

- [54] TIE ARRANGEMENTS AND TIE-HOLDING
DEVICE THEREFOR**

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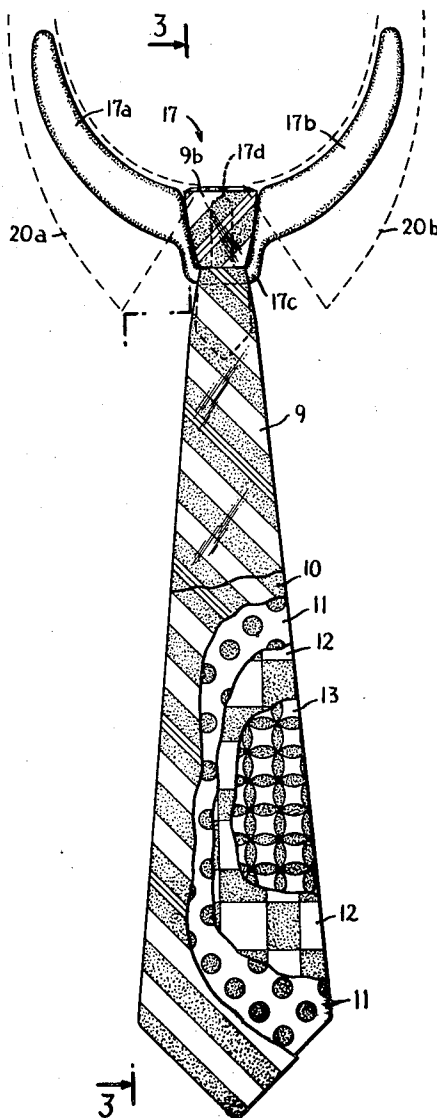
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- ABSTRACT**

A new tie configuration comprising a plurality of ties arranged in parallel superposed relationship. The ties are worn suspended on a tie-holding device. Each tie has its own pattern which is different from those of the others and may be suspended loosely with the others so that the ties flare out somewhat fan-shaped when the wearer sits down. The tie-holding device has two wings and functions also as a collar stiffener since its wings may be constructed to act like stays of the wings of the shirt collar of the wearer.

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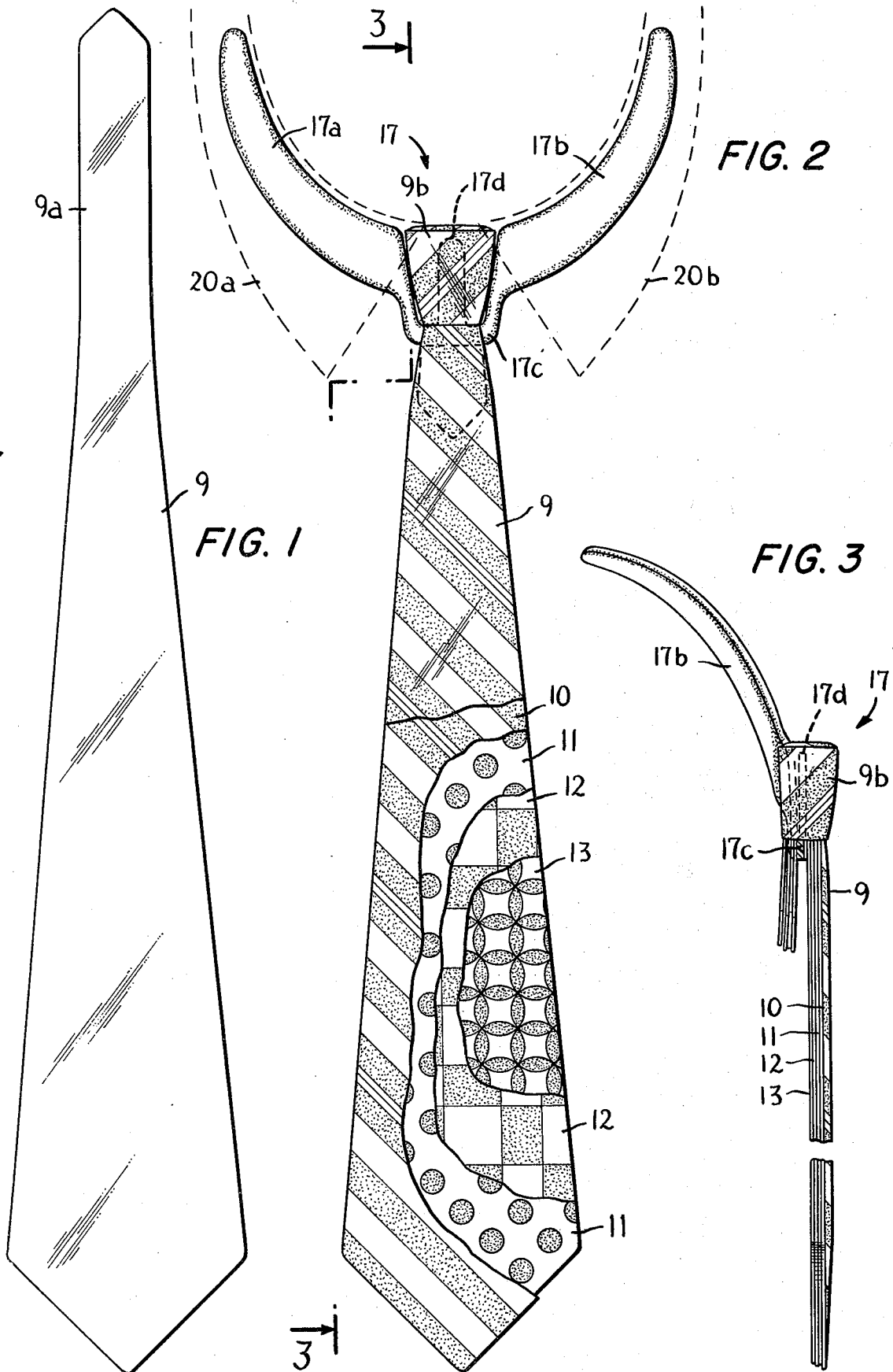


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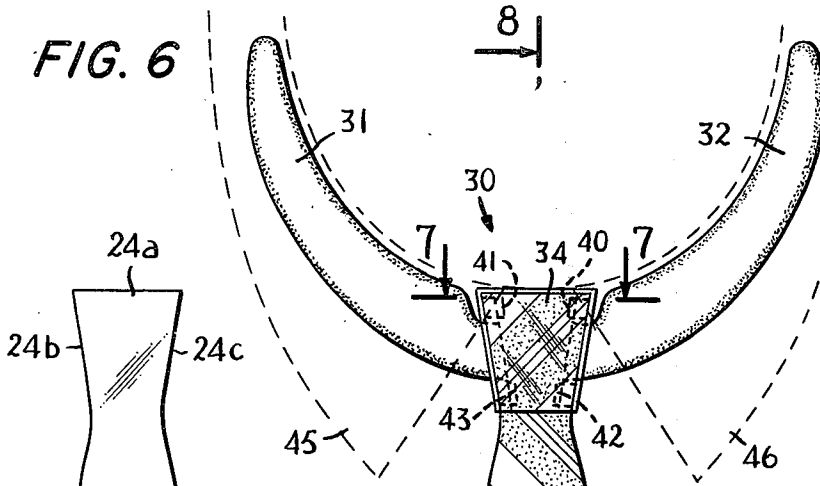


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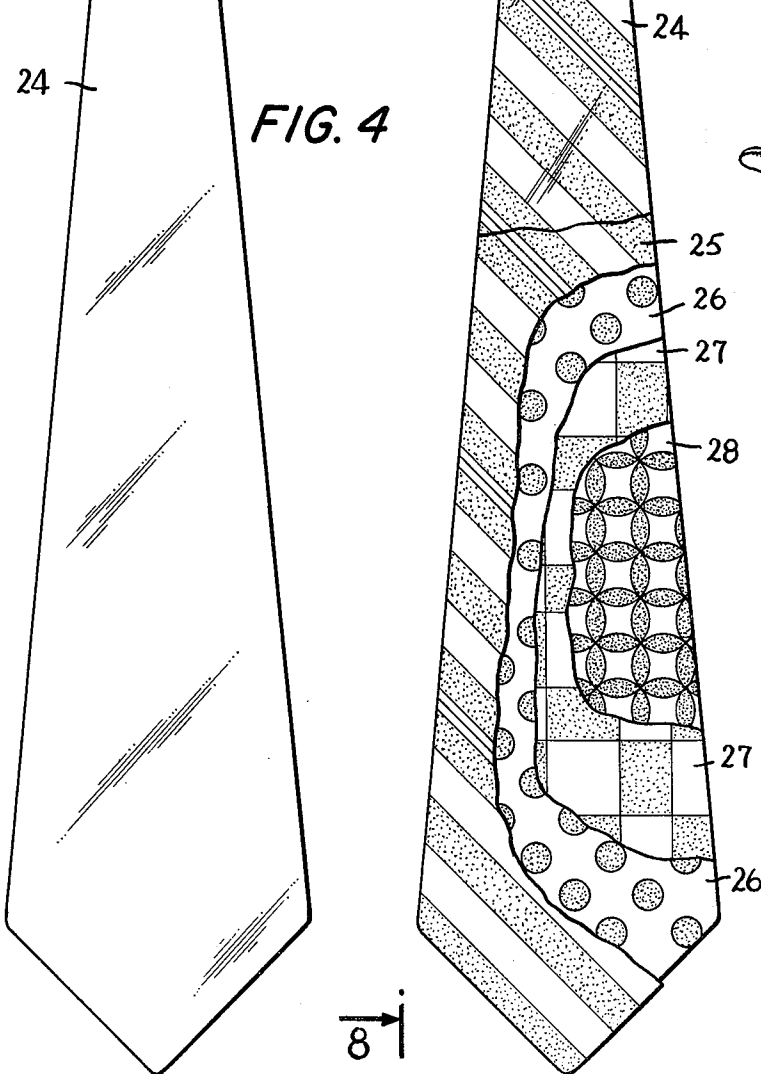


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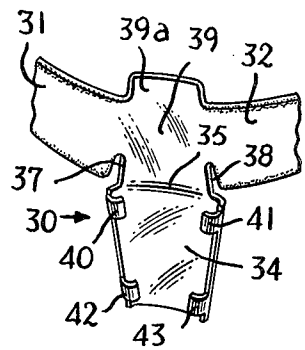


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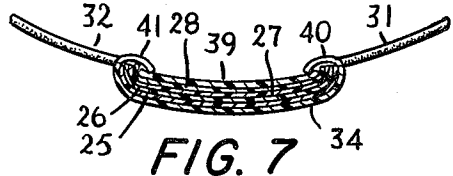


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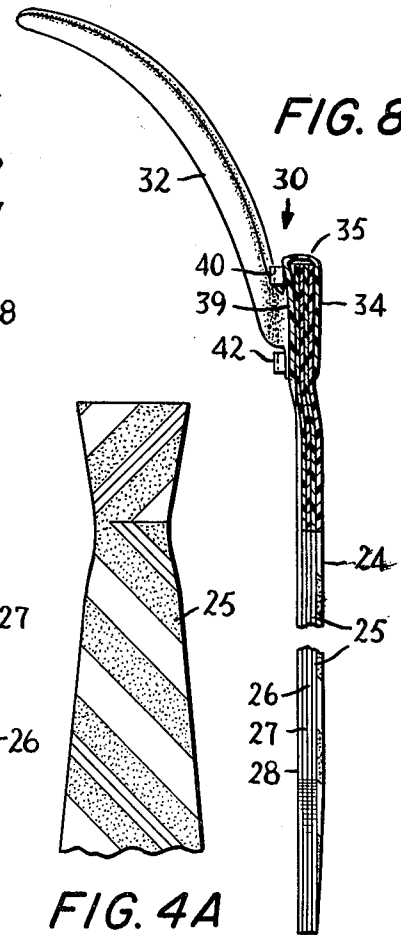
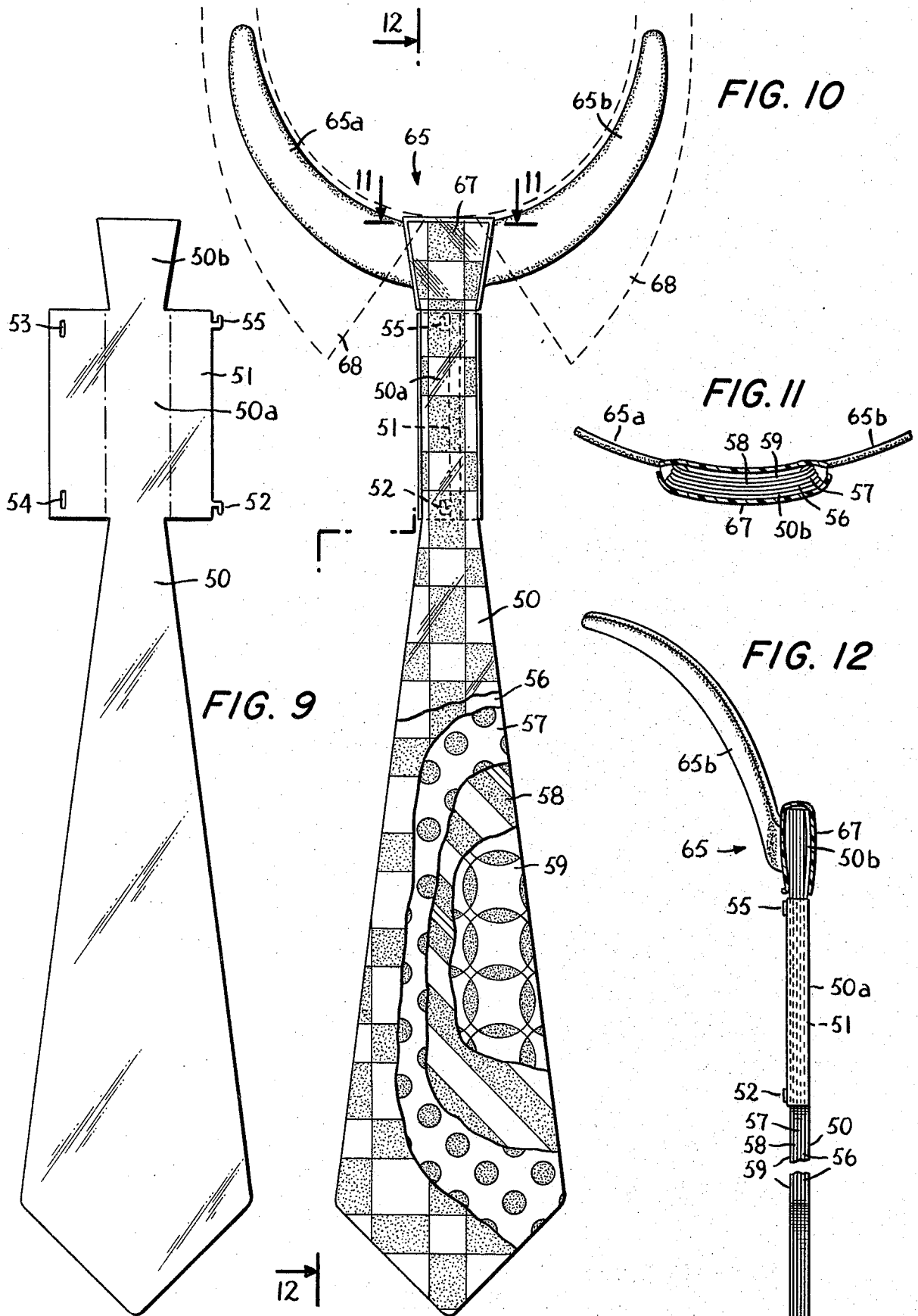


FIG. 4A



TIE ARRANGEMENTS AND TIE-HOLDING DEVICE THEREFOR

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

This invention relates generally to men's dress wear and more particularly to new and improved ties, tie arrangements, and tie-holding devices.

Ties are worn generally to complement the suit worn by a man. The choice of tie pattern is generally governed by the outer garments that the male has on for that particular day or function. A single tie is worn and a change may be made only by substituting a completely different tie. Thus, the male is limited as to the change of accessories and the like that could be made without complete removal to a place where access to a different tie may be made.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:

It is the principal object of the present invention to provide new and improved tie arrangements.

Another object is to provide new tie-holding devices usable with the ties and arrangements thereof according to the invention.

In accordance with the invention a plurality of ties of different patterns made of a light material are assembled into a single tie arrangement and worn together. Each individual tie may be selectively removed from the group or assembly of ties and the dress effect changed. The individual ties are made generally shorter than conventional ties and are held in tie-holding devices or collar devices removably for easily changing dress.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Other features and advantages of the ties, tie arrangements and tie-holding devices in accordance with the present invention will be better understood as described in the following specification and appended claims, in conjunction with the following drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a tie configuration according to the invention;

FIG. 2 is a front elevation view of a plurality of ties in an arrangement according to the invention.

FIG. 3 is a fragmentary side elevation view of the tie arrangement in FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a plan view of a second embodiment tie according to the invention;

FIG. 4A is a fragmentary plan view of a tie according to the second embodiment;

FIG. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of a tie-holding device according to the invention;

FIG. 6 is a front elevation view of a multiple-tie arrangement of the type illustrated in FIG. 4 and held by a collar device of the type shown in FIG. 5;

FIG. 7 is a cross-section view taken along section line 7—7 of FIG. 6;

FIG. 8 is a section view taken along section line 8—8 of FIG. 4;

FIG. 9 is a plan view of a tie device in accordance with the invention;

FIG. 10 is a front elevation view of a tie arrangement having a type of tie illustrated in FIG. 9 in conjunction with a tie-holding device;

FIG. 11 is a cross-section view taken along section line 11—11 of FIG. 10; and

FIG. 12 is a cross section view taken along section line 12—12 of FIG. 10.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS:

In accordance with the invention, a plurality of ties 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 are made shorter than the conventional ties as illustrated in FIG. 1. These ties may be made of silk or any thin suitable material. Recently plastics have been used for making thin ties with different patterns thereon. The ties have a short length 9a used for tying a knot 9b and all of the ties are jointly disposed parallel and superposed in an arrangement as illustrated in FIG. 2. A collar device 17 is provided with two wings 17a, 17b joined together with a joining piece 17c defining a space between the two wings in which a projection 17d is disposed extending upwardly in the space between the wings for suspending the tie arrangement therefrom as illustrated in FIGS. 2 and 3. The projection extends up into the knot 9b.

The tie-holding device wings are disposed underneath corresponding wings 20a, 20b of a shirt collar shown in broken lines in FIG. 1 and these device wings can function as stays underneath the collar or stiffeners that tend to support the collar and give it shape. The ties drape downwardly and may be worn without a tie clip or bar so that when the wearer sits the ties will be spread out or flare and make a handsome display of colors.

The uppermost tie 9 may be made of a clear plastic to overlie the others to protect them. However, this need not be the case since each of the ties can have any desired pattern. In order to change the dress of the tie arrangement the order of the tie arrangement can be reversed or changed in any desired way. The clear plastic tie can be eliminated and any tie desired can be made the uppermost tie. Furthermore, shifting the order of the ties in the arrangement can provide a decorative combination that when flared to a fan-shaped arrangement when the wearer sits will be different from a prior order of the arrangement.

A second embodiment of tie-configuration and tie-holder are illustrated in FIGS. 4—8. In this instance, the ties, for example a clear tie 24, are made with the configuration illustrated in FIG. 4 having an inverted frusto-conical length 24a having tapered edges 24b—24c diverging away from the main body of the tie. In this instance, a plurality of ties 24—28 with this configuration are assembled as a group overlying one another and made of thin material as before described with the first set or group of ties. The clear plastic tie 24 overlies the others. The frusto-conical ends of the superposed ties are received in a tie-holding device 30 having a pair of wings of 31, 32 having a flexible clip 34 of flexible plastic material integral with the tie-holder wings and having a flexible hinge 35. The wings define notches 37, 38 with a connecting piece 39 which has the hinge 35 integral with it and the clip 34 and has a projection 39a to provide surfaces on which a plurality of flexible snaps or tabs 40, 41, 42, 43 engage when the wings are lowered from the position in FIG. 5 into the position illustrated in FIG. 8 in which the clip is closed and the ties are releasably clamped therein.

The clip 34 is made of a clear plastic material and is configured in a configuration complementary to the tapered portion 24a of the ties which are received within the clip in the position in FIG. 5 and then clamped as

shown in FIG. 6-8. The wings 31, 32 are flexed downwardly after positioning the ties in the clip 34 and the clip and wings form a resilient clamp suspending the ties in the position illustrated in FIG. 8.

The wings of the tie-holding device 30 are inserted under the wings 45, 46 of the shirt collar and function as supports or stays underneath the collar the same as the embodiment heretofore described. In this tie arrangement the plastic cover tie, which functions as a protective cover here and in the first-described group, may be left off. It can be seen that the uppermost tie can be readily replaced by another and a "change of tie" can be made very easily and conveniently.

In a third configuration of a cover tie 50 as illustrated in FIG. 9 has a short length 50a terminating in a tapered end 50b. This tie configuration is similar to a combination of the configurations of the ties in FIGS. 1 and 4. In this instance, a clip or sheath 51 made of a clear flexible plastic material is provided and has openings 53, 54 in which hooks 55, 56 are received for holding an assembly of ties 56-59 in a superposed relationship. A tie-holding device 65 has wings 65a, 65b supporting a clip 67 which is U-shaped in cross section as illustrated in FIG. 12. The clip is made of flexible plastic and can be separated at the lower end for inserting the upper tip 50b of each of the individual ties thereinto. The clip is configured in the downwardly tapered configuration so the tie tips 50b will not fall out.

The tie-holding device 65 has its wings inserted under collar wings 67, 68 or a collar and function to enhance the beauty thereof by acting as stays under the collar as described with respect to the other embodiments.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In combination, a plurality of separate, and independent ties of similar configuration and different decorative patterns positionable aligned with each other in superposed relationship in registry with each other, a tie-holding device for wearing of the ties on said device jointly simultaneously, said tie-holding device comprising a tie-holding means for releasably holding the ties as a plurality in superposed position and suspended in

registry therefrom, and means on said device for wearing by a wearer of said device and plurality of ties.

2. In combination, a plurality of separate and independent ties of similar configuration and different decorative patterns positionable aligned with each other in superposed relationship in registry with each other, a tie-holding device wearing of the ties on said device, said device comprising a tie-holding clip for releasably holding the ties as a group simultaneously in superposed relationship and suspended in registry therefrom, a pair of wings disposed opposite to each other for disposition on the neck of a wearer underlying corresponding wings of a shirt collar worn by said wearer.

3. The combination according to claim 2, in which said device is shaped like an inverted "U" and receives said ends of said ties.

4. The combination according to claim 3, in which the device is tapered converging toward an open end of said U.

5. The combination according to claim 2, in which said device comprises a configuration tapered in a direction toward the ties suspended thereon, and each tie having an end length configured complementary toward said device for being held therein.

6. The combination according to claim 5, in which each end length of each tie has side edges converging toward a main part of said tie, and said end length tends to wedge in said device when a force is applied in a direction of the length of the ties.

7. In combination, a plurality of ties of similar configuration and different decorative patterns positionable aligned with each other in superposed relationship, a tie-holding device for wearing of the ties on said device, said device comprising a tie-holding means for releasably holding the ties in superposed relationship and suspended therefrom, a pair of wings disposed opposite to each other for disposition on the neck of a wearer underlying corresponding wings of a shirt collar worn by said wearer, said ties having a common knot, and said tie-holding means comprising a projection insertable into said knot.

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