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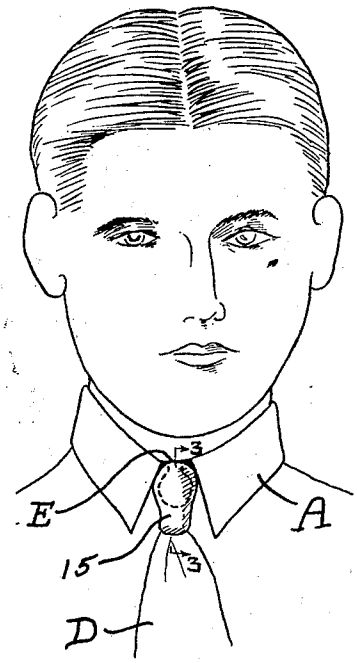


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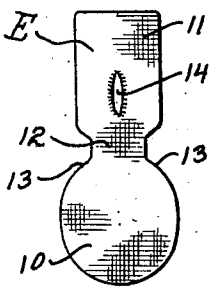


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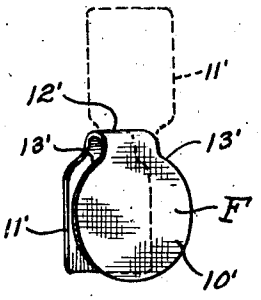


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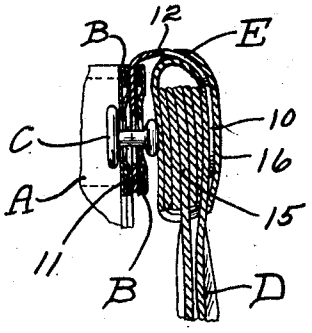


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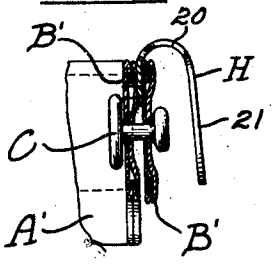
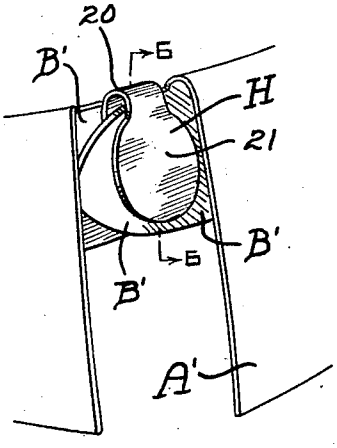


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The present invention relates to improvements in neck tie knot supports or holders for use in connection with scarfs or neck ties of the four-in-hand type.

With scarfs and neck ties of the four-in-hand type, it quite frequently happens that the knot shifts or slips up or down out of proper position on the shirt collar soon after the tie has been placed in position and tied in place, and thus rendering the general appearance of the neck tie unsightly. This slipping or shifting of the knot is especially noticeable when the tie is being used upon a soft or semi-soft collar, and in order to prevent the knot from slipping, the knot is ordinarily drawn up tight about the collar. This contracting of the tie about the wearer's neck becomes most uncomfortable, and is quite often ineffective in serving to retain the knot in proper position, aside from being injurious to the fabric of the necktie.

It is therefore a primary object of the present invention to provide a novel and improved device for holding the knot of a scarf or neck tie in proper position upon the collar without resorting to the aforementioned methods employed in an endeavor to retain the knot in a proper and neat appearing relation upon the collar.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved neck tie knot support or holder affording a simple, effective, and comfortable means for holding the knot of the tie in proper shape and securely in proper place against the shirt collar.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved device of the class described which aside from serving to hold the neck tie knot against displacement, also provides a form for holding the shape of the knot, and which device will be practically concealed when associated with the knot.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved neck tie knot support or holder which is of extremely simple construction, and which device may be readily associated with various types of collars either as an integral part thereof or of a nature to be detachably associated with the collars.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which drawing:

Figure 1 is a view illustrating the application of the improved support or holder.

Figure 2 is a plan view of one form of the improved support adapted to be detachably associated with a collar.

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary section on line 3—3 of Figure 1 and illustrating the application of the form of support as illustrated in Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a plan view of a slightly modified form of support to be slipped over the upper edge of a collar.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view showing a further form of the support as forming an integral part of the collar construction.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary section on line 6—6 of Figure 5.

Referring to the drawing in detail, and wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter A designates a conventional type of collar provided with the usual overlapping flaps B which are apertured for receiving the usual collar button C whereby the collar is retained in position about the wearer's neck, and D a scarf or neck tie of the four-in-hand type adapted to be associated in the usual manner with the collar A. The letters E, F and H may designate respectively slightly modified forms of the improved support or holder adapted for retaining the tie D against displacement or relative shifting with respect to the collar A.

Referring particularly to the form of support E as illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3, and which is adapted to be detachably associated with the collar A when serving as a supoprt for the tie D, this suport is of sheet like formation and is preferably constructed of a material such as heavy fabric, celluloid, or any suitably stiff, pliant material, or if desired, or a combination of any of the aforementioned materials. The support E consists of a flat, elongated sheet like body formed at one end with a substantially oval shape tab 10 and at its opposite end with a substantially rectangular shaped stem or attaching portion 11, the terminal portions 10 and 11 being connected by a reduced neck portion 12. This reduced neck portion 12 forms substantially shoulder like projections 13 at the inner end of the

oval shaped tab 10, facing in a general direction toward the stem portion 11. Provided in the stem or attaching portion 11 is a suitable aperture 14 through which the button C is intended to project for detachable connection of the support to the collar A.

As in practice, and when tying scarfs or neck ties of the four-in-hand type for formation of the usual knot 15, one or more wraps of the material are carried transversely of the knot at the outer side thereof as at 16, and which transverse portions of the material serve as a facing for the knot, and provide open ways at the upper and lower edges of the transversely extending facing.

By observing Figure 3 it will be seen that the stem portion 11 extends downwardly between the collar flaps B and that the button C for attaching the terminal portions of the collar extends through the aperture 14 of the stem 11 in a manner for preventing shifting or withdrawal of the support after the button C has been passed through the aperture 14. After the flexible support E has been secured in proper relation to the collar A with the oval shaped tab projecting above the upper edges of the flaps B, the tie D may be partially knotted, and before drawing the knot into proper formation, the oval shaped tab 10 is inserted behind the transversely extending facing 16 from the open way formed at the upper edge thereof, and after which the knot is drawn firmly about the tab in such manner that the tab is firmly held in place and in coupled relation with the knot. As the knot 15 is drawn up into proper relation with the collar A, the oval tab is more firmly gripped by the facing 16 and the upper edge of the facing is drawn into the reduced neck portion 12 in a manner whereby shoulders 13 will act in a manner for preventing the knot from slipping downwardly.

Thus it will be seen that when the stem 11 is connected as by means of the button C between the collar flaps B, and the oval tab 10 gripped by tightening of the tie knot 15, that the knot is efficiently held against displacement with respect to the collar.

By so providing the reduced neck portion 12 between the terminal portions 10 and 11, such neck portion permits of the support to be readily looped into inverted U-shaped formation when applying the support, and this reduced neck portion also reduces the amount of material looped over the upper edge of the collar to be concealed by the upper edge of the transverse facing 16. It will also be observed that by so having the support E formed of suitably stiff pliant material, that the oval shaped tab 10 aside from retaining the knot in place, will also serve as a form for retaining the knot in a neat appearing condition.

Referring now to the form of support or holder as illustrated in Figure 4, the same is of substantially like construction as that of the form of support E except for the provision of the aperture 14, and embodies a substantially oval shaped tab portion 10′, a stem portion 11′, and a reduced neck portion 12′ connecting the terminal portions 10′ and 11′ and providing arcuate shaped shoulders 13′ at the inner end of the oval shaped tab. With this form of application of the improved support for use as a means for holding the knot in place upon the collar, the support is looped at the reduced neck portion 12′ into substantially inverted U formation and slipped downwardly over the upper edges of the overlying flaps of the collar with the oval shaped tab portion 10′ entering the knot, and with the depending stem portion 11′ extending between the innermost flap next to the neck of the wearer. With this application of the support it will be seen that by so having the support looped across the upper edge of the overlying flaps, that the knot 15 will be prevented from sliding downwardly. It is believed that it will be well understood the manner in which the support may be used merely as a device to be slipped downwardly over the upper edge of the collar, by observing the substantially inverted U-shaped formation of the form of support as illustrated in Figure 3.

With reference now to the form of support H as illustrated in Figures 5 and 6, and which form of support is intended to be secured to and form an integral part of the collar construction as designated at A′, the same includes an extension or attaching portion 20 which is intended to be secured at its terminal portion to the upper portion of the inner flap B′ as by means of suitable stitching; and carried by the extension 20 is a substantially oval shaped tab 21 which when the support is secured to the collar projects upwardly from the top edge thereof. While the form of the support H may be formed of any preferred material, it will be found desirable to form the support of a material similar to that of which the collar is made, and if so formed of the same material as that of the collar, the support may be starched and ironed along with the collar for rendering the support suitably stiff for the purpose intended.

It will of course be understood that either of the forms E, F or H may be used with any type of shirt collar, regardless as to the particular nature or material of which the collar is formed, or whether the collar be attached to, or separate from the shirt. In all three forms of the invention it will be seen that the substantially oval shaped tab is provided for insertion into the knot in a

manner to prevent displacement of the knot after once being properly associated with the collar.

A further application of the device will be found in using the support to hold neck ties in their proper place when being displayed in connection with collars in show windows or the like, and wherein in most instances the display forms will not permit of the tie to be drawn tightly about the shirt collar with which it is being displayed.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that a novel and improved device for holding the knot of a neck tie in adjusted relation upon a collar has been provided, and which device will not detract from the general appearance of the knot nor render wearing of the device uncomfortable owing to the relatively flat construction of the support.

Changes in detail may be made to the specific forms of the invention herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the following claims.

We claim:

1. As an article of manufacture, a support for retaining the knot of a neck tie against displacement upon a collar, consisting of an elongated, substantially flat pliant strip having a reduced medial portion defining terminal tab and stem portions at opposite ends of the strip, and shoulders at the inner portion of the tab facing in the general direction toward said stem portion.

2. As an article of manufacture, a support for retaining the knot of a neck tie against displacement upon a collar, consisting of a substantially flat pliant strip looped intermediate its ends into substantially inverted U formation for providing tab and stem portions disposed in spaced confronting relation and connected at their upper portions by a reduced neck portion upon which the strip is looped.

3. As an article of manufacture, a support for retaining the knot of a neck tie against displacement upon a collar, consisting of an elongated, substantially flat pliant strip of material having an oval shaped tab formed at one end for removable insertion into the knot from the upper portion thereof, and provided at its opposite end with a stem portion, for detachable connection with the collar at the connecting flaps thereof.

4. As an article of manufacture, a support for retaining the knot of a neck tie against displacement upon a collar, consisting of an elongated, substantially flat pliant strip including terminally formed tab and stem portions connected by a reduced medial neck portion upon which the strip may be looped for disposing the terminal tab and stem portions in spaced confronting relation, said stem portion being provided with an aperture thru which a collar button may extend for detachably associating the support with a collar.

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