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Neck-Tie Fasteners.

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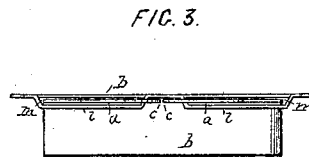
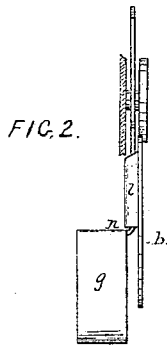
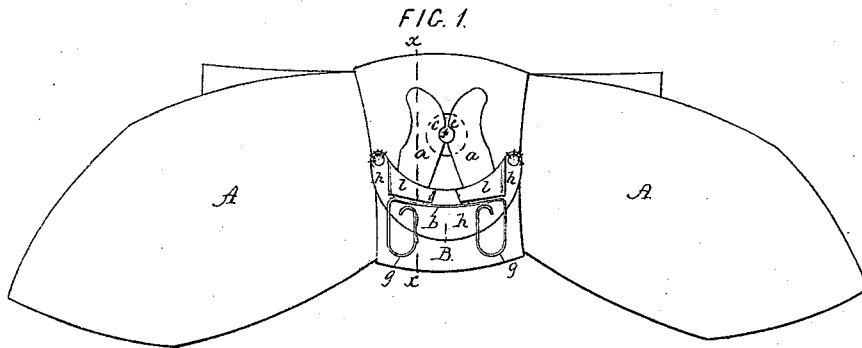
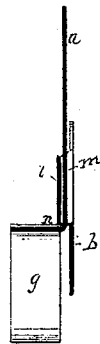


FIG. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN NECK-TIE FASTENERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SYLVANUS C. STETSON, of North Bridgewater, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Neck-Tie Holder and Fastener, of which the following is a specification:

This neck-tie holder and fastener is composed substantially of two jaws or levers and a spring, and, as a whole, it is constructed so as to fasten automatically about the front button of a shirt-collar, and to be readily unfastened therefrom, securing in the one instance the location of the neck-tie on the shirt-button, and in the other instance its removal or detachment.

In the accompanying plate of drawings, Figure 1 is a back view of a neck-tie to which is applied the improved holder and fastener embraced herein. Figs. 2, 3, and 4, respectively, a side, a plan, and a sectional, view, line *x x*, Fig. 1, of the holder and fastener.

In the drawings, A represents a neck-tie or bow, and B my improved neck-tie holder and fastener. This holder and fastener B is composed substantially of two jaws or levers, *a a*, similarly shaped, and a spring-band, *b*. The spring-band *b* joins together the two jaws, and in its action it holds them closed, the edge *c* of the one jaw against the corresponding edge *c* of the other. *f*, a notch, in the edge *c* of each jaw *a*. These notches *f* are similarly located, and with the edges *c* against each other they make a continuous opening, by which to interlock or fasten the jaws on or about a shirt-button or stud, as shown in Fig. 1. *g*, a thumb-piece, to each jaw. These thumb-pieces are continuous with the spring-band *b*, and, by pressing them toward each other, the jaws, at their notches *f*, are opened from each other. *h*, a plate, secured by stitching to the back of the neck-tie; *l*, raised loops of plate *h*, which loops make slots *m*, and through these slots the jaws *a* are passed, securing them, or, in other words, the holder B, to the neck-tie. The

spring-band *b* projects from the jaws *a*, and forms a shoulder, *n*, for the plate *h* to rest on in the application of the jaws to the plate, as above described.

The holder being thus secured to the neck-tie or bow, to locate the neck-tie for being worn, the thumb-pieces *g* are pressed together, and the jaws *a*, with their notches *f* placed uppermost between the front button on the neck-band of the shirt and the neck-band, when the thumb-pieces are then released, and the attachment of neck-tie to the button is made by the self-closing of the jaws *a* about the button from the action of their spring-band *b*.

The plate *h* may be dispensed with, and in lieu of it the jaws can be pivoted directly to the neck-tie; or they can be secured by loops, the same as described for the plate *h*, except that the loops be made of cord, and attached to the neck-tie. I prefer, however, the plate attachment *h*, as it secures a better and more reliable action of the jaws, and also, taken in connection with the shoulder-rest *n* of the jaws, more perfectly holds the neck-tie from dropping out of its proper place.

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

1. A holder and fastener for neck-ties, having jaws *a a*, with spring-connection *b* and thumb-pieces *g g*, all combined and constructed substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

2. In combination with the above, the plate *h*, with its slots *m*, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

3. The shoulder *n*, on the jaws *a*, for a rest to the neck-tie, substantially as described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 25th day of August, A. D. 1873.

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