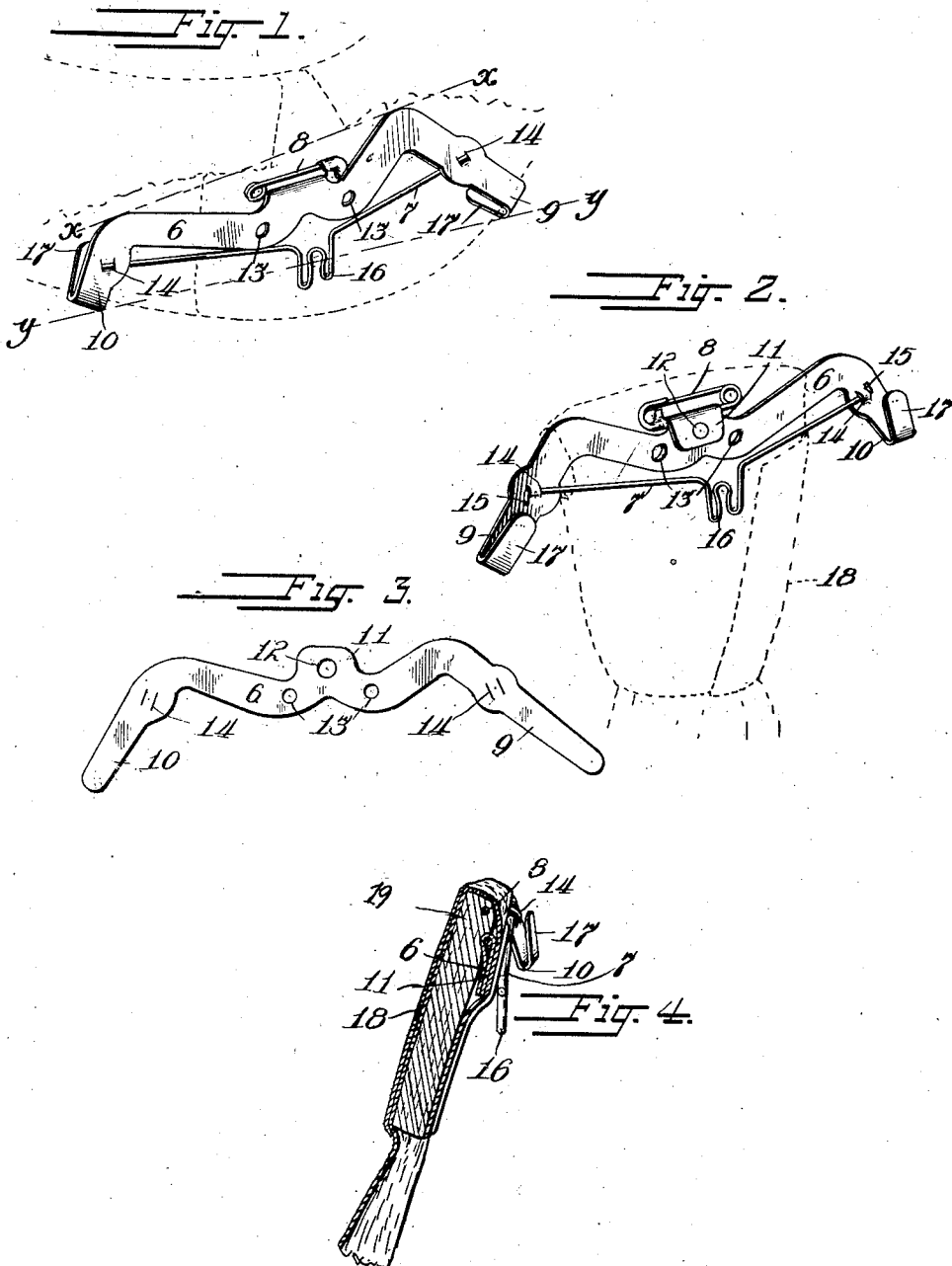


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMOS A. MATHEWS, citizen of the United States, residing at Bowling Green, in the county of Pike and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in necktie holders, and has for its object, first, to provide a structure adapted to be used with various forms of ties, whether ready made or made up by the user; second, the provision of means for making up four-in-hand ties that will hang straight when worn and which can be quickly changed when soiled by wear; and, third, to provide a tie holder which will be easily put on and taken off and will retain its place under all ordinary circumstances.

With this and other objects in view my invention consists of the novel features and the combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more specifically described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the holder in position with the collar partly broken away. Fig. 2 is a perspective of the rear view of the holder. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the rigid member as it comes from the die. Fig. 4 is a vertical central section through the holder, and the tie, and the form around which the tie material is wrapped.

One embodiment of my improvement is described as follows: Reference numeral 6 denotes what I term a rigid member, having arms 9 and 10 of different lengths and at different angles in respect to the body portion of the rigid member. It is provided with a lug or extension 11, apertures 12 and 13, and slits 14, and its free ends are bent to form hooks 17 for engagement with the edge of a collar. The rigid member carries a pin 8 to secure the form 19 to the holder to give contour lines to a made-up tie. The reference character 7 denotes what I call a resilient member having a button-loop 16 centrally thereof. The slits 14 in member 6 admit of loops under which the ends of

member 7 are extended and the ends 15 bent to prevent withdrawal of the same. If desired the ends 15 may be soldered or otherwise secured to the rigid member. The apertures 13 are provided for the purpose of dispensing with the pin 8 in some forms of ties in which it is preferable to sew the tie or the form to the rigid member. It will be apparent that the aperture 12 is for the purpose of facilitating soldering or fastening the lug to the body portion after the pin has been put in position. It will be noted in Fig. 3 that the arm or free end 9 is longer than the arm or free end 10 of the opposite end; and in Fig. 1 that the pin 8 on the rigid member is at an angle with the top of the collar. This is to insure the four-in-hand tie hanging straight when made up and in position on the wearer:

Referring to Fig. 1 the arm 9 extends from the central body portion of the member 6 upwardly and outwardly a short distance and then outwardly and downwardly a greater distance, while the arm 10 extends from the opposite side of the central portion of the rigid member 6 horizontally for a considerable distance and then downwardly and slightly outwardly for a lesser distance. This peculiar configuration is necessary so that when the tie is draped or made up and placed in position relative to a collar the tie will hang plumb. The arm 9 is made longer than the arm 10 so that the straight line $y-y$ joining the free ends of the arms 9 and 10 runs at an angle to the straight line $x-x$ connecting the bends at the other ends of the arms 9 and 10. Thus when the line $y-y$ is in a horizontal position, the line $x-x$ is tilted or inclined upwardly to an extent corresponding to the upper edge of an ordinary four-in-hand tie when hanging vertically.

In operation it will readily be understood that the form 19 is secured to the pin 8 and the tie material is passed between the rigid member and the resilient member and turned upon itself in the usual manner in making a four-in-hand tie. When made up the tie may be put in position by the wearer by placing the hook 17 of the long end 9 under the lower edge of the collar and pushing the resilient member above the collar button so as to engage the shank of the button and then drawing down the short end 10 until the hook will pass under the lower edge of the collar.

I desire to call especial attention to the rigid member adapted for holding a tie plumb, a spring attached to the rigid member for pressing downwardly upon a collar button and hooks carried by the rigid member and adapted for hooking under a collar, the tension of the spring being exerted to give flexibility to the mounting of the tie and to make the hooks fit collars of different sizes and shapes.

Variation in form, arrangement and construction above described is possible. I desire, therefore, not to limit my invention to such description of the preferred form in which it has been embodied.

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

1. A necktie holder comprising, a rigid member having one arm extending upwardly and outwardly and then downwardly and having a second arm extending outwardly nearly horizontally and then downwardly; the bend in one of said arms being higher than the bend in the other of said arms, so that a line connecting the lower ends of said arms is at an angle relative to a line connecting said bends, so that when the first mentioned line is horizontal, the other line is inclined upwardly to an extent corresponding to the upper edge of an

ordinary four-in-hand tie when hanging vertically; hooks extending upwardly from the ends of the arms; and a spring connected to the arms and adapted to press downwardly upon a collar button.

2. A necktie holder comprising, a rigid member having one arm extending upwardly and outwardly and then downwardly and having a second arm extending outwardly nearly horizontally and then downwardly; the bend in one of said arms being higher than the bend in the other of said arms, so that a line connecting the lower ends of said arms is at an angle relative to a line connecting said bends, so that when the first mentioned line is horizontal the other line is inclined upwardly to an extent corresponding to the upper edge of an ordinary four-in-hand tie when hanging vertically; hooks extending upwardly from the ends of the arms; a pin carried by the rigid member; and a spring carried by the rigid member and adapted to press downwardly upon a collar button, said hooks being adapted to press upwardly on a collar.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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