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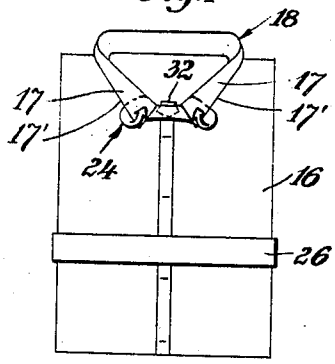


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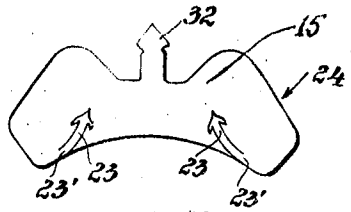


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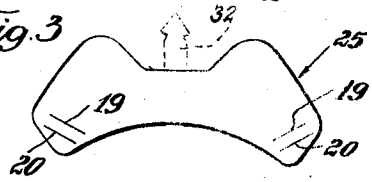


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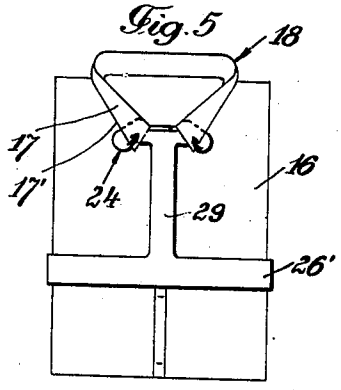


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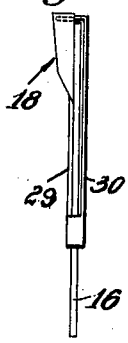


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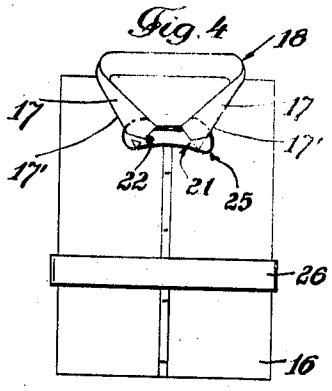


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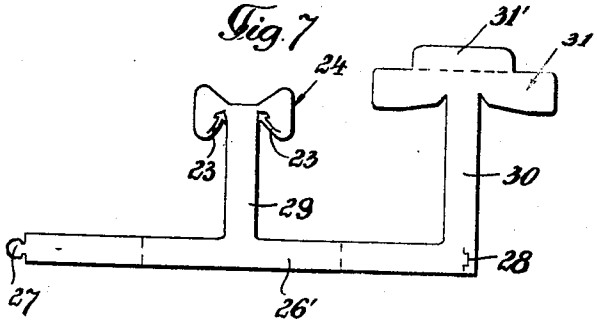
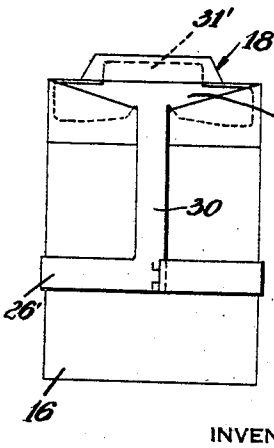


Fig. 8



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The present invention relates to holders for the collars of shirts.

An object of this invention is to provide a novel and improved holder for the collar of a laundered shirt, adapted to maintain the front portions of the collar in freshly ironed, unwrinkled condition until the shirt is to be worn.

Another object hereof, is to provide an article of the character mentioned, of novel and improved construction, which is adapted for securing the collar of a laundered shirt in buttoned position, without the necessity of buttoning the collar button, to permit the shirt to be easily folded, in which condition it remains until it is to be worn.

A further object of this invention is to provide a novel and improved article of the type set forth, which is easily mounted and removed, simple and cheap to manufacture, and which is efficient in carrying out the purposes for which it is designed.

Other objects will become apparent as this disclosure proceeds.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Fig. 1 shows an embodiment of the present invention as it appears mounted onto the front portions of the collar of a shirt, which garment was then folded after said collar-holder was mounted as stated.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the blank of the collar-holder included in Fig. 1, and in such blank condition, it is ready for use.

Fig. 3 shows another embodiment of the teachings of this invention.

Fig. 4 shows the article illustrated in Fig. 3, gripping the front portions of a collar in various ways.

Fig. 5 shows a further modification embodying the present invention designed for holding both the collar and the folded shirt as viewed from the front of the folded shirt when mounted thereon.

Fig. 6 is a side view of Fig. 5

Fig. 7 shows the blank of the holder used in Fig. 5.

Fig. 8 is a rear view of Fig. 5.

In the drawing, the blank body **15**, is adapted to be slid to lie tie-fashion on the front of the shirt **16**, and particularly overlapped by the front portions **17** of the collar **18**, but it is desired that said blank in turn while it is being so slid, shall be provided with means to frictionally engage the bottom edges **17'** of said front portions of the collar. For such purpose, a pair of slits **19** may be provided, to receive the front portions **17** therethrough, or else pairs of spaced slits **19** and **20** may be provided through which said front portions **17** may be laced. The first manner of mounting is illustrated at **21**, and the laced manner of mounting is shown at **22**. In both instances, the bottom edges **17'** of the front portions **17** of the collar **18**, are secured by and frictionally engaged by the blank body **15**. If desired, the slits may be along a substantially U-shaped path to form the tabs **23**, which may be given decorative form as for instance the arrow-form employed for these tabs. It is also desirable for effective gripping, that the hinge regions **23'** of the tabs **23**, shall be below their free ends, so that the bottom edges **17'** of the front portions of the collar shall lie at such hinge regions when the blank body **15** is mounted onto the collar. Making the tab bodies ring-segment-shaped, will also aid their grip hold.

In use, the neckband ends of the collar are manually held in buttoned position, for buttoning of same may be dispensed with if desired, and then the collar holder **24** or **25**, as the case may be, is slid to lie tie-fashion overlapped by the front portions of the collar, and while being so positioned, the bottom edges **17'** are secured and mounted as is evident, namely, either through the slits **19**, or else respectively laced through the sets of slits **19** and **20**, or else engaged by the tabs **23**, depending upon which of the holders are used. Now, upon taking the hand from the neckband ends, the collar will remain gripped in its holder, in buttoned position, and because the engagement is of the bottom edges **17'** of the front portions **17** of the collar **18**, said front portions of the collar will be maintained in pressed condition, and wrinkling thereof will be effectively avoided.

As a means to prevent the holder from accidental slipping, a fold-over tab **32**, may be provided; said tab extending from the upper edge of the collar holder blank, and when in use, is bent over to lie against the back of the front open ends of the neckband in the region of the collar button.

The collar holder **24** or **25**, may be mounted onto the collar, either before or after the shirt **16**, is folded. In either event, the collar **18**, need not be buttoned when the holders taught herein, are employed. After the shirt is folded, it may be so maintained by an encircling band **26**.

When desired, said encircling band may be made into a single article with the collar holder. For such an embodiment, a single blank of sheet material may comprise a collar holder **24** for example, a shirt encircling band **26'**, the ends

of which may be provided with suitable engagement means, as for instance the hook **27** and slit **28**; both band and holder being joined by the strip **29** integral therewith. The fold-over tab **32** may be omitted, since the band **26'** provides additional frictional hold on the shirt body, that the likelihood of the collar holder slipping is practically nil. And further, there may also be added if desired, the strip **30**, to lie along the rear of the folded shirt; said strip **30** terminating in a terminal sheet member **31**, adapted to lie tie-fashion against the rear portion of the neckband of the collar; element **31'** thereof being adapted to be bent so that its plane shall be angular with respect to the plane of the collar holder **24**. This is done, because when a collared shirt is folded, the plane of the back of the collar is substantially perpendicular to the plane of the front of the shirt.

It is evident, that for unattached collars, the holders herein taught are particularly adaptable.

This invention is capable of numerous forms and various applications without departing from the essential features herein disclosed. It is therefore intended that the several embodiments herein described shall be deemed illustrative and not restrictive and that the patent shall cover all matter of patentable novelty herein taught; reference being had to the following claims rather than to the specific description herein to indicate the scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. In combination, a collar comprising a pair of plies joined along their top edges and having their ends open in front, and a blank of cardboard-like material positioned between the plies and overlapped by the front portions of the outer ply; said blank being provided with a pair of spaced tabs formed by slits in the blank; the ends of said plies lying intermediate and spaced from said tabs; the bottom edges of the front portions of the outer ply lying respectively through and in contact with the edges of said slits whereby the tabs frictionally engage the respective front portions of the collar along said bottom edges only.

2. A combination as defined in claim 1, wherein the slits are of ornamental outline.

3. A combination as defined in claim 1, wherein the tabs are substantially arcual.

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