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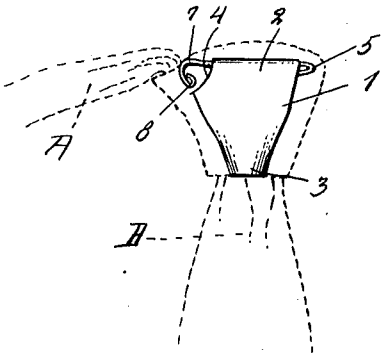


Fig. 1.

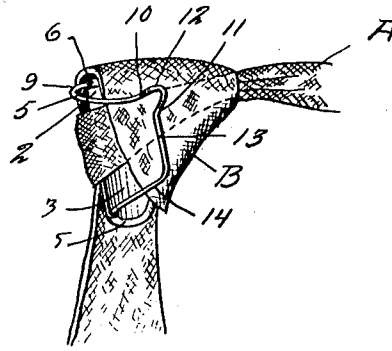


Fig. 2.

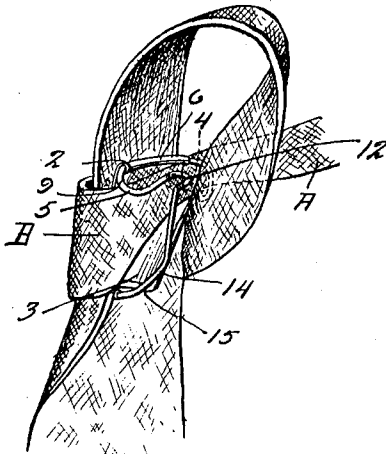


Fig. 3.

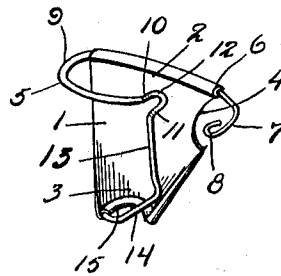


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT B. CLARK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie Formers and Clasps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices to be used in connection with the four-in-hand necktie, and has for its object the provision of a device of the character described, constructed to form the knot of a four-in-hand tie and hold it in place, and has in combination therewith a clasp for engaging the loose end of the tie to hold it in engagement with the collar.

My invention will be described in detail hereinafter and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved former and clasp showing the necktie mounted thereon in broken lines; Fig. 2 is a rear view; Fig. 3 is a view in perspective showing the knot of the tie prior to completion; and, Fig. 4 is a rear view in perspective of the former and clasp.

In the drawings similar reference characters will be used to designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

My improved necktie former and clasp comprises a plate 1, that is wider at the top than at the bottom and slightly curved, as shown at 2, at the top, while the bottom portion is bent substantially into a semi-circle, as shown at 3. One of the upper angles of the plate is cut away, as shown at 4, on a curved line to form a passageway for the neckband of the tie in forming the knot, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

5 indicates a length of wire that is secured adjacent to one of its terminals to the upper edge of the plate 1 by means of a turned over or crimped portion 6, the adjacent terminal of the wire extending into the cut-away portion of the angle of the plate, as heretofore described, at 4, and the extremity of the wire bent downwardly, as shown at 7, and formed with a loop 8. The other portion of the wire 5 extending from the turned over crimped portion 6 is curved, as

shown at 9, around to the rear of the plate 1, thence slightly upwardly as shown at 10, thence back on itself, as shown at 11, forming an inclined U-shaped portion 12, that is inclined slightly outwardly from the plate 1. From the portion 11 the wire 5 is extended in a downwardly direction and slightly inclined, as shown at 13, then at substantially a right angle, as shown at 14, then curved inwardly and secured to the lower edge of the plate 1, by means of a crimped or turned over portion 15.

In Figs. 1, 2, and 3, I show a necktie having my improved former and clasp in position therein, said necktie being secured on my improved device by extending the neckband A through the opening formed by the downwardly extending extremities 7 of the wire 5 and the cut out portion 4 of the plate 1, then under and through the loop formed by the wire 5, and portions 9, 10, 11, 13, and 14, thereof, as shown at B. The necktie is then carried around in front of the plate 1 to the other side thereof, then upwardly and downwardly between the plate and the first portion that had been carried in front of said plate, thus forming a knot of the same character as the knot usually tied with the four-in-hand tie. As shown in Fig. 2, when the knot is complete, the free portion of the wire, including the parts 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, extends rearwardly of the knot former and clasp to engage the loose end of the neckband of the tie when in position on the collar and holds said necktie in place. At the same time, the former plate 1 holds the knot of the tie in proper position and fills it out to make a more slightly knot. In claspings the neckband, as stated, it will be understood that the outwardly bent portion 12 of the wire 5 assists in passing the neckband between the knot and the wire clasp.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

A necktie former and clasp comprising a plate having one of its ends wider than its other end, one of the angles of the wider end cut away on a curved line, said wider end being slightly curved and the narrower end curved into a substantial semi-circle, a length of wire secured to said curved ends

of the plate, the portions of said wire between said secured portions bent rearwardly of the plate and opposite the concave portion thereof to form a clasp, the terminal of
5 said wire secured to the wider end of said plate extended downwardly and forming in combination with the cutaway portion aforesaid an opening for the reception of

the neckband of a necktie mounted in said plate.

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

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