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SOFT FOLD COLLAR.

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Fig. 1.

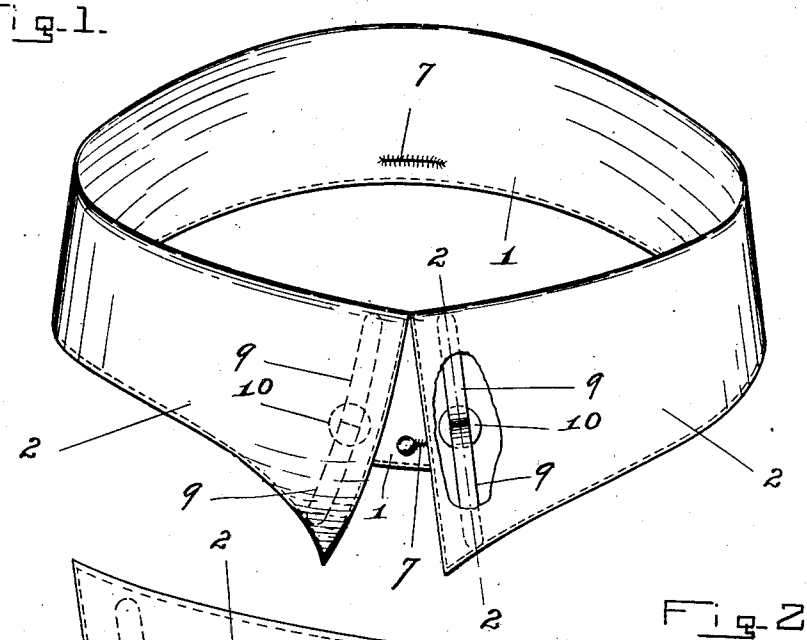


Fig. 2.

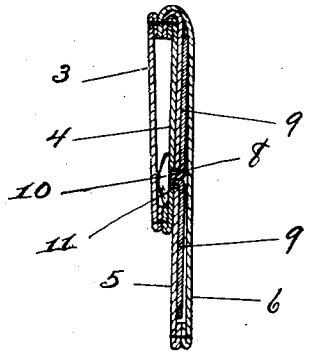


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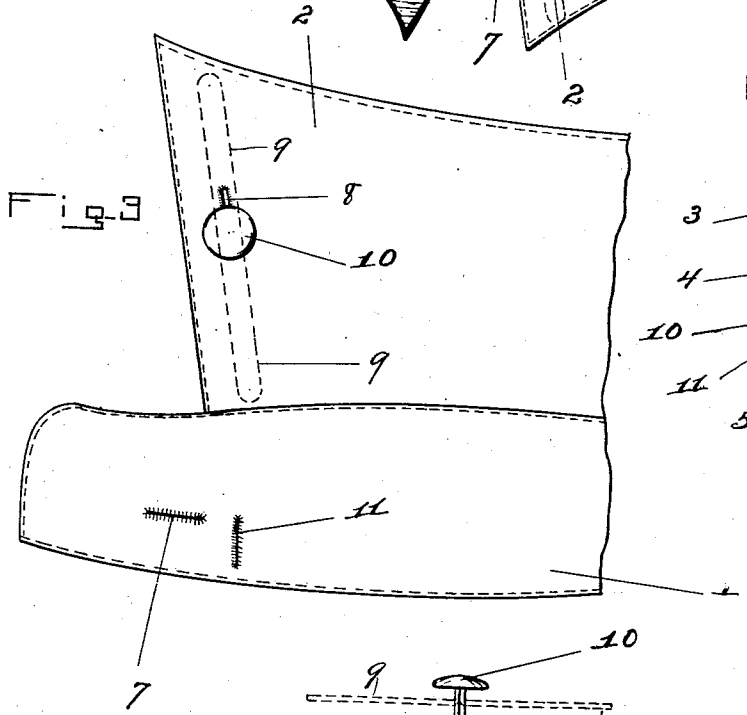
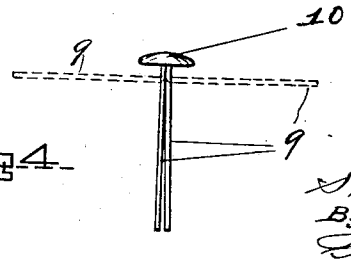


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SHELDON T. WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Troy, county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soft Fold-Collars, of which the following is a specification.

Reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, and the reference characters marked thereon, which form a part of this specification. Similar characters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

This invention relates to various kinds of collars having certain members which are to be worn soft or not stiffly starched.

The principal objects of the invention are to provide simple and easily applied means, whereby such a soft member of the collar may be held in proper position in use; to provide means whereby such a soft member of the collar can be supported in different forms at different times at the will of the user, and to provide a common means for supporting such a soft member of the collar and at the same time connecting it with an adjacent member of the collar.

Other objects will appear in connection with the following description.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a front view in perspective of a soft fold-collar embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same taken on the broken line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a broken-away end-portion of the collar with the top opened out flat.

Fig. 4 is a view of the pliable two-pronged stiffening member.

Referring to the drawings wherein the invention is shown in preferred form, 1 is the band, and 2 the folded-over top, of a soft fold-collar.

I have shown the band formed of an inner facing-ply, 3, and an outer facing-ply, 4, and the top formed of an inner facing-ply, 5, and an outer facing-ply, 6.

The band and the folded-over top may be made in the usual manner of as many plies as desired.

The band may be provided with the usual buttonholes, 7, whereby the band may be attached by means of buttons or studs to the neckband of a shirt, not shown.

For the purpose of the present description, it will be understood that the folded-over top of the collar is soft or unstarched. The band also may be soft or unstarched.

In carrying out my invention, I form a hole, 8, in the inner facing-ply of the top, 2, and insert through said hole the legs, 9, of a two-pronged stiffening-member and spread said legs or prongs between the plies of the top, 2, thereby providing the top with a supporting means whereby it can be held in proper form in use.

This stiffening-member is preferably provided with a head, 10, which is not inserted through the hole, 8, but serves as a means for retaining the spread-apart prongs, 9, in proper position.

The head, 10, is in the form of a button, and is adapted to engage a buttonhole, 11, formed in the band, 1, and to thereby hold the folded-over top of the collar closely to the band in use.

I have shown the buttonhole, 11, formed through only the outer facing-ply, 4, of the band, but for certain purposes of the invention it is immaterial whether it be so formed or be formed through all the plies of the band. By forming the buttonhole, 11, as shown, the head, 10, of the stiffening-member is prevented by the inner facing-ply, 3, of the band from coming into contact with the neck of the wearer.

For certain purposes of the invention, the stiffening-member, 9, may be made of either resilient metal or pliable metal.

If made of resilient metal, its normal form will be with the legs or prongs spread apart, as shown in Fig. 2, and as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 4, the prongs being held together so that their ends may be inserted through the hole, 8, and then permitted to spread apart to their normal extended or separated position as the stiffening-member is pushed in between the plies.

I prefer, however, to make the stiffening-member of pliable material such as soft brass or the like, whereby the prongs, 9, can be readily bent to hold the part of the collar containing the stiffening-member in such form as the wearer may desire.

Thus the pointed ends of the folded-over top may be not only stiffened by a stiffening-member applied as above described, but the form and position of the pointed ends may be changed by the user by simply bending the pliable prongs of the stiffening-members; and I have shown at the left-hand

side of Fig. 1, the pointed end of the top supported in this manner in a slightly curved upturned form.

The preferred construction shown and described enables me to employ a common means for both stiffening the end of the folded-over top, and for securing said end of the folded-over top to the band of the collar.

The stiffening-member can be readily removed when it is desired to launder the collar.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. The combination with a fold-collar having a band and a soft folded-over top, of supporting members for the ends of the folded-over top, said supporting members being made of inelastic material relatively stiff as compared with the material of which the folded-over top is made, and sufficiently pliable to be readily bent to desired shape.

2. The combination with a collar having a soft member formed of a plurality of plies of fabric, one of the facing-plies of which is provided with a hole; of a two-pronged supporting member, the prongs of which are insertible through said hole and spread between the plies of said member, said prongs being substantially in alinement with each other.

3. The combination with a fold-collar having a band, and a soft folded-over top formed of a plurality of plies of fabric, the inner facing-ply of which is provided with a hole near one end of the top, of a two-pronged supporting member, the prongs of which are insertible through said hole and spread between the plies of the folded-over top, said prongs being substantially in alinement with each other.

4. The combination with a fold-collar having a band provided with a buttonhole, and a soft folded-over top formed of a plurality of plies of fabric, the inner facing-ply of which is provided with a hole near one end of the top, of a supporting member insertible through said hole in the top between the plies of the top, and having a button-head adapted to engage said buttonhole in the band of the collar.

5. The combination with a fold-collar having a band provided with a buttonhole, and a soft folded-over top formed of a plurality of plies of fabric, the inner facing-ply of which is provided with a hole near one end of the top, of a supporting member insertible through said hole in the top between the plies of the top, said supporting member being made of material relatively stiff as compared with the material of which the folded-over top is made and sufficiently pliable to be readily bent to desired shape, and having a button-head adapted to engage said buttonhole in the band.

6. The combination with a collar having a member provided with a buttonhole, and an adjacent soft member formed of a plurality of plies of fabric, the inner facing-ply of which is provided with a hole, of a stiffening-member insertible through said hole between said plies and having a projecting head engageable with the buttonhole in said first mentioned member.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of March, 1918.

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