

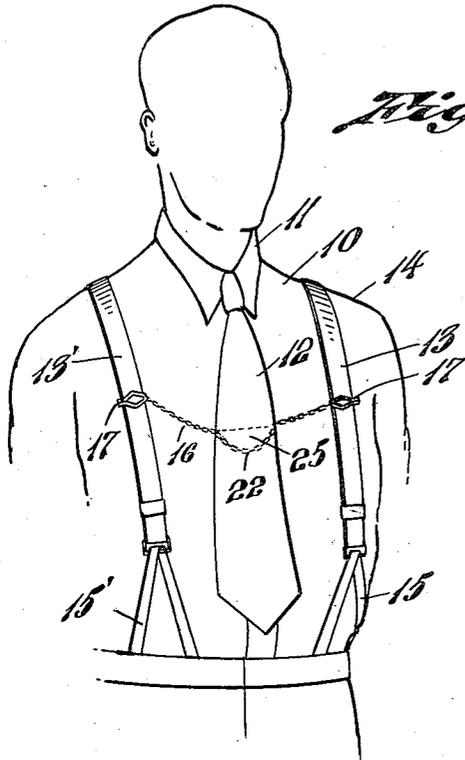
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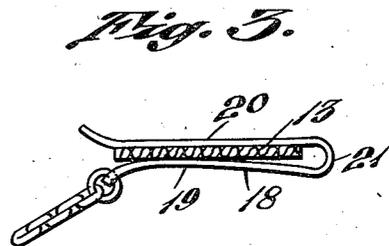
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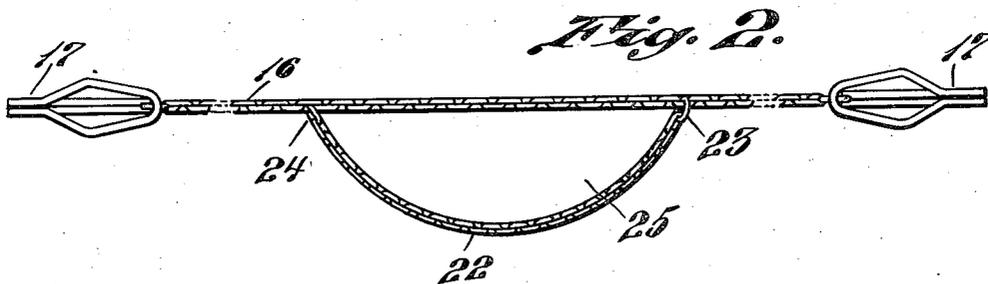
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## COMBINED BRACE SUPPORTER AND CRAVAT HOLDER

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This invention relates to a combined brace supporter and cravat holder and has for one of its objects to provide in a single device a means for preventing the shoulder straps or braces from slipping from the shoulders and also a means for restraining the cravat so as to prevent undue movement with reference to the shirt front.

Another object of the invention is to provide a flexible member for accomplishing these results which will be convenient and comfortable to wear and which will not unduly hamper or interfere with the movement to the body and yet will perform its desired functions.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device which will be extremely simple in its construction and one which will be easy and simple to attach in position to wear.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating my improved device in use;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device; and

Fig. 3 is a detailed sectional view illustrating one of the clip ends of the device in its position on one of the shoulder straps.

It frequently occurs that the shoulder straps of suspenders or braces will slip from the shoulders and slide along the shoulders to such an extent as to require frequent adjustment which is annoying to persons wearing the same. Also, persons wearing a cravat frequently find that the same flies about or becomes misadjusted to one side or the other from center and requires frequent readjustment; and in order to remedy both of these situations in a single unit, I have arranged for a flexible member to extend across the chest of the wearer and engage the shoulder straps of the suspenders or braces to prevent them from slipping over the shoulders while at the same time I have provided a means in substantially the center of the device for engaging and restraining the cravat in place; and the following is a more detailed description of the present embodiment of the invention, illustrating the preferred means by which these advantageous results may be accomplished:

With reference to the drawing, 10 designates the usual man's shirt with a collar 11 and cravat 12 positioned beneath the collar and extending over the front of the shirt 10, braces consisting of shoulder straps 13 and 13' extend over the shoulders 14 of the wearer and are attached to

the trousers by bridle members 15 and 15' in the front and are suitably connected in a usual manner to the trousers in the back.

In order to prevent these shoulder straps from slipping in opposite direction over the shoulders 14, I have provided a flexible member 16 consisting of a link chain and having attaching members 17 at the opposite ends thereof which, in the form here illustrated, are slide clips 18 bent to have jaws 19 and 20 which are resiliently urged toward each other by reason of the bend or bite portion 21 thereof. These hook-like clips 17 will slide over the shoulder straps 13-13' and maintain themselves in desired position or in a position of adjustment along the straps 13. The length of the flexible member or chain 16 is such that it will prevent the shoulder straps from sliding over the shoulders 14 unless detached which may be very simply accomplished.

In the center of the flexible member 16 there is a supplemental or auxiliary flexible member 22 which is attached as at 23 and 24 to the flexible member 16. The length of the member 22 is greater than the distance between the points of attachment 23 and 24 so that a loop or space 25 is provided for the reception of the cravat 12 in this loop or space 25. Thus, when the device is in working position the flexible member 16 will extend across the chest of the person wearing the same and its ends will be attached firmly to the shoulder straps 13-13' whereby the straps are prevented from slipping over the shoulders, while in the middle of the device, the loop 25 will receive and will restrain the tie from undue side-wise movement, and yet permit vertical movement due to bending forwardly or backwardly of the body which is a desirable function to be performed.

The device by reason of being supported by the suspenders is entirely independent of the shirt and centralizes the tie entirely independently of the shirt, it being heretofore usual to depend upon the centralization of the shirt to centralize the cravat, whereas in my arrangement the shirt may be disarranged and yet the cravat will remain in its desired position by reason of its being entirely independent of the shirt and guided only by the suspenders.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the privilege of resorting to all the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

- 1. In combination with articles of wearing apparel consisting of braces and a cravat, of a flexible member extending between said braces, means to attach the member to the braces, said member being provided with a supplemental flexible member having its ends attached to the main flexible member to provide a receiving space for the cravat.
- 2. In combination with articles of wearing apparel consisting of braces and a cravat, of a main flexible member extending between said braces, means to attach the member to the braces, said

member being provided with a supplemental flexible member having its ends attached to the main flexible member at points on the main flexible member a distance apart less than the length of the supplemental member to provide a receiving space for the cravat.

- 3. In combination with the articles of wearing apparel consisting of braces and a cravat, a loop to embrace said cravat and a flexible member comprising a functionally single strand extending directly from each brace to said loop and means to attach the member ends to said braces.

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