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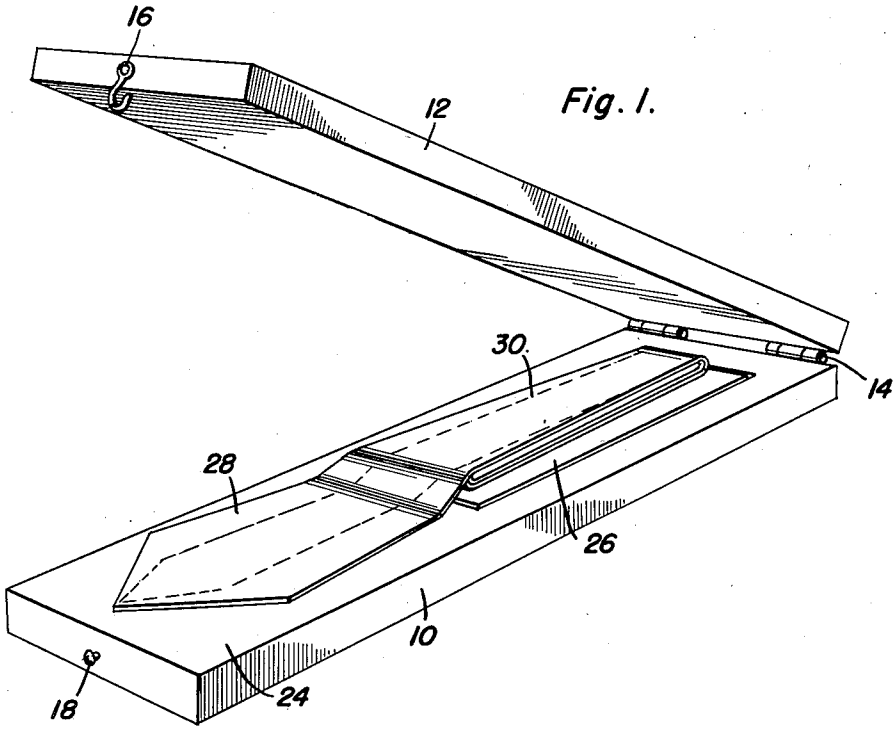
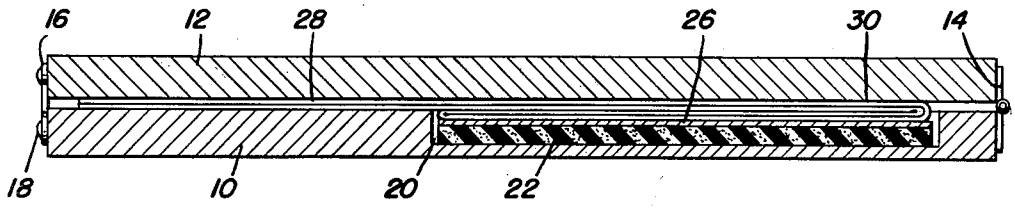



Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a pressing device primarily designed to press neckties without any application of heat, dry or wet, to the necktie.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a heatless necktie presser which is relatively simple in design and construction, cheap to manufacture in large quantities, easy to manipulate, and very useful for its intended purpose.

A further object of this invention is to provide a necktie presser which can accommodate any thickness of tie and which will retain the luster of the tie while the latter is being pressed for the reason that no heat whatever is employed in the pressing operation.

A further object of the invention is to provide a heatless necktie presser comprising an elongated base member and an elongated top member hinged together at one of their ends, a well in said base member, depressible resilient means received in said well for receiving the folded portion of a tie, and latch means for retaining said base and top member in a tightly closed position.

These, together with various ancillary objects and features of the invention which will later become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by the device, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated by way of example only in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device shown in an open position; and

Figure 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view through the device illustrating the closed or pressing position thereof.

Specific reference will now be made to the drawings. In the several views, in the accompanying drawings and in the following specification, similar reference characters indicate corresponding elements throughout.

Indicated generally at 10 is an elongated base member which may be of any desired shape or thickness, but which is preferably rectangular, and which may be fabricated of a number of suitable materials such as wood, plastics, and the like. An elongated top member 12 is provided which is preferably of the same length, thickness and shape as the base member 10, and which is hingedly secured, as at 14, to one end of the base member. At the free or unhinged edge of the top member 12 is swingably secured a hook member 16 which is adapted to engage a keeper 18 in the form of a headed pin or screw secured to the free edge of the base member 10. When the hook 16 is made to engage the keeper 18, the top member 12 presses tightly against

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the base member 10, as shown clearly in Figure 2.

Proximate the hinged end of the base member 10 is an elongated cut-out portion, recess or well 20 which receives an elongated, resilient member 22 that is approximately of the same dimensions as the well. The resilient member may be formed of any depressible material, such as sponge rubber, and is secured at its bottom face to the bottom wall of the well by means of a suitable adhesive or glue. Glued upon the sponge rubber pad 22 is a relatively flat, elongated slat or plate 26 which is approximately of the same length and width as the pad. In its expanded form, the pad 22 and the slat 26 extend up to the upper face 24, the slat being flush with the upper face.

In use, the tie 28 is manipulated by hand to produce a folded portion 30. The tie is stretched out and positioned on the base member in the manner shown in Figure 1 whereby the pointed end of the tie lies adjacent the free edge of the base member and the folded portion 30 rests upon the slat 26. When the top or cover 12 is closed down upon the base member and the hook 16 is made to engage the keeper 18, the folded portion 30 of the tie is depressed within the well, as shown clearly in Figure 2, so that the main portion of the tie lies flat between the base 10 and the top member 12. In this manner, the tie is adequately pressed. Because of the well construction and the resilient pad 22 received therein, it will be readily understood that ties of varying thickness can be properly positioned and pressed within the present device. The slat 26 functions to keep the folded portion 30 of the tie from directly contacting the upper surface of the resilient pad 22.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A necktie presser comprising a pair of flat, elongated, coacting pressing members hingedly connected at one end and adapted to receive a

folded necktie therebetween, one of said members having a shallow, longitudinally elongated well in its inner portion for the reception of the folded portion of the necktie, a flat, resilient pad in the well having its base adhesively secured to the bottom of said well and its edges free of the walls thereof, a plate for receiving the tie, adhesively secured on the pad and operable in the well, and means for releasably securing the free ends of the members together for clamping the necktie therebetween.

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