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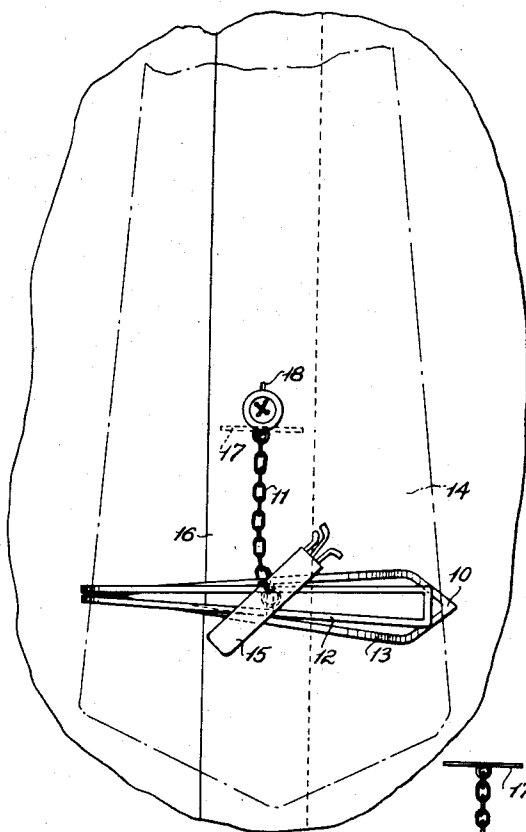


Fig. 1

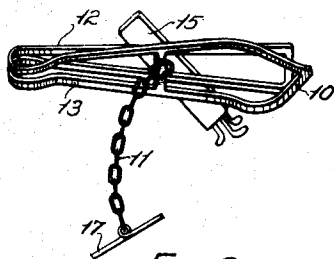


Fig. 2

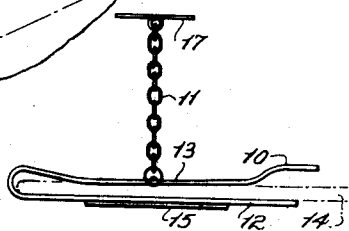


Fig. 3

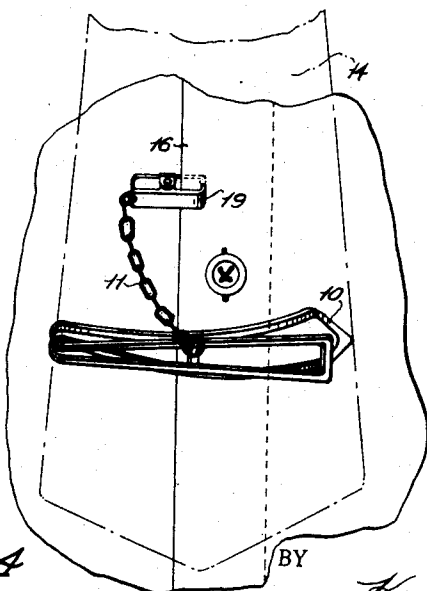


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to necktie holders, and more particularly to a holder of the type adapted to be worn as an article of jewelry and which affords limited freedom of movement for the tie.

5 I am aware that various kinds of tie holders have been proposed heretofore, some of which have been in the form of a clasp which connects the tie directly to the shirt front, and others have been in the form of a flexible chain or cord which  
10 is connected to the shirt front and loosely encircles the tie. I have found both such forms of tie holders to possess disadvantages, the first having the disadvantage that it does not afford freedom of movement for the tie, and is there-  
15 fore uncomfortable to the wearer. The second form, while affording freedom of movement for the tie, has the disadvantage that the flexible loop or strand which encircles the tie is not readily adapted to support an insignia or other  
20 ornamentation or device. Tie holders of these two types are further subject to the disadvantage that they become easily detached from the shirt front and are thus likely to be lost or stolen. My improved tie holder, as hereinafter described in  
25 detail, is practical and of simple and attractive form, and overcomes the disadvantages above mentioned.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide an improved tie holder having a clip  
30 part which grips the tie and is self-supporting thereon, and also having means for connecting the clasp with the shirt front to afford the tie limited freedom of movement.

Another object of the invention is to provide a  
35 tie holder, of the type referred to, wherein the clip comprises relatively rigid front and back bars which extend transversely of the tie and grip the same such that an ornament or insignia carried by the front bar will always be retained  
40 in a desired position relative to the tie, the holder also including a chain or the like which connects the rear bar with the shirt front and affords the tie limited freedom of movement in all directions.

45 Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description when taken in conjunction with the accompanying sheet of drawings, wherein

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view showing my  
50 improved tie holder substantially as it would appear when applied to a necktie and shirt front.

Fig. 2 is a perspective rear view of the holder detached from the tie.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the holder showing  
55 how the tie is gripped by the clip part, and

Fig. 4 is a front view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the holder as being provided with other means for connection with the shirt front.

In the accompanying drawing to which more  
5 detailed reference will now be made, I have shown only certain specific forms or embodiments of my invention, but it will be understood of course that these are by way of example only, and that the invention may be embodied in  
10 various other constructions and arrangements.

My improved tie holder as shown in Figs. 1 to  
3 of the drawing comprises a clip part 10, and means such as the chain 11 or the like for connecting the clip with the shirt front. The clip  
15 part may be of any desired form or construction such that it will grip the tie and be self-supporting thereon. In this instance I show the clip in the form of a spring device having front and rear bars 12 and 13 which grip the tie 14 there-  
20 between. The front and rear bars of the clip are preferably of substantial length so as to extend transversely across the tie. In this instance the bars are connected together adjacent one end thereof but at the other end are left un-  
25 connected to provide an entrance for the tie. The bars 12 and 13 normally spring toward each other so that the tie will be gripped therebetween, as shown in Fig. 3, and the clip will be self-sup-  
30 porting on the tie at the position desired thereon by the wearer.

In providing a clip part of the above men-  
35 tioned form having a front bar 12, which is relatively stiff or rigid as distinguished from a flexible chain or the like, I find that the bar affords a convenient mount for ornamentation. The  
40 ornamentation may assume various forms, for example, it may consist in a pattern or design formed on the bar itself, or in precious stones or jewels mounted directly on the bar or asso-  
45 ciated with an emblem or insignia which is in turn mounted on the bar. If desired, the ornamentation may be in the form of a device or an insignia which is attached to the bar such as the representation of a golf bag 15, shown in  
50 Fig. 1.

For connecting the clip part with the shirt  
55 front 16, I provide the chain 11 which has one end thereof connected to the rear bar 13, preferably at a point approximately midway between the ends of this bar, and the other end connected with the shirt front. Such other end of the chain may be connected with the shirt front in various ways, for example as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, it may be provided with a bar 17 which is adapted to be inserted through the buttonhole

18. The connection between the chain and the shirt front may be made in various other ways, for example, by providing the outer end of the chain with a pinch-grip device such as the spring clip 19 shown in Fig. 4.

5 From the foregoing description and the accompanying drawing it will now be readily seen that I have provided an improved tie holder which affords the tie limited relative movement  
10 for the comfort and convenience of the wearer, but prevents the tie from being flapped about by gusts of wind. It will also be understood from the drawing and foregoing description that I have provided an improved tie holder having a clip  
15 part which grips the tie and is self-supporting thereon such that a desired ornament or insignia carried by the clip will always be retained in a desired relative position on the tie. It will be seen, furthermore, that the means connecting  
20 the clip part of the holder with the shirt front serves, not only to afford limited freedom of movement for the tie, but also as a safety device which prevents the clip from being lost or stolen.

While I have illustrated and described my improved tie holder in a somewhat detailed manner, it will be understood of course that I do not wish to be limited to the particular forms of device herein disclosed, but regard my invention as including such changes and modifications as do  
30 not involve departure from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A necktie holder comprising a clip having front and back bar portions of substantial length  
35 to extend substantially entirely across the tie and having resilient means connecting said bar portions and urging them toward each other whereby they are adapted to grip the tie therebetween to render the clip self-supporting on the tie, and  
40 a flexible member affording limited freedom of movement between the clip and shirt-front, one

end of the flexible member being connected to the rear bar of the clip and the other end of the flexible member having means thereon for detachable connection with the shirt-front, said flexible member extending from said back bar  
5 portion rearwardly toward the shirt-front such that the flexible member is concealed by the tie when the holder is in use.

2. A necktie holder comprising a clip having a relatively rigid front bar of substantial length  
10 and adapted to support ornamentation and a relatively rigid rear bar of substantial length, resilient means connecting said bars adjacent one end thereof and acting thereon to urge the bars toward each other whereby the tie may be  
15 inserted between the bars from the opposite end thereof and may be gripped along a transversely extending section between the bars to render the clip self-supporting thereon, and a chain affording  
20 limited freedom of movement between the clip and shirt-front, one end of the chain having connection with the rear bar at an intermediate point thereof and the other end of the chain being provided with means for detachable connection with the shirt-front.  
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3. A necktie holder comprising a bar clip having relatively long front and rear arms adapted to extend substantially entirely across the tie and connected with each other at one end by resilient  
30 means which is an integral extension of the arms themselves and acts thereon to urge them toward each other to grip the tie therebetween, and a chain affording limited freedom of movement between the clip and shirt-front, one end of the chain being connected with the rear arm approximately  
35 midway between the ends thereof and the other end of the chain having an anchoring device for detachable connection with the shirt-front.

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