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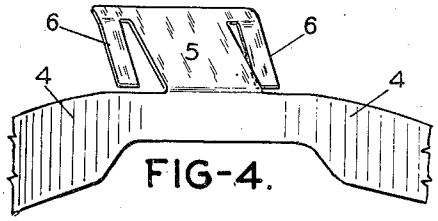


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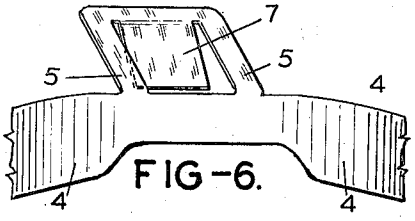


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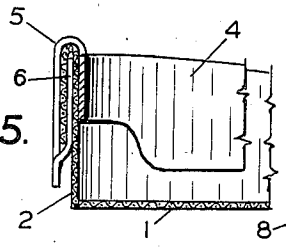


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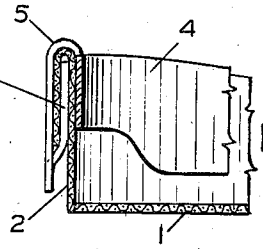


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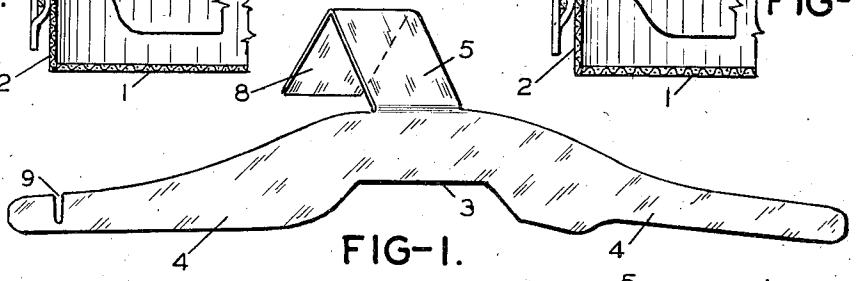


FIG-1.

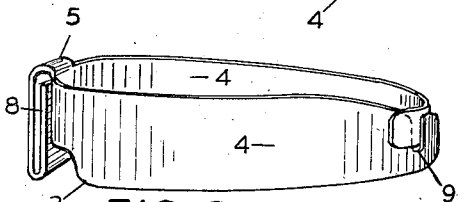


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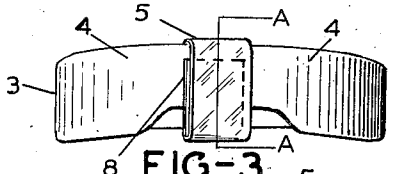


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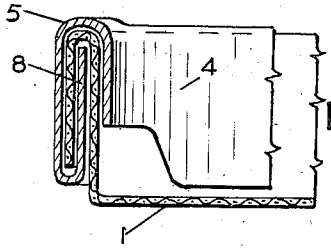


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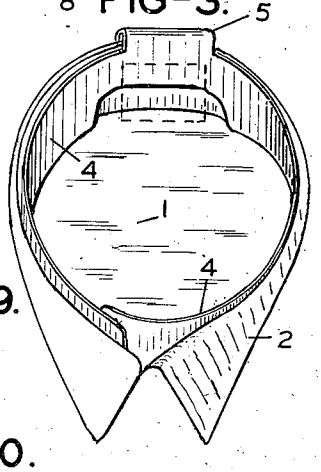


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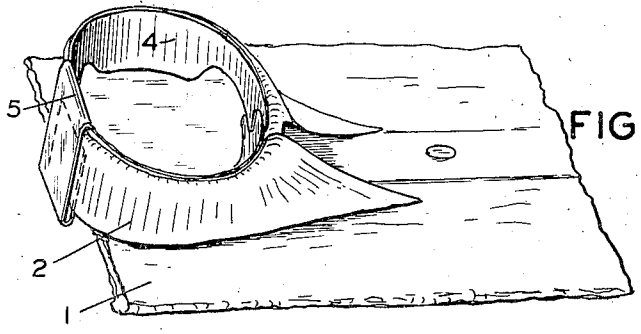


FIG-10.

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My invention relates to new and useful improvements in shirt collar protectors and has for its object to protect the entire collar attached to a shirt from being wrinkled, creased or otherwise collapsed, during the merchandising of the shirt to which it may be attached, and during its handling after the shirt has been laundered.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention consists in the novel features hereinafter set forth in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawing in which numerals of like character designate similar parts throughout the several views.

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of the protector with its collar band portion extended and the securing flap thereof partially bent in the direction taken when it is applied to the collar to secure the protector thereto.

Fig. 2 is a view in side perspective showing the collar band portion looped in the position taken when in place within the collar, and also showing the position taken by the flap when attached to the collar.

Fig. 3 is a view in rear elevation of the same.

Figs. 4, 5, 6 and 7 are partial views of modified forms of the flap above mentioned, with Fig. 4 showing a flap with flukes thereon with which to anchor the protector to the collar, Fig. 5 showing a cross section of such an anchorage to a collar, Fig. 6 showing a flap with catch thereon with which to fasten the protector to the collar, and Fig. 7 a cross section of such a fastening to a collar.

Fig. 8 is a view in cross section on line A—A of Fig. 3.

Fig. 9 is a view in front perspective of the protector shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, in place in a collar presumably on a shirt.

Fig. 10 is a view in side perspective of the protector shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 in place in a collar on a shirt.

1 represents a shirt whereon a collar 2 is permanently attached. 3 represents generally the collar protector, with 4 the collar band portion of the protector, and 5 the flap portion thereof.

In Figs. 4 and 5 the flap 5 has thereon a tongue portion in the form of flukes 6 adapted to be inserted between the folds of the collar as shown in Fig. 5 and which secures the protector to the collar, while in Figs. 6 and 7 the flap has thereon a tongue portion in the form of a catch 7 which answers the same purpose as shown in Fig. 7. The flap 5 of the protector shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, has thereon a tongue portion in the form of an extended end portion 8 adapted to be looped within the folds of said collar as shown in Fig. 8. The various means for anchoring the protector to the collar each have distinctive merit in that one user might prefer to throw the flukes or the catch into the collar and then to bring the collar band portion into position within the collar, while another user might prefer to slip the flap end under the collar and then flip the collar band portion into position.

The collar band portion of the protector 3 extends in a strip on either side of the middle thereof whereat the flap is located, and preferably the strip on one side has therein near its end a notch or slit 9 adapted to receive the opposite part of the strip which, when the collar band portion of the protector is placed in the collar, may be slipped into slot 9 to lock the strip into place in the collar as shown in Figs. 2, 9 and 10. The opposite part of the strip aforesaid may be made a little narrower than the end of the strip bearing notch 9 as shown in Fig. 1, so as to bring the upper edge into conformity as shown in Figs. 9 and 10.

In use, after the shirt has been folded in the customary manner, the protector is then placed in position in and about the collar of the shirt by slipping the tongue portion of flap 5 under the collar at the rear thereof, bringing the flap over the collar, placing the collar band portion of the protector about the inner face of the collar, and locking the ends of the collar band portion together by placing one end thereof within the slot located in the other end thereof.

Having thus fully disclosed my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a shirt collar protector for a collar of the kind attached to a shirt, a collar band portion adapted to fit about the inner periphery of the shirt collar, a flap projection on said collar band portion, a bend in said flap projection adjacent to said collar band portion, said flap projection having a tongue portion, the free end of which extends toward said bend, the base of said tongue portion being spaced from said bend to embrace the fold over portion of a collar.

2. In a shirt collar protector as claimed in claim 1, and with said tongue portion of said flap projection comprising a continuation of said flap projection.

3. In a shirt collar protector as claimed in claim 1, and with said tongue portion of said flap projection comprising a catch provided by a cut in said tongue portion.

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