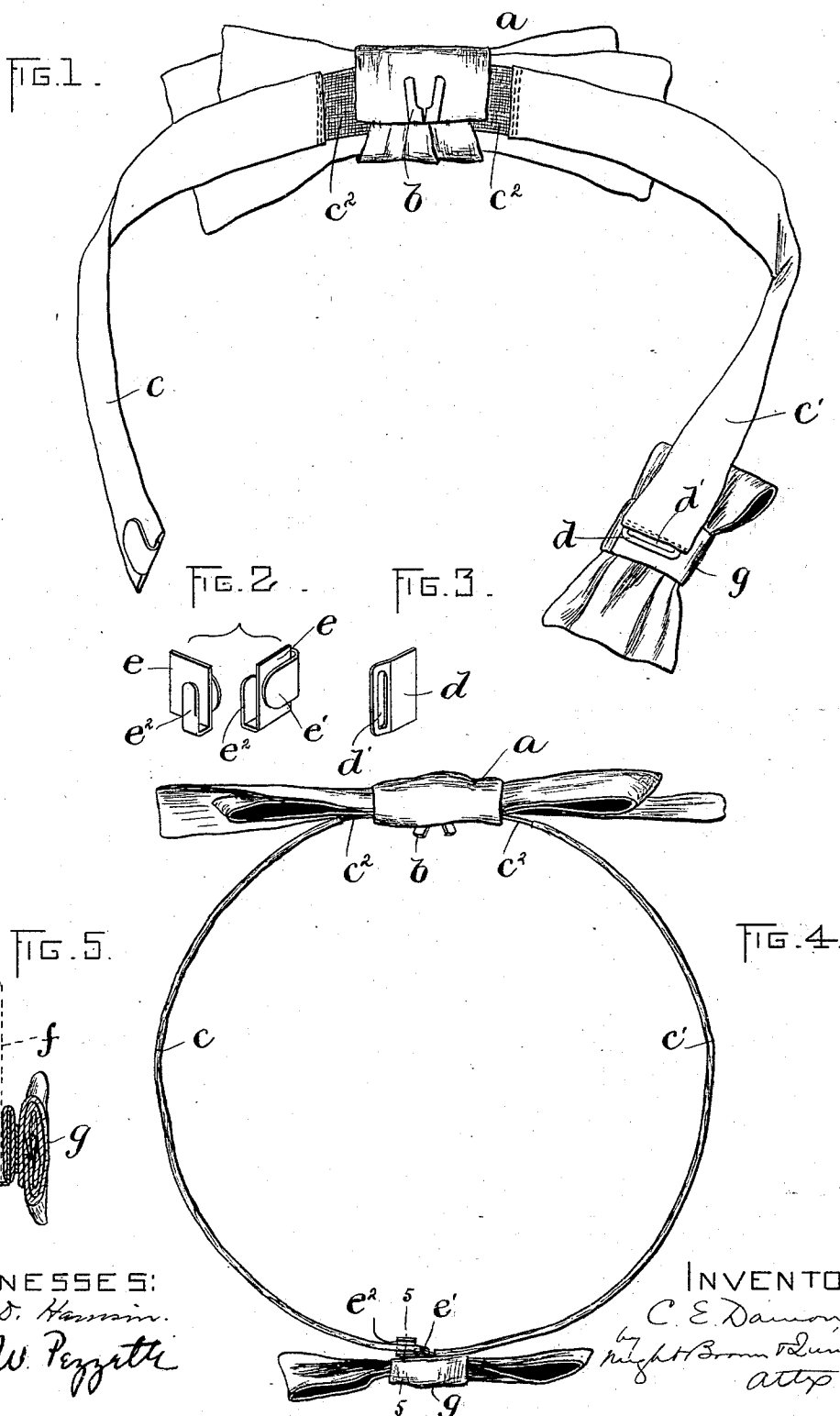


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. DAMON, of Reading, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Neckties, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to neckties such as are worn by ladies in connection with standing collars, and comprising a permanently-made-up bow and neck-embracing straps connected therewith and provided with detachable coupling or fastening devices at their ends whereby they may be detachably connected at the back of the neck.

My invention has for its objects, first, to provide a necktie of this character which shall have a finished or ornamental appearance at the back of the neck as well as the front, and, secondly, to provide means for automatically centering the ornamental back portion of the tie and for preventing said portion from slipping upwardly on the collar.

The invention consists in the improvements which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved necktie, showing the straps disconnected. Fig. 2 represents in different positions the fastening member attached to the outer end of one of the straps. Fig. 3 represents the fastening member attached to the outer end of the other strap. Fig. 4 represents a top view of the tie, showing the ends of its straps connected. Fig. 5 represents a section on line 5 5 of Fig. 4.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents a permanently-made-up bow which is worn at the front of the neck and has secured to its rear portion a bifurcated hook *b*, adapted to engage the shank of the front collar-button and prevent upward and longitudinal displacement of the bow.

c and *c'* represent the straps, which are connected with the bow *a* and have coupling devices at their outer ends whereby they may be detachably connected at the back of the neck. Said coupling devices as here shown

comprise a sheet-metal plate *d*, adapted for attachment to the strap *c'* and provided with an eye or slot *d'* and a sheet-metal plate *e*, adapted for attachment to the strap *c* and having a hook *e'*, adapted to enter the eye *d'*. The plate *e* is also provided on its lower edge with a hook *e''*, which is formed to engage the lower edge of a standing collar *f*, as shown in Fig. 5, to prevent the straps and the rear bow, hereinafter described, from slipping upwardly at the back of the neck.

g represents a rear bow which is affixed to one end of the strap *c'* and projects from said end, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, in position to cover the ends of both straps when they are connected, the bow extending across the joint formed by the meeting ends of the straps and concealing said joint as well as the fastening devices.

Each of the straps *c c'* is connected with the bow *a* by means of a section *c''* of elastic material, there being two of such sections, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. These sections give the straps sufficient adjustability to enable them to fit necks of different sizes, and being located at opposite sides of the collar-button-engaging device *b* they make each strap equally adjustable, so that the rear bow *g* is automatically centered or kept in a central position at the back of the neck.

It will be seen that my improved necktie constitutes a very neat and desirable article of neckwear, enabling a made-up bow and its connecting-straps to be used with a standing collar and in connection with waists or garments having no provision for covering the back portion of the tie.

The rear bow *g* may be in the form of a rosette instead of having the conventional bow form.

The devices for connecting the ends of the straps may be made of wire instead of sheet metal, if desired.

I claim—

A necktie comprising a front bow a rear bow and a neckband, the front bow carrying a collar-button-engaging device and the neckband consisting of two strips each permanently connected at one end to the front bow and hav-

ing an elastic section, the other or free ends
of the strips being provided with comple-
mental coupling devices and with a collar-en-
gaging hook and with the said rear bow to
5 cover and conceal the said coupling devices
when in use.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification, in the presence of
two subscribing witnesses, this 14th day of
January, A. D. 1897.

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