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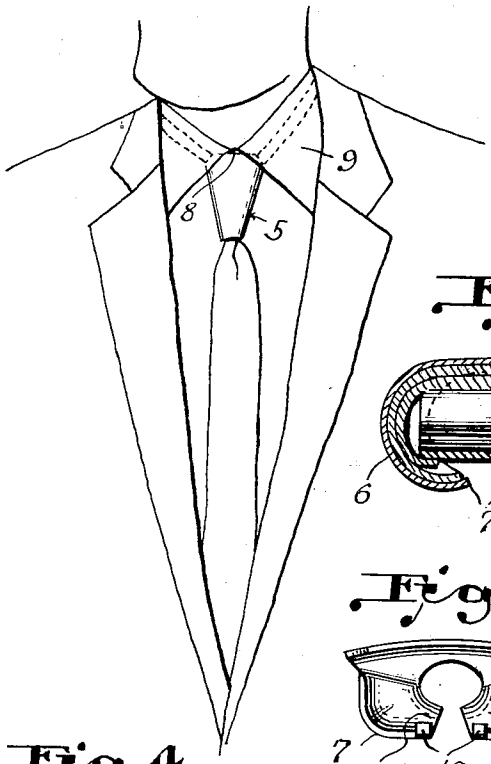


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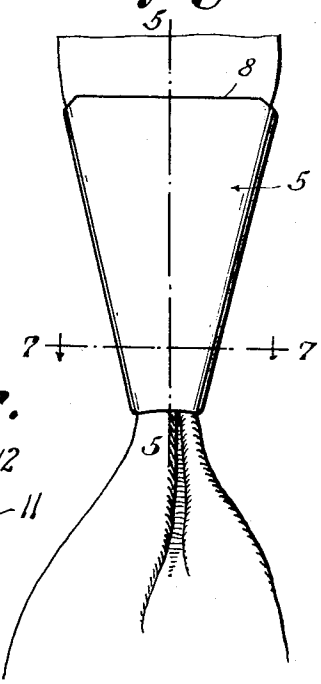


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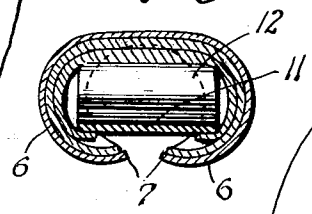


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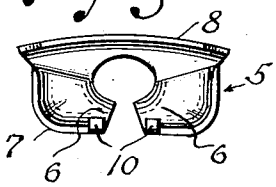


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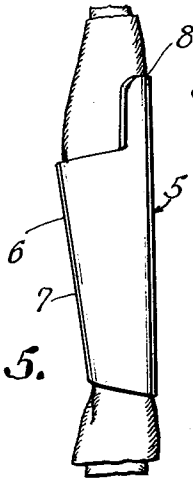


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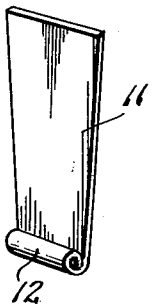
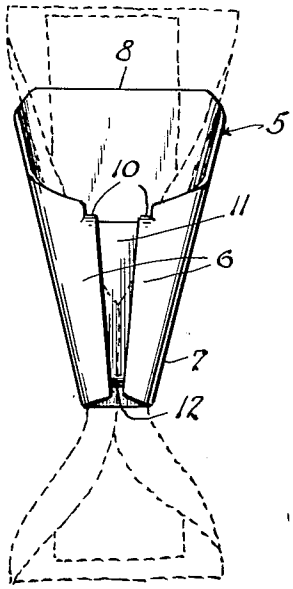


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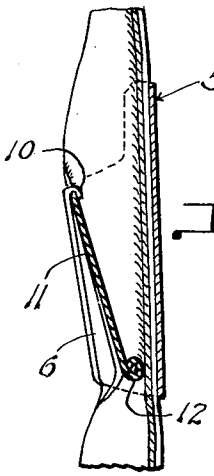


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This invention relates to a necktie holder and more particularly to a necktie holder in the form of a four-in-hand knot constructed preferably of semi-rigid material, and shaped to provide a substantially triangular section within which the tie is positioned and supported by such knot.

Another object of the invention is to provide a combined tie support and knot with means for wedging the tie material within the tie holder or knot in such a way that the tie may be readily and easily removed or replaced without the necessity of using pins or similar securing devices in securing the tie material to the knot.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an ornamental knot which is exceptionally neat in appearance, and one which may be readily attached to the tie with the minimum amount of effort, providing a smooth appearance at all times.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Referring to the drawing,

Figure 1 is an elevational view illustrating the application of the combined tie knot and tie holder, constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged front elevational view illustrating tie material as secured within the holder or knot.

Figure 3 is an edge elevational view thereof.

Figure 4 is a rear elevational view of the knot with a tie secured therein.

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view through the knot and tie.

Figure 6 is an end elevational view of the combined knot and tie holder.

Figure 7 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Figure 2.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the retaining plate which cooperates with the main portion of the holder in securing the tie material to the holder or knot.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the necktie holder and knot is indicated generally by the reference character 5, and embodies a substantially triangular plate of semi-rigid material, such as sheet metal, plastic or the like, the side edges of the holder being extended inwardly providing flanges 6 that have inclined edges 7 inclined towards the lower end of the holder or knot, as better shown by Figure 4 of the drawing.

These flanges 6 have one of their respective ends spaced a substantial distance from the upper edge 8 of the holder or knot, providing a clearance at the back of the knot to

permit the holder and knot to be extended upwardly so that the upper front surface of the knot will underlie the wings of the collar, leaving an open space at the rear of the knot for the reception of the neckband of the tie which is held by the knot. This structure absolutely prevents the knot from becoming displaced after it has been properly positioned under the wings of the collar which, in the present showing, are indicated by the reference character 9.

While these flanges 6 have tapered lateral longitudinal edges, the flanges are spaced substantial distances from the rear surface of the main portion of the holder or knot, and the opposite ends of these flanges 6 are spaced only slight distances from the rear surface of the main portion of the knot, at the lower end of the tie holder or knot.

Formed integral with the flanges 6 and extending inwardly and downwardly from the upper edges thereof, are tabs 10 that are so designed that they will fit over the wide upper edge of the wedge-shaped retaining plate 11 which has its lower end rolled rearwardly at 12 providing a smooth tie-engaging portion to reduce wear to a minimum, of the tie held within the combined holder and knot.

In using the combined holder and knot, the necktie is positioned within the body of the tie holder or knot with the wide end of the tie overlapping the narrow end. The wedge-shaped retaining plate 11 is now slid into position with the tabs 10 hooked over the upper edge of the wedge-shaped retaining plate, the major portion of the wedge-shaped retaining plate bearing against the inner surfaces of the flanges 6, causing the wedge-shaped retaining plate to move towards the tie, pressing the major portion of the tie at the base of the holder or knot, against the rear surface of the front wall of the holder or knot, as better shown by Figure 5 of the drawing.

From the foregoing it will be seen that by pulling the short end of the tie under the wide end after the tie has been properly positioned under the collar, the tie will become taut and will present a neat and smooth appearance without the necessity of hand tying.

It will further be seen that with this device, the necktie may be readily removed and replaced by merely removing the wedge-shaped retaining plate and positioning another tie within the holder, and returning the wedge-shaped retaining plate to the position as shown by Figure 5.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

In a necktie, a holder and knot forming member comprising a transversely curved front wall of wedge shape having the small end lowermost, transversely curved side walls, a pair of rear walls extending from said side walls, said rear walls being disposed with their inner edges in spaced apart relation, a hook-shaped tab carried by the upper edge of each rear wall adjacent the inner edge of the latter, said tabs extending inwardly and downwardly, and a tie clamping member of truncated V-shape engageable in said holder with the upper edge thereof engaging under said tabs, the lower small end of said clamping member being formed into a roll for pressing engagement with that portion of the necktie disposed in the lower small end of the holder, said tabs holding said clamping member against upward movement.

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