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NECKTIE RETAINER

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FIG. 1

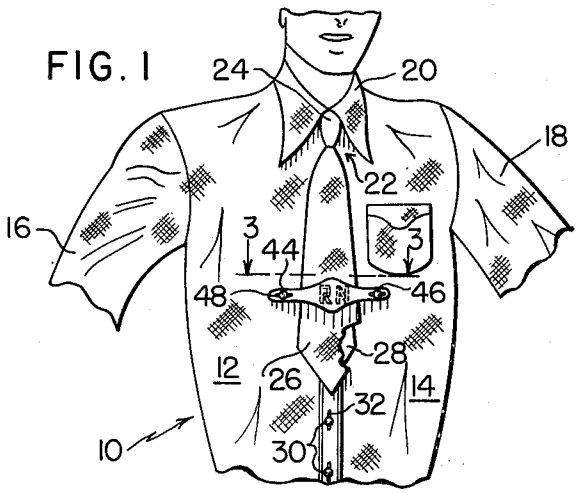


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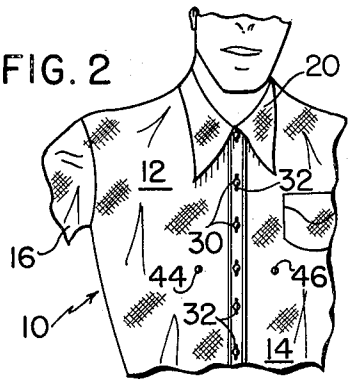


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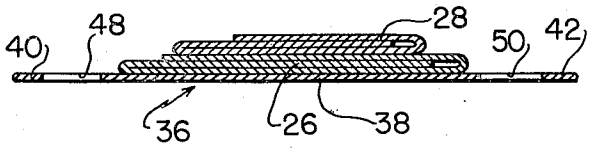


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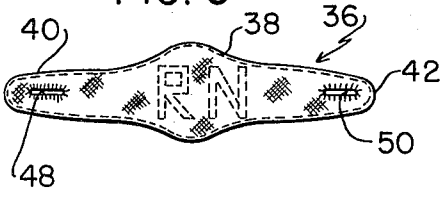


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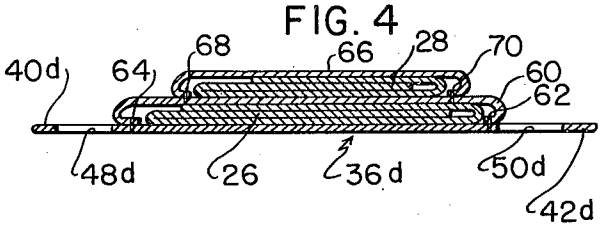


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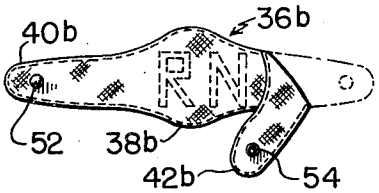
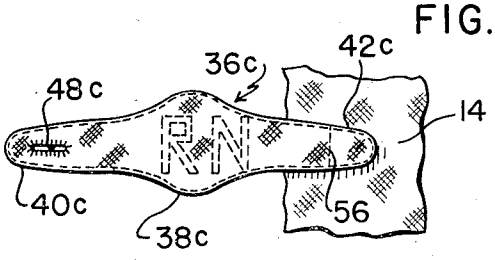


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This invention relates to necktie retaining means which are used to hold in place the ends of four-in-hand neckties in relation to the shirt front.

An object of the invention is to provide an aid or accessory for apparel, whereby the ends of a four-in-hand necktie may always be retained in an attractive and orderly central position upon the shirt front.

Another object of the invention is to provide highly improved and novel form of tie retainer which is adapted to be supported upon the front of a shirt or blouse in position overlying the depending tab portions of a four-in-hand necktie, so as to retain the same against movement away from the central portion of the shirt front, and which is so constructed that the tie is retained without having any actual connection with the shirt front.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved and novel form of necktie retainer which includes positive fastening means for securing the same to the shirt front on opposite sides of the front overlapping center portions of the shirt, so as to avoid accidental dislodgement and loss of the retainer, and which is so designed that the necktie itself is not clamped or gripped in any manner, so that it is not mutilated or otherwise damaged.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an improved and novel form of necktie retainer which is simple in design, inexpensive to manufacture, and which at the same time is highly effective for its intended purpose.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter be pointed out or will become apparent from the following description of a preferred embodiment thereof as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and in which,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view showing a shirt, with a four-in-hand necktie knotted about the collar thereof, and illustrating my improved necktie retainer secured to the shirt front in position so as to retain the depending portions of the necktie;

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view similar to that of Fig. 1, but smaller in size and omitting the necktie and necktie retainer, and showing the location of cooperating fastening means carried by the shirt front, designed to mount the retainer thereon;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary cross-sectional view taken substantially long the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, but omitting the shirt from the illustration;

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Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view similar to that of Fig. 3, but showing a modified form of my invention;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged face elevational view of the form of necktie retainer illustrated in Fig. 1, but apart from the shirt and necktie, and adapted for use with buttons carried on the shirt, as shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 is an elevational view similar to that of Fig. 5, but showing a necktie retainer carrying snap fastening fastener portions (instead of button holes) and adapted to engage with complementary fastener elements carried on the shirt; and

Fig. 7 is an elevational view similar to Fig. 1 but showing a second modified form of the invention, in which one end of the tie retainer is permanently attached to the shirt front, a portion of the shirt being shown in fragment.

When four-in-hand neckties are worn with a shirt or a blouse, it has always been a problem to keep the depending end portions or tabs thereof properly centered, so as to present an attractive and orderly appearance. Metallic tie clamps or similar tie clips have been employed for gripping the depending large and small tabs of the necktie tightly to the shirt front, but these have not been satisfactory, because they present certain inherent disadvantages. For example, such tie clamps often mutilate and damage the necktie due to the frictional gripping contact therewith, and also hamper the free movement of the user's neck, since they clamp the necktie and shirt tightly together. Distortion of the neatly made knot also results. In addition, it is difficult to center the tie properly with the former tie clasps since they usually frictionally engage one of the shirt front margins which is itself off center. Another disadvantage in the use of such metallic tie clamps is that they tend to slip off the shirt and are very easily lost, and hence represent a monetary loss to the user.

According to the present invention, the above described disadvantages in tie retainers heretofore employed are overcome, and additional advantages are obtained.

In order to understand clearly the nature of the invention, and the best means for carrying it out, reference may now be had to the drawings, in which like numerals denote similar parts throughout the several views.

As seen best in Figs. 1 and 2, I have shown for purposes of illustration, a shirt 10, having left and right side panels 12 and 14, forming the shirt front, with sleeves shown at 16 and 18. A collar

20 is attached to the collar band at the top of the shirt body in any well known manner, and the necktie extends around the collar band, with a four-in-hand knot formed at 24, and depending large and small tie tabs 26 and 28. When the knot is properly tied, it is seen that the large tie tab 26 overlies the small tab 28 so as to hide the same entirely from view from the front, as shown in Fig. 1, the length of the large tab 26 being greater than that of the small tab 28, when the tie is properly made up.

When in this position, the tabs of the necktie overlie the front seam formed by the overlapping inner margins of the left and right side panels 12 and 14 of the shirt front, these being fastened together in any well known manner, as by buttons 30 in the left panel 12 which engage in matching button holes 32 in the right panel 14. For neatness of appearance, it is desirable that the large and small tabs 26 and 28 of the necktie be retained in the central aligned position shown.

In accordance with my invention and referring to Figs. 1 and 3, it is seen that I provide a necktie retainer 36 comprising a central body 38 formed of fabric or other suitable material preferably having a length sufficient to extend across the width of the large tab 26 of the necktie. The said retainer body 38 may be provided with integral left and right end extensions or flaps 40 and 42 which may also be of fabric or other suitable material and which extend leftwardly and rightwardly, respectively, preferably substantially beyond the edges of the necktie tab 26 and over the adjoining left and right shirt panels 12 and 14. As clearly noted in Figs. 5, 6 and 7 of the drawings, the central body and integral flaps of the retainer may be formed of a plurality of layers of fabric material sewed together by a line of stitching adjacent the peripheral margin thereof as represented by the dotted lines shown in the said Figs. 5, 6 and 7.

Buttons 44 and 46 are secured at predetermined locations to the portions of the shirt panels 12 and 14 to be aligned with and underlying button holes 48 and 50 formed in the end flaps 40 and 42 of the necktie retainer. By engagement of the buttons in these button holes, it is seen that the necktie retainer is carried by the shirt in a position transversely disposed with respect to the tabs 26 and 28 as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3, with the two necktie tabs 26 and 28 freely extending between the undersurface of the necktie retainer and the shirt. The button holes 48 and 50 are shown clearly in Fig. 5. If desired the outer surface of the necktie retainer body 38 may be suitably ornamented by the initials of the wearer as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 5 or by any other suitable form of ornamentation. It is also noted that if desired the said retainer 36 may be made of material to match the material of the shirt to provide a harmonious effect.

Instead of employing buttons and button holes, as in Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 5, other suitable and well known fastening means may be used and it is noted that my invention is not limited to any specific form of fastening means. For example, snap fasteners may be carried jointly by the tie retainer and the shirt, instead of the buttons and buttonholes. This snap fastener form is shown in Fig. 6, where there are the end flaps 40*b* and 42*b* which have the female halves 52 and 54 of snap fasteners secured thereto, one of the end flaps 42*b* being also shown partly turned to show its undersurface. It will be clear that the corresponding male halves of the snap fasteners are then carried on the shirt front in place of the buttons 44 and 46 shown in Fig. 2, and in the same locations, so as to permit snap engagement of the necktie retainer therewith. If convenient the male components of the snap fasteners may be mounted on the retainer and the female components mounted on the shirt.

Fig. 7 shows another modified form of the invention, which is similar to that of Figs. 1 to 5 in that it has a buttonhole 48*c* formed in its left flap 40*c*, but differs in that such button hole is omitted from its right flap 42*c*, and instead, the right flap 42*c* is attached by stitches 56 directly to the underlying right shirt front panel 14*a*, so as to remain permanently attached thereto. In use, the necktie tabs 26 and 28 extend under the central body portion 38*c* of the necktie retainer 36*c* as in Fig. 3, and the left hand buttonhole 48*c* is the one used for engagement with the shirt panel 12 as before. This form is advantageous in that it prevents loss of the necktie retainer. It is noted that any other suitable known permanent attaching means besides stitching may be employed if desired. Also either the right or the left end of the retainer may be permanently held in attachment to the shirt. It is also noted that where the retainer is made of launderable material the same can be laundered with the shirt.

Fig. 4 shows a modified form of the invention in which there is the same retainer body portion 38*d*, with flaps 40*d* and 42*d*, and in which there may be employed as a part of the fastening means button holes 48*d* and 50*d* formed therein like that shown in Fig. 5. But it differs from Fig. 5 in that there is a first tie tab retaining band 60 secured at its ends 62 and 64 to the flaps 40*d* and 50*d* as shown in Fig. 4, so as to form a slot to receive the large tie tab 26, or both tabs if desired. Also, if desired, a second tie tab retaining band 66, may be secured at its ends 68 and 70 to the underlying portions of the first tie tab retaining band 60, in the manner shown in Fig. 4, to form a slot to receive the small tie tab 28. The button holes 48*d* and 50*d* engage with the buttons 44 and 46 on the shirt front as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 and already described. Instead of buttons and button holes other attaching means may also be employed in this form as explained in connection with the other forms of the invention.

In all the forms of invention shown in the drawings it is noted that the lowermost surface of the retainer throughout its entire length overlies the outer surface of the shirt and outer necktie tab.

Although I have described my invention in specific terms, it will be understood that various changes may be made in size, shape, materials and arrangement without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. A necktie retainer comprising a retainer main body portion formed of sheet material and having a length at least as great as the width of the large tab of a necktie at a substantial distance above the lower end thereof, first and second end flaps carried on opposite ends of said main body portion and adapted to extend beyond the edges of said large necktie tab to overlie the panels of the shirt front worn by the user, fastener means carried jointly by said first and second end flaps and by the shirt panels underlying the same, for attaching said flaps thereto in position overlying the outer surface of said large necktie tab, a necktie tab retaining band secured at its ends to

said main body portion and adapted to form a slot therebetween to receive said large necktie tab therein.

2. A necktie retainer according to claim 1 in which there is provided a second necktie tab retaining band secured at its ends to said first necktie tab retaining band and adapted to form a second slot therebetween to receive the small necktie tab therein, whereby said large and small necktie tabs are retained in central position on said shirt front without substantial obstruction to sliding axially within said first and second slots.

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