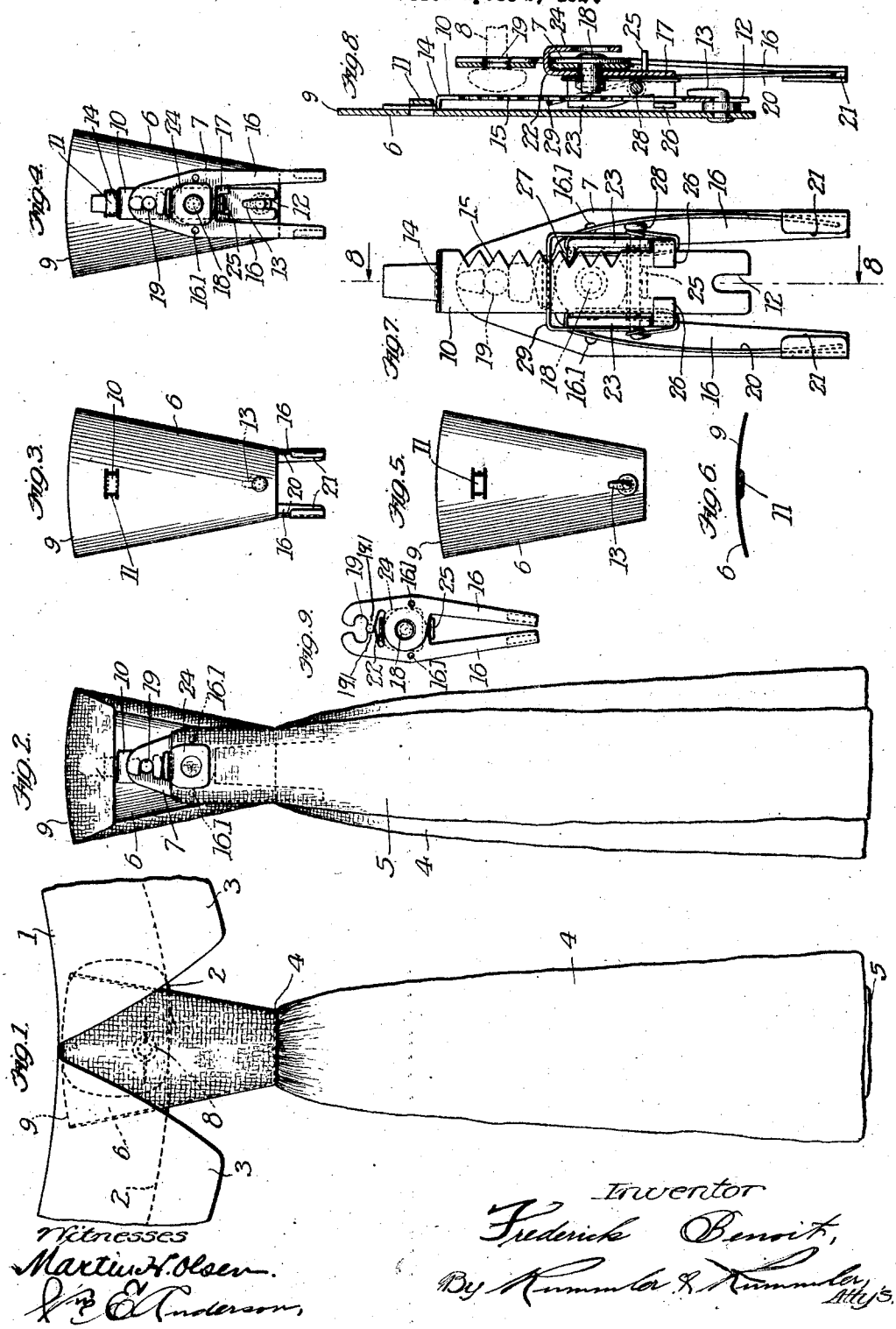
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK BENOIT, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Oak Park, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Necktie Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The main objects of this invention are to provide a neck tie form or holder having an improved construction and arrangement of parts on which a ready-made neck tie may be permanently mounted for use with a turn-down collar; to provide a neck tie holder having an improved form of clip for attachment to the collar button; and to provide improved means for adjusting the clip relative to the other part of the holder to accommodate the holder to collars of various heights and styles.

An illustrative embodiment of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary front elevation of a collar to which is applied a neck tie represented in four-in-hand style and mounted on the improved holder.

Fig. 2 is a rear view in elevation of the tie and holder, part of the holder being shown in dotted outline.

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the holder.

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the same.

Fig. 5 is a rear elevation of the supporting plate.

Fig. 6 is a top plan of the same.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged front view in elevation of the clip and adjusting means.

Fig. 8 is an enlarged central section of the complete holder, the collar button being shown in dotted outline.

Fig. 9 is a detail in elevation, showing the clip in its open position.

As herein illustrated, the improved holder is shown in connection with a turn-down collar having the usual band or inner portion 2 and an outer or turned over portion 3. The device may be applied to ready made neck ties of any of the usual forms or styles. The tie shown in the drawing comprises two separate ribbons 4 and 5 which are formed and arranged to represent the four-in-hand style.

In the specific construction herein shown, the holder comprises a supporting member 6 adapted for insertion between the collar portions 2 and 3, and a clip member 7 adapted for attachment to a collar button 8 and being adjustably mounted on the supporting member 6 to accommodate the holder to collars of various heights. The member 6 is cemented or sewed to the inner face of the knotted portion 4 of the tie, and the clip 7 is similarly secured to the front face of the inner tie portion 5 so that the holder is invisible when in use. The edges of the tie portion 4 overlap the edges of the supporting member 6, as clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The supporting member 6 is in the form of a thin plate which is curved transversely to substantially conform to the curvature of the collar band. The upper edge 9 of the plate 6 is adapted to coact with the upper edge of the collar to secure the holder against sidewise tilting on the collar button 8 so as to hold the neck tie in an upright position. Detachably mounted on the rear face of the plate 6, is a rack bar 10 which slidably supports the clip 7. The upper end of the bar 10 projects through a loop 11 struck up from the plate 6, and the lower end thereof is slotted, as shown at 12, for engagement with a latch 13. The upper end of the rack bar is offset slightly, as shown at 14, so as to space the bar from the plate 6 to permit the sliding of the clip. Formed along one edge of the bar 10 is a rack 15.

As herein illustrated, the clip member 7 comprises a pair of tongs in the form of levers 16 pivotally mounted on the saddle 17 by means of a pin 18. The upper ends of the levers 16 are formed to provide jaws 19 adapted to grip the stem of the collar button 8 for attaching the holder to the button. Forward at the base of the jaws 19 is a pair of inwardly projecting, overlapping fingers 19.1 arranged to form an abutment which coacts with the stem of the collar attachment of the holder to the button by insuring a proper seating of the jaws 19 around the stem of the button. The lower ends of the levers 16 are normally urged outwardly for closing the jaws 19 by means of a spring wire 20, hereinafter more fully described. The lower ends of the levers 16 are curled to form pockets 21 for retaining the ends of the spring 20. The levers 16 are also provided with apertures 16.1 to permit the tie portion 5 to be sewed to the clip if desired.

As herein shown, the saddle 17 is substantially channel-shaped, having a base part 22 which supports the pivot pin 18 and a

pair of depending legs 23 which straddle the side edges of the rack bar 10. The upper end portion of the base part 22 of the saddle is bent to form a guard 24, which overlies the pivot pin 18 of lever arms 16 and which has a neck which serves as a stop for limiting the closing of the jaws 19. Struck out from the base part 22 is a lug 25, which is arranged to limit the inward movement of the lower ends of the lever arms 16, thereby limiting the amount of the opening of the jaws 19. Formed at one end of the legs 23 of the saddle is a pair of inwardly projecting lugs 26 which slidably embrace the inner face of the rack bar 10. Located at the opposite end of one of the legs 23 is an inwardly projecting shoulder forming a detent 27 arranged to coact with the rack 15 for securing the clip 7 against longitudinal shifting relative to the supporting plate 6 while the parts occupy their normal positions, as shown in Figs. 7 and 8. Extending transversely through the legs 23 and located between lugs 26 and detent 27, is a fulcrum pin 28 which engages the outer face of the rack bar 10 so as to permit the saddle and clip to be longitudinally tilted on the rack bar for shifting the detent 27 out of engagement with the rack 15, thereby permitting an adjustment of the clip 7 relative to the supporting plate 6.

The spring wire 20 is bent to provide a substantially U-shaped part 29, which is coiled around the ends of the pin 28 and which passes around the rack bar 10 adjacent the upper end of the saddle 17 so as to normally urge the saddle into position for holding the detent 27 in engagement with the rack 15. The ends of the spring wire 20 are coiled around the saddle legs 23, and the extremities thereof are seated in the pockets 21 of the lever arms 16 so as to normally urge the levers 16 into position to close the jaws 19.

In operation, the clip 7 is adjusted to the desired position relative to the edge 9 of the holder so that when the jaws 19 engage the collar button 8 the upper edge 9 will abut against the upper edge of the wearer's collar, as shown in Fig. 1. This distance between the button hole and the upper edge of the collar usually varies in different styles of collars, and it is therefore desirable to provide for an adjustment of the clip 7 relative to the supporting plate 6. In attaching the made-up tie to the collar or removing it therefrom the clip 7 is held between two fingers, and by a slight pressure on the lower ends of the lever arms 16 the jaws 19 are opened.

Although but one specific embodiment of this invention has been herein shown and described, it will be understood that numerous details of the construction shown may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit of this invention as defined by the following claims.

I claim:

1. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being shiftable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, and coacting shoulders on said members arranged to secure said members against relative longitudinal shifting while said members occupy their normal positions, said members being relatively tiltable out of said normal positions for disengaging said coacting shoulders to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

2. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being shiftable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, said members being normally disposed in definite spaced relation, and coacting shoulders on said members arranged to secure said members against relative longitudinal shifting while said members occupy their normal positions, said members being relatively tiltable out of said normal positions for disengaging said coacting shoulders to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

3. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being shiftable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, said members being normally disposed in parallel spaced relation, and coacting shoulders on said members arranged to secure said members against relative longitudinal shifting while said members occupy their normal positions, said members being relatively tiltable out of said normal positions for disengaging said coacting shoulders to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

4. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being shiftable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, a rack on one of said members, and a detent on the other of said members arranged to coact with said rack for securing said members against relative shifting, said members being relatively tiltable for disengaging said detent from said rack to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

5. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between

the folds of a turn-down collar, a rack on said supporting member disposed longitudinally thereof, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being slidably mounted on said rack so as to be adjustable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, and a detent on said clip arranged to coact with said rack for securing said members against relative longitudinal shifting, said clip being tiltable on said rack for disengaging said detent from said rack to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

6. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a rack on said supporting member disposed longitudinally thereof, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being slidably mounted on said rack so as to be adjustable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, said clip being normally disposed in substantially parallel spaced relation to said supporting member, and a detent on said clip arranged to coact with said rack for securing said members against relative longitudinal shifting while said members occupy their normal positions, said clip being tiltable out of its normal position for disengaging said detent from said rack to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

7. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a rack on said supporting member disposed longitudinally thereof, a saddle slidably mounted on said rack, a clip member mounted on said saddle and adapted for attachment to a collar button, and a detent on said saddle arranged to coact with said rack for securing said members against relative longitudinal shifting, said saddle being tiltable for disengaging said detent from said rack to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

8. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a rack detachably mounted on said supporting member and disposed longitudinally thereof, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being slidably mounted on said rack so as to be adjustable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, and a detent on said clip arranged to coact with said rack for securing said members against relative longitudinal shifting, said clip being tiltable on said rack for disengaging said detent from said rack to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

9. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a rack on said supporting member disposed longitudinally thereof, a clip member adapted for attachment to a collar button and being slidably mounted on said rack so as to be adjustable longitudinally with respect to said supporting member, a detent on said clip arranged to coact with said rack for securing said members against relative longitudinal shifting, and resilient means arranged to normally retain said detent in engagement with said rack, said clip being tiltable on said rack for disengaging said detent from said rack against the action of said resilient means to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said members.

10. A neck tie holder comprising a supporting member adapted for insertion between the folds of a turn-down collar, a rack on said supporting member disposed longitudinally thereof, a saddle slidably and tiltably mounted on said rack, a clip mounted on said saddle and comprising a pair of levers pivotally connected together and having jaws at one end thereof adapted to grip the stem of a collar button, a detent on said saddle arranged to coact with said rack for securing said members against relative longitudinal shifting, and resilient means arranged to normally retain said detent in engagement with said rack and to normally urge said levers into position to close said jaws, said levers being normally spaced apart at the other end thereof and being manually compressible for opening said jaws, said saddle and clip being tiltable on said rack for disengaging said detent from said rack to permit a relative longitudinal shifting of said clip and supporting member.

Signed at Chicago this 26 day of March, 1924.

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