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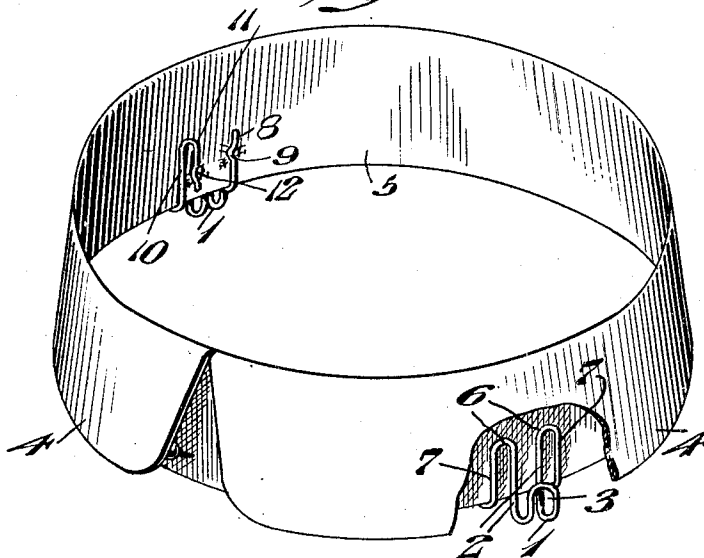
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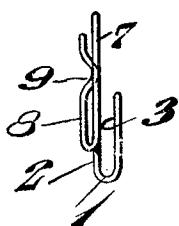
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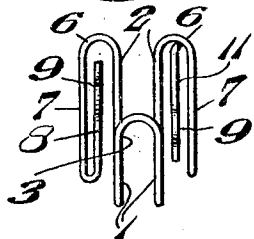
*Fig. 1.*



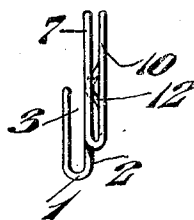
*Fig. 3.*



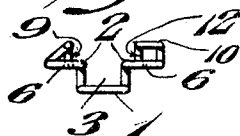
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## NECKTIE RETAINER.

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This invention, generally stated, relates to collars of the folded and turn-down type commercially known as soft or semisoft collars, and has more particular relation to a device for application to a soft or semisoft collar, for retaining therein the necktie in its proper position between the folds of said collar during the process of attaching the collar to the neck band of the shirt, and also for providing a free riding surface to permit the sliding of the tie between the standing and turndown portions of the collar.

The leading object of the present invention is to provide a device of the character stated possessed of simplicity, cheapness and efficiency which may be readily applied to a soft or semi-soft collar so as to be securely held on the collar after being attached thereto and to permit the free riding of the tie between the folds of the collar.

A further object of the present invention resides in the provision of means for attaining the results sought by the foregoing object.

A still further object of the present invention is to provide in a device of the character stated oppositely disposed prongs, provided with protuberances for impinging against the inner side of the inner fold or band of a folded, soft, or semi-soft collar which, due to the proper angle and relative position of the protuberances, will make an inward depression on the inner member of the collar and make it much less liable to be displaced or released accidentally.

The invention consists of the novel construction hereinafter described and finally claimed.

The nature, characteristic features and scope of the invention will be more fully understood from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1, is a view in perspective of the soft or semi-soft type of collar showing the application thereto of a pair of devices embodying the invention.

Fig. 2, is a view in elevation of the device.

Fig. 3, is a view in end elevation viewed from the left hand side of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4, is a similar view viewed from the right hand side of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 5, is a view in plan of Fig. 2.

For the purpose of illustrating my invention I have shown in the accompanying drawings one form thereof which is at present

preferred by me, since the same has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which my invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that my invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of the instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the device of the present invention is made or formed from a single piece of spring wire by suitable bending machinery forming no part of the present invention, and therefore has not been illustrated. In practice a piece of wire at its central portion is first bent in inverted U-shaped fashion as at 1 and then bent upwardly to form parallel bars 2. This formation of parts provides a tie receiving portion designated 3 in the drawings, whereby, when the device is properly positioned with respect to a collar a tie may be readily shifted or moved between the outer fold 4 and the inner fold 5 of a soft or semi-soft collar of the turn-down type, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1. That bar 7 at the left hand side of Fig. 2 is bent inwardly and upwardly as at 8 and is provided intermediate its height with a protuberance, humped portion or the like, designated 9. The bar 7 at the right hand side of Fig. 2 is bent upwardly as at 10 in parallelism with bar 7 and thereafter bent downwardly as at 11 in parallelism with bars 7 and 10 and is provided with a protuberance or humped portion 12 intermediate its length. These humped portions 9 and 12, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, impinge against the inner surface of the inner fold of a soft or semi-soft collar when the device of the invention is fitted thereto, and tend frictionally to clamp the inner fold 5 between said humped portions 12 and 9 and the juxtaposed opposite portions of the clip on the inside surface of the inner fold 5. The humped portions 9 and 12 may preferably be arranged at different levels, and it will further be apparent that by having the terminals of the humped portions 9 and 12 disposed in opposite directions, the attachment of the retainer to the inner fold 5 is facilitated, and the retainer can be more readily manufactured.

While the device has been described as being of wire, obviously the same may be stamped from a single piece of sheet metal. My novel device may also be made of gutta-

percha or of a celluloid coated metallic wire, as may be desirable.

It will now be apparent that I have devised a novel and useful construction in a necktie retainer which embodies the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description, and while I have in the present instance, shown and described a preferred embodiment thereof, which will give in practice satisfactory and reliable results, it is to be understood that such embodiment is susceptible of modification in various particulars without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A necktie retainer and guide formed of a continuous, resilient wire and comprising a single, front inverted U shaped member having the lower end of one of its vertical limbs deflected inwardly, thence upwardly, thence downwardly and thence upwardly and having an inner, upper, clamping terminal portion, the lower end of the other of said vertical limbs being deflected inwardly, thence upwardly, thence downwardly, thence upwardly and thence downwardly and hav-

ing an inner, lower, clamping terminal portion, said single front inverted U shaped member being adapted to be positioned between the folds of the collar and said upper and lower terminal clamping members being oppositely disposed and engaging the inner surface of the inner fold of the collar.

2. A necktie retainer and guide formed of a continuous, resilient wire and comprising a single, front inverted U shaped member having the lower end of one of its vertical limbs deflected inwardly, thence upwardly, thence downwardly and thence upwardly and having an inner, upper, clamping terminal portion, the lower end of the other of said vertical limbs being deflected inwardly, thence upwardly, thence downwardly, thence upwardly and thence downwardly and having an inner, upper, clamping terminal portion, said single front inverted U shaped member being adapted to be positioned between the folds of the collar and said upper and lower terminal clamping members being oppositely disposed and engaging the inner surface of the inner fold of the collar and said front, inverted U shaped member being of a lesser width than the space between said terminal members.

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