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Fig. 1

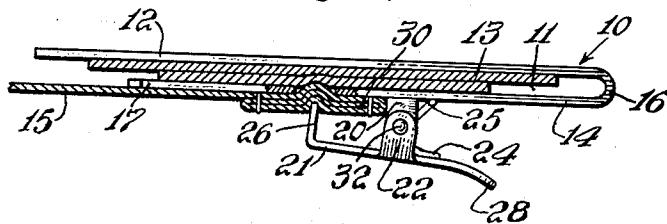


Fig. 2

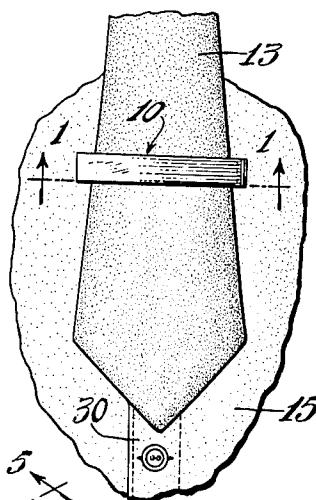


Fig. 3

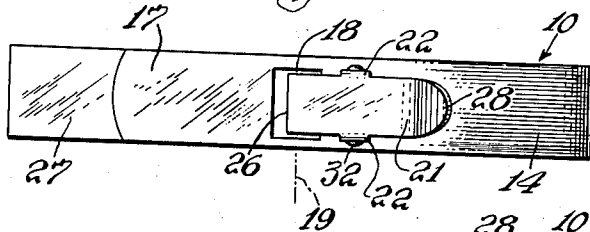


Fig. 4

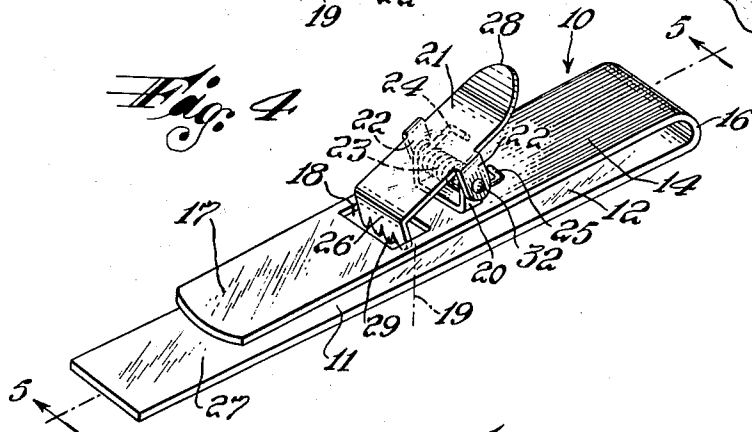
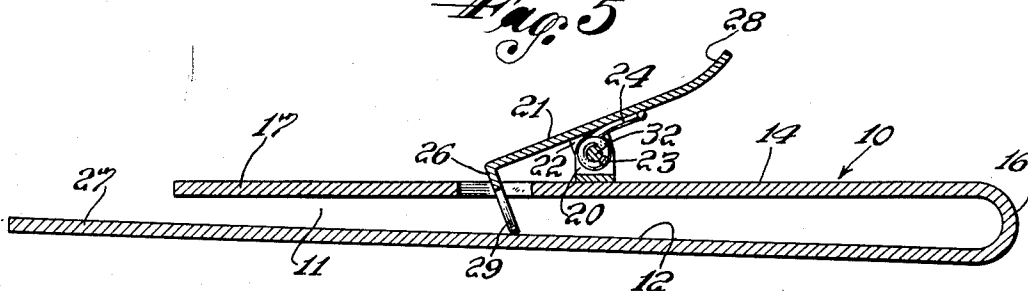


Fig. 5



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Tie clasps in popular use are designed to be positioned over the tie to hold it in marginal registry with the shirt hem edge. Thus, in the conventional arrangement, both the tie and clasp are out of registry with the center of the shirt; the offset appearance defeats the very purpose of the tie clasp.

The tie clasp of the present invention is of novel structural features which enable it to be centered and to likewise center the tie in medial registry with the hem edge margin so that the applied clasp and tie will be disposed in centered, neat and properly aligned relation.

These and other advantageous objects, which will appear from the drawings and from the description hereinafter, are accomplished by the structure of my invention, of which an embodiment is illustrated in the drawings. It will be apparent, from a consideration of said drawings and the following description, that the invention may be embodied in other forms suggested thereby; other forms, within the scope of the appended claims, shall be deemed to be within the scope and purview of this invention.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a vertical sectional view of a tie clasp embodying my invention, taken on line 1—1 of Fig. 2, the clasp being shown as securing the tie to the shirt in the center arrangement made possible by the the invention,

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary elevational view, showing the centered position of tie and clasp on the shirt, pursuant to the invention,

Fig. 3 is a rear elevational view of a tie clasp embodying the invention,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view thereof, and

Fig. 5 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view, taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

As shown in the drawings, the tie clasp 10 comprises a bar having an open throat portion 11, defined by a first flat elongated section 12 adapted to be passed over the tie sections 13 (see Figs. 1 and 2) and a second flat section 14, connected to the first flat section 12 by an integral end 16 and provided with a free end 17 which may be slightly curved outwardly of the first section to facilitate application of the clasp. The second flat section 14 is provided with a transverse opening 18 at approximately the longitudinal center 19 of the first flat section 12 (see Fig. 4) and of less length than the width of said center portion 19. A U-shaped bearing 20 is secured to or formed integral with the second flat section 14 and a latch plate 21 is pivotally connected to the bearing member, as for example, by providing the latch plate with depending fingers 22 through which pivot pin 32 is passed, said pivot pin also passing through the latch plate. A spring 23 is positioned on the second section 14 and is disposed on the pivot pin 32 or other bearing member. The spring is provided with free ends

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24, 25 (Fig. 1) engaging the latch plate and the second section and urging the nosing 26 of the latch plate (which is downturned toward the second section and in registry with the transverse opening) through said opening 18 to wedge the hem 30 and tie between the nosing 26 and first flat section 12 of the clasp. The opening 18 of flat section 14 may be enlarged beyond the requirements of the nosing 26 to enable the nosing to project the contacted hem material 30 through the opening 18 and against the tie for the purpose mentioned.

Nosing 26 of the latch plate is preferably serrated, as indicated at 29 in Fig. 5, to enhance its gripping characteristics. The free end 28 of the latch plate is preferably upturned away from the integral end 16 of the clasp to facilitate rotation of the latch plate against the tension of spring 23.

In operation the tie clasp of the present invention is superposed over the tie with the latch plate held open to receive the shirt selvage 30. Then the clasp and tie are centered on the shirt and the latch plate released to engage the shirt hem 30 for the purpose above mentioned. Thus the tie will be securely held in accurately centered position as shown in Fig. 2. Likewise, in a single operation, the latch plate may be disengaged when desired.

Both the shirt hem 30 and the tie might be inserted within the clasp 10 and held therein by end 26 of the latch projected through opening 18, in a possible variation of the above mentioned application of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A cravat clasp for securing tie sections to the hem of a shirt in axially aligned central disposition thereon, comprising an open throat member having a first flat elongated bar section adapted to be disposed over the tie sections and a second flat bar section connected to the first bar section by an integral end, said second bar section being provided with a transverse opening located at approximately the longitudinal center of the first bar section, a bearing member on the second bar section, a latch plate pivotally connected to the bearing member, said latch plate having an inwardly directed nosing formed on one end for disposition in registration with the opening in the second bar section in registration with the opening in the second bar section and freely movable therethrough, spring means engaging the second bar section and the latch plate for normally urging the nosing through said opening, responsive to said spring means, whereby the clasp may be supported on a shirt and tie by passing the free ends of the tie between the bar sections, while holding the latch plate nosing out of the opening and then centering the clasp and tie on the shirt and releasing the latch plate to engage the shirt hem responsive to the force of the spring, thereby holding the free ends of the tie and the clasp securely to the shirt in centered relation, the nosing forcing some of the shirt hem through the opening in the second bar section against the tie sections and against the inner face of the first flat bar section.

2. A cravat clasp of the character defined in claim 1, wherein the free edge of the nosing is serrated.

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