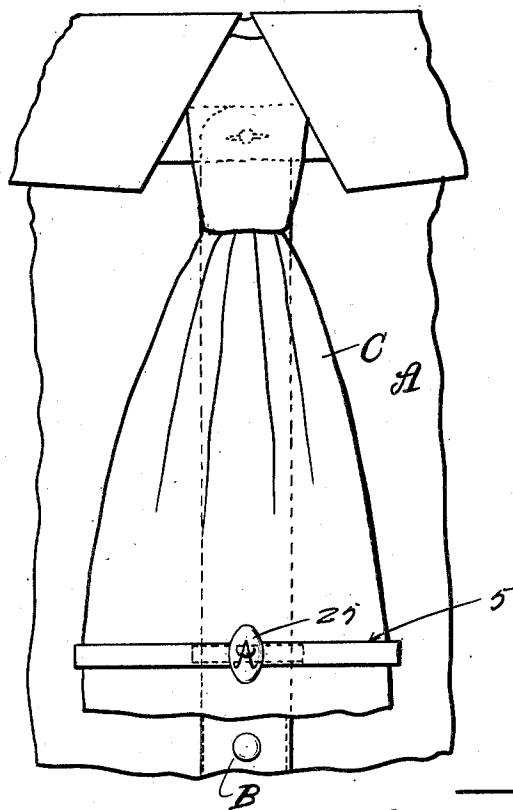


Fig. 2.

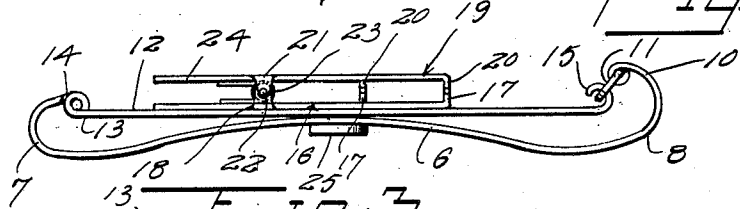
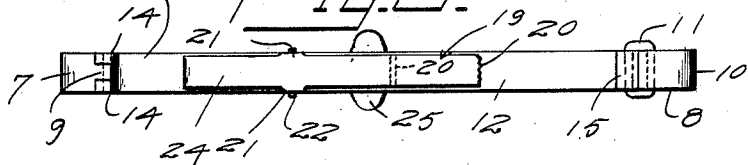


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT L. PRESLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Calvin, in the county of Hughes and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Clasps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to clasps, and particularly to a necktie clasp for holding neckties in the proper position.

An object of the invention is to provide a clasp of this character which prevents bunching of the necktie and holds the same in a fixed position.

Another object is to provide a clasp of this character all of the connecting or pivoted parts of which are concealed beneath the tie so that the clasp is ornamental as well as useful.

Another object is to provide a clasp of this character wherein a clamping member is used, said clamping member extending over the front portion of the tie and is bowed or sprung to force the intermediate portion of the tie outwardly toward the sides so as to hold the tie, and prevent it from bulging in the middle.

Another object is to provide a clasp of this character including a clamping member and a connecting bar for properly holding the tie, and additional securing means carried by the connecting bar for holding the clamp to the shirt without interfering with the holding operation of the clamp.

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

Figure 1 is a vertical elevation of a clasp applied to a necktie,

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the clasp,

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the clasp.

Referring to drawings, A designates a shirt front including the usual button hole strip B, and C a necktie of the broad style.

50 In order to hold the necktie C smooth upon the front of the shirt and also prevent bulging, a clamp 5 is provided and comprises a resilient body member 6 which gradually tapers from its intermediate portions to its ends 7 and 8. These ends, are
55 curved back upon the body member 6 so

as to render the holding mechanism invisible. The extremity of the end 7 is curled upon said end to prevent a knuckle 9, while the extremity of the end 8 is curled upon itself to provide a socket 10 in which a holding ring 11 is pivoted for oscillating movement. It will be noted that the intermediate portion of the body member 6 is bowed inwardly so that it will engage the intermediate portion of the tie to prevent bulging thereof.

The other part of the clamp mechanism consists of a connecting bar 12, which is preferably straight and has the extremity of its end 13 formed into knuckles 14, the knuckles 14 being engaged with the knuckle 9 and a pintle passed through the registering knuckles to pivotally connect the bar to the body member 6. The other end 14 of the connecting bar 12 is extended back upon said bar and formed into a hook 15 adapted to detachably engage the ring 11. An important feature of this portion of the clasp, is that in view of the fact that the intermediate portion of the member 6 is bowed inwardly, there is always a tendency for said bowed portion to engage the intermediate portion of the tie. When the ends 7 and 8 are connected through the medium of the connecting bar 12, the pressure of the intermediate portion of the body member 6 is slightly decreased so that there is a tendency to slightly straighten the body member 6, which causes a greater portion of the body member to engage the tie without forcing the edges of the tie inwardly. In view of this there are no folds in the wide portion of the tie between the clamp so that it is maintained smooth and neat on the front of the shirt.

In order to prevent the tie from moving to the side, a novel clasp mechanism is carried by the bar 12 and comprises a jaw member 16 having jaw teeth 17 and fulcrum ears 18. The jaw 16 may be either formed integral with or secured to the intermediate portion of the bar. A second jaw 19 is provided, and includes jaw teeth 20 which coact with the jaw teeth 17. The jaw 19 is also provided with a pair of ears 21 adapted to engage the fulcrum ears 18 of the jaw 16. A pintle 22 is passed through the registering ears 18 and 21 and serves to pivotally connect the jaw 19 to the jaw 16. A spring 23 is disposed around the pintle 22 and holds the movable jaw 19 in engagement

with the jaw 16. The end 24 of the jaw 19 serves as a finger piece, to separate the jaws for locking the jaw 19 on the pintle 23.

In use, the body member 6 is passed over the front portion of the tie, while the connecting bar 12 is passed through the rear portion of the tie. The hook 15 is then engaged with the ring 11 so as to position the tie between the body member and the connecting bar. As previously stated, the connecting bar 12 has a tendency to draw the ends 7 and 8 slightly toward each other so as to decrease the spring or bowed intermediate portion of the body member 6. This removes the wrinkles and creases from the tie and permits the same to extend its entire width across the front of the shirt.

In order to hold the tie in this position, the finger piece 24 of the jaw 19 is depressed so as to permit the jaws 16 and 19 to engage the button hole strip B of the shirt. The tie is thereby held in the proper position, is neat in appearance and will not ride up or bulge regardless of the movements of the body of the wearer.

To render the device ornamental as well as useful an emblem or initial plate 25 is carried by the intermediate portion of the body member 6.

From the foregoing it will be readily seen that this novel tie clasp properly holds the tie without creasing, or mutilating the same in any way as there are no sharp projections to penetrate the tie. Furthermore, it does not engage the edges of the tie so that the tie assumes a natural position. In

addition to these features, the device can be made attractive by plating or otherwise forming the body member 6 of precious metal and engraving the initials of the wearer on the body member or using the plate 25 on which may be engraved initials, emblems. It can also be used as a mounting for precious stones.

What is claimed is:

1. A necktie clasp comprising a resilient body member having its intermediate portion bowed, one end portion of said member being provided with a holding member, a connecting bar connected to the other end portion of the body member, a hook formed on the other end of the connecting bar and adapted to engage said holding member, and a spring pressed clasp secured to the intermediate portion of said bar remote from the body member.

2. A necktie clasp comprising a resilient body member having its ends bowed outwardly and then extended toward each other, the intermediate portion of said body member being bowed in the opposite direction to that of the bowed ends, a connecting bar connecting the ends of said body member, the intermediate bowed portion being disposed closely adjacent the intermediate portion of one face of the connecting bar, and holding means carried by the opposite face of the connecting bar.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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