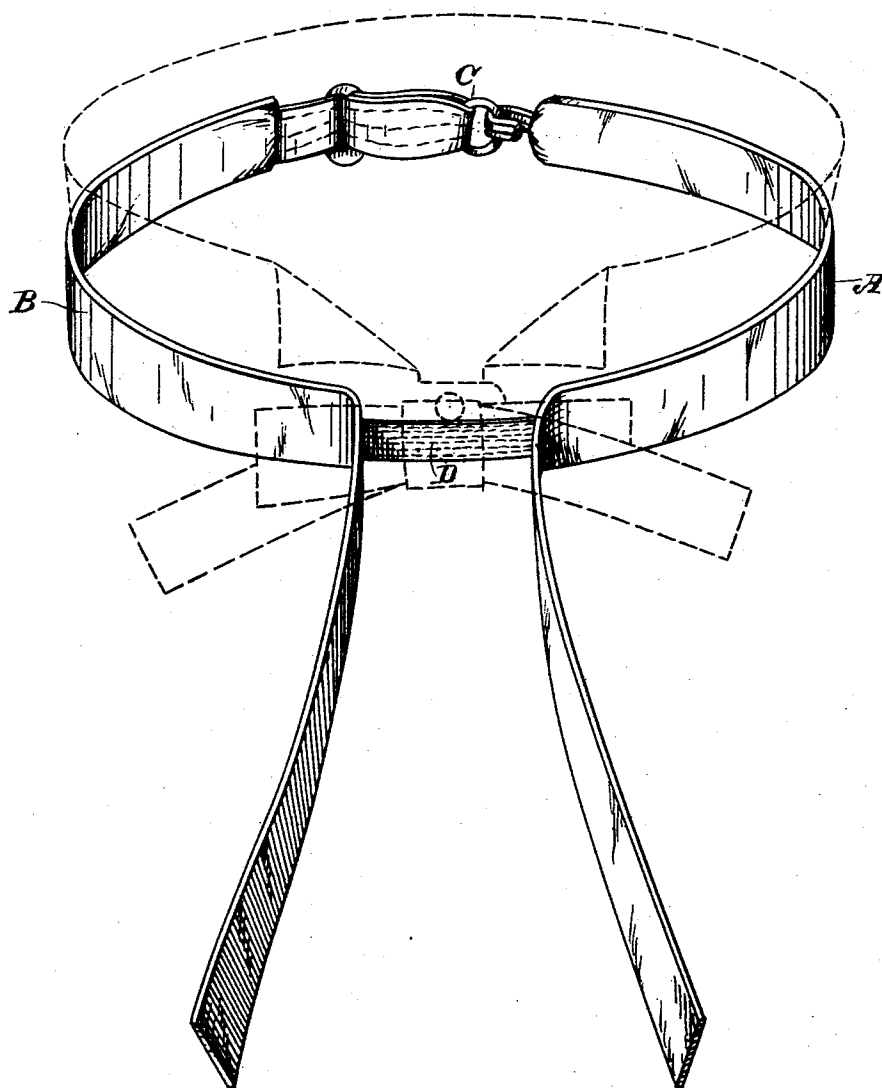


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. T. DAVIES, a citizen of England, residing in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Neckties; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to an improved article of neckwear specially designed for ladies' or gentlemen's use; and the invention consists in the improved necktie which I shall hereinafter describe and claim.

The figure is a view of the tie or scarf, the dotted lines showing its application.

In my invention I make the tie in two parts A and B. The rear part of the tie has a hook, buckle, or any suitable or desired form of fastening by which it can be connected together at the rear of the collar, as shown at C. This connection may be partly formed with an elastic or it may be rigid at this point.

Between the two parts A and B is fixed a connection D, which may be of any desired material, elastic or inelastic, and permanently fixed or detachable, as desired. This connection is fixed at such a point that it will bear firmly against the front portion of the collar when the rear portion has been united together, as previously described. If the rear portion be provided with the elastic, it is not indispensable to make the front connection also elastic, but if the rear portion is inelastic this front connection is preferably made elastic. This leaves the ends of the tie hanging freely, and a bow or any other suitable form of knot which is desired may be made and drawn up with any degree of tension or looseness to make a fine and perfectly-natural appearance. This is rendered possible because there is no strain brought upon the tie outside of the connecting-band D to retain it in place about the collar other than just sufficient to hold it when tied well up to position at collar-front. This front connection will also readily lend itself as a device to prevent the tie from slipping up, as the edge of it when drawn taut will pass beneath the collar-button and thus hold the parts down in place. If made elastic, it fits closely to the curvature of the collar, and it will be found impossible for it to slip out of place after once being attached, thus keeping the whole neckband snugly covering the space between base of collar and shirt.

In the use of neckties and scarfs it is customary either to wear a tie or scarf already made up, which is fastened around the neck in various ways, or for those who do not care to wear a permanent manufactured tie to place the tie or scarf around the neck and then make up the bow or tie each time. In the former case the patched and stitched-up shape has an immovable and unmistakably artificial appearance unpleasing to some persons of taste, with the further disadvantage of being difficult to take apart and restitch into proper shape (especially with white or washable ties) for renovating purposes. In the second case again there is difficulty in making up the tie so as to present a fine appearance, because in order to keep it in place it is necessary to draw it too tightly or to make use of extraneous aids, such as pins and other time-wasting methods, to prevent its slipping down and exposing the front fastening of the collar.

By my method, above described, scarfs and ties may thus be sold ready tied by hand of an expert to suit individual taste of purchaser, or the latter may similarly tie the same around his own neck after purchase, the knot or bow in either case remaining in its desired shape by merely unfastening the neckband at back when desirous of putting on or taking off. The absence of stitching or other artificial make-up renders the tie easy of treatment for washing or other renovating purposes by merely loosening the tied knot and subsequently retying the same.

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

A necktie comprising a center piece and two side pieces secured thereto, said side pieces extending rearwardly from the center piece to form the neckband and also extending forwardly from the said piece to form the tying portion of the tie, and a separable attaching means for connecting the free ends of the rear extensions.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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