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Fig 1

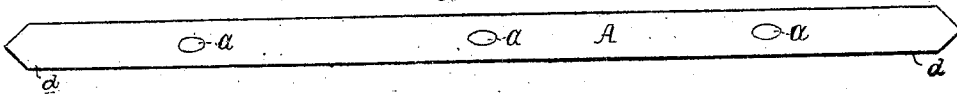


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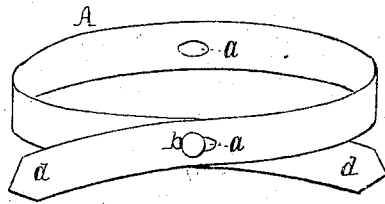


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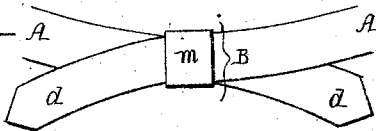


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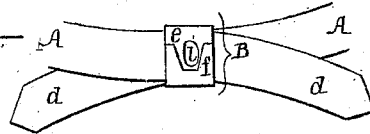


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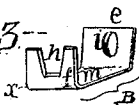


Fig 6



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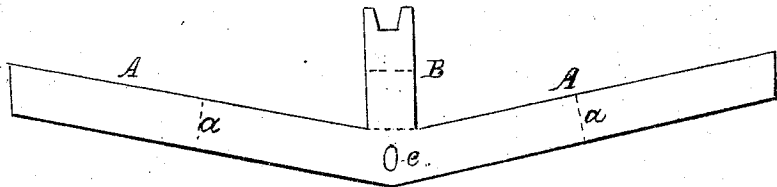


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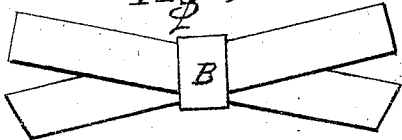


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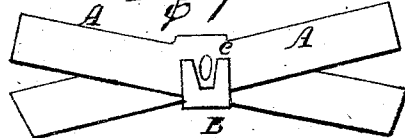
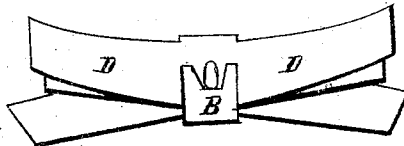


Fig. 10.



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Letters Patent No. 93,624, dated August 10, 1869.

## IMPROVEMENT IN NECKTIES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE KENNEDY, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Shirt-Collars and Neckties; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention consists of a clasp, constructed and adapted to a shirt-collar, substantially as described hereafter, so that it may serve, with the projecting wings on the collar, as an imitation cravat, by forming a resemblance of the central fold of the same, and concealing the front button of the collar.

In order to enable others to make and apply my invention, I will now proceed to describe the manner of carrying the same into effect, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, drawing No. 1, illustrate my invention as applied to a tie for shirt-collars.

Figures 7, 8, 9, and 10, drawing No. 2, illustrate my invention as connected with neckties and cravats.

My invention is illustrated, in one of its simplest forms, in figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, (drawing No. 1,) in which A represents a narrow band, of paper, paper and cloth combined, or other suitable material, the opposite ends being so elongated beyond the button-holes *a a*, that when fastened over the collars in the usual manner, the said ends will project, as shown in fig. 2, and represent the wings of a necktie.

The button, *b*, of the neck-band of the shirt is, however, exposed, as seen in fig. 2, and this destroys whatever effect the projecting ends or wings *d d* might otherwise have as regards their imitation of a necktie.

The main object of my invention is to cover the button with such a device as will, when viewed in connection with the projecting ends *d d* of the band, complete the imitation of a cravat.

Fig. 3, drawing No. 1, represents in perspective one form of this device, which may consist of a strip, B, of the same material as the collar, the strip being folded at *x x*, so as to form two flaps, *e* and *f*, the former having, in the present instance, a button-hole, *i*, and the flap *f* having a slot, *h*.

This strip, or, as I may term it, clasp, is arranged to embrace the band where the projecting ends *d d* of the same cross each other, the middle portion, *m*, of the clasp concealing the front of the button *b*, as shown in fig. 4, while the flaps *e* and *f* fold against the inside of the band, as seen in fig. 5, the flap *e* being connected to the button, while the slot *h*, of the flap *f*, is fitted to the shank of the button, and the clasp is then retained in its place.

The clasp B may be used in connection with a band having no projecting ends, as shown in fig. 6, in which case the clasp may be so figured, or otherwise treated, as to present the appearance of an ornamental stud.

In making the clasp, it is immaterial what substance is employed; it may be made entirely of paper, of paper and cloth combined, or of any other suitable

compound fabric, or it may be of metal, possessing sufficient elasticity to permit the flaps to be opened, and render them self-closing.

Nor is it absolutely necessary that the folds or flaps should be provided with holes or notches, as shown in fig. 3, for retaining the clasp in its place by the aid of the stud or button, as the clasp may be made to embrace the band with sufficient tenacity to render such retaining-appliances unnecessary.

It will be evident that the above-described band and detachable clasp may be applied to turn-down or Byron collars, but when thus applied, I prefer to attach the clasp to, or to let it form a part of the collar.

Figs. 7, 8, and 9, drawing No. 2, show one example of the mode of applying my invention to an imitation tie, separate from a collar.

Paper, or other suitable material, is cut to the shape shown in fig. 13, so as to have the inclined wings A A, and a central projection, B, slotted at the end.

The wings are folded inward on the lines *a a*, the folded ends thus crossing each other, as shown in the front view, fig. 14.

The projection B is then folded downward over the crossed ends, and upward against the back of the tie, as shown in the rear view, fig. 15, the slotted end of the projection fitting the shank of the button, which is adapted to the hole *e*, and by which the imitation tie is secured in front of the collar.

The clasp formed by the projection B serves, in this instance, to form the central part of the tie, as well as to retain the folded wings in their proper position.

Fig. 10, drawing No. 2, is a rear view, representing a modification of the above-described tie, the modification consisting of the addition to the former of a strip, D, of stiff paper, or other suitable material, pasted, at the middle only, to the back of the tie, so as to form two wings, to be introduced between the folds of the collar, and serving to steady the tie, precisely as in the well-known so-called "butterflies," in common use.

I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A tie, or imitation tie, adapted for being secured in front of a collar by a button or stud, in combination with an adjustable clasp, applied so as to cover and conceal the button or stud, substantially as described.

2. The concealing-clasp, and its button-hole, adapted for attachment to a collar or tie, substantially as set forth.

3. The clasp, slotted at one end, and having at the opposite end a button-hole, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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