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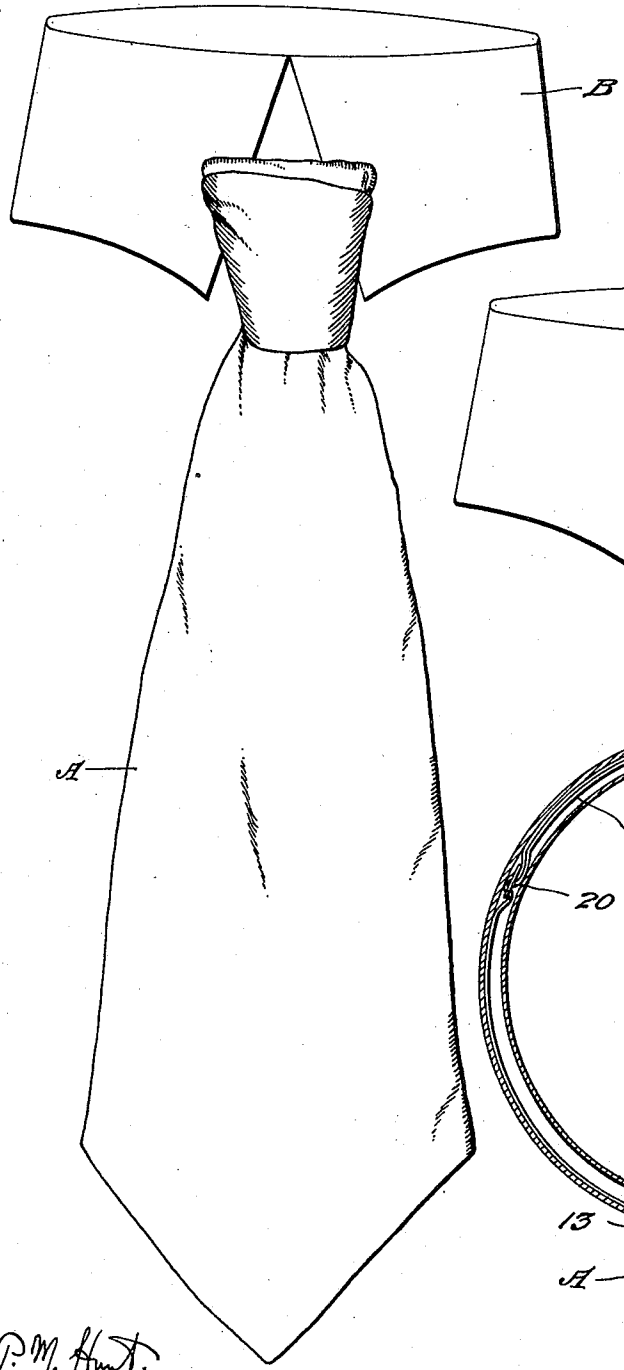


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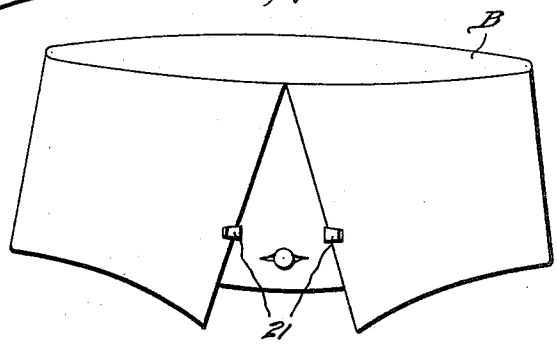
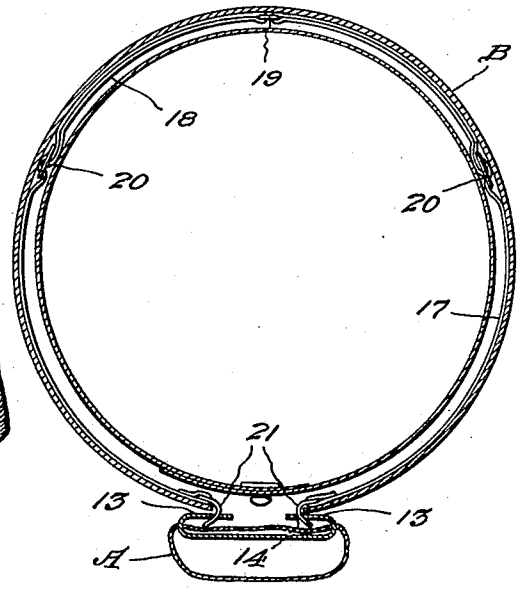


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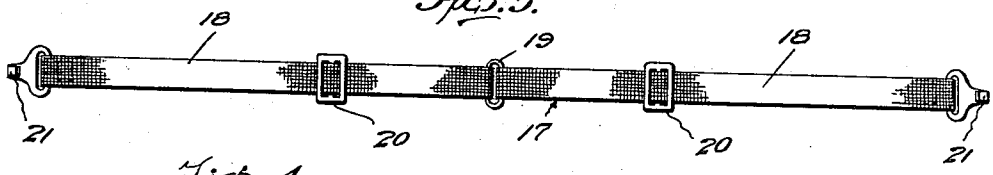
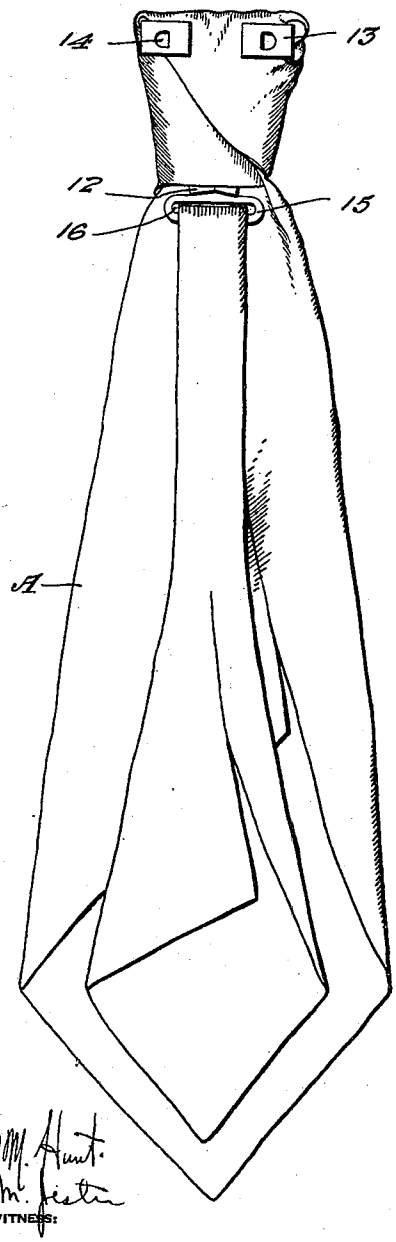


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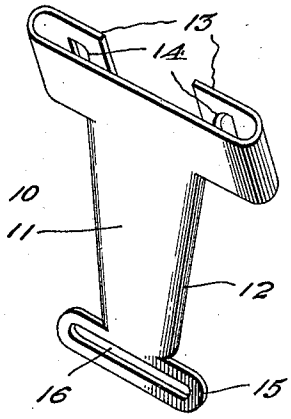


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BUTTIGIEG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elgin, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Necktie Forms and Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparel, particularly to neck ties, and has for its object the provision of a form upon which a neck tie of the four-in-hand type may be tied, this form being used in connection with novel holding means associated with a collar whereby the tie, when made up, may be quickly and easily associated with a collar or removed therefrom without untying the tie and without touching the collar with the fingers, the advantage being that soiling of the collar and wrinkling and soiling of the tie will also be prevented.

An important object is the provision of a device of this character in which the collar engaging holding means is in the nature of an elastic carrying hooks at its ends ordinarily engaging the front edges of the collar and adapted to be engaged by the tie form, these hooks remaining upon the edges of the collar when the tie is removed.

An additional object is the provision of a device of this character which will be simple and inexpensive in construction, highly efficient in use, durable in service, and a general improvement in the art.

With the above and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists in the details of construction to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my tie showing it in position upon a collar.

Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view through the collar and tie form,

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the collar with the tie removed,

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the tie and form detached from the collar.

Fig. 5 is an elevation of the elastic holding member, and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the tie form alone.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates a tie form which is formed of suitable sheet material such as metal, celluloid, or the like, and which is formed from a single piece of material cut and bent into shape. This form comprises a body portion 11 forming the front which has its side edges rolled backwardly, as indicated at 12, and which is provided at its upper corners with tongues 13 bent backwardly toward each other and provided with openings 14. At the lower end of the body 11 is formed a depending tab 15 having a laterally elongated slot 16.

A tie of the four-in-hand type, designated by the letter A, is tied upon this form in the usual manner, the form serving to give the knot of the tie its proper shape and size. The smaller end of the tie is threaded through the slot 16 and it will be apparent that when my form is used the tie may be much shorter than the ties usually made as the short end need not extend the full length of the long end.

Associated with the collar B is a holding member 17 formed as a pair of strips of elastic 18 connected by a loop 19. Each strip is provided with an adjusting slide 20 and carries at its free end a hook 21. This holding member is disposed between the inner and outer plies of a turn-down collar, as clearly shown, and the hooks 21 are initially engaged upon the edges at the front of the collar.

In using the device, the holding member being positioned as above mentioned, the user engages the collar upon his shirt band and fastens the front of the collar in the ordinary manner. The hooks 21 will then appear as in Fig. 3. The tie having been made up on the form 10, the operator grasps the knot of the tie and so arranges it that one of the openings 14 will engage upon one of the hooks 21 after which he pulls upon this hook, by means of the tie knot to disengage the hook from the edge of the collar and allows this corner of the tie to engage between the inner and outer plies of the collar at the opening in the front. He then engages the other opening 14 upon the other hook 21 and disengages this second hook from the edge of the collar and places the other corner of the tie upon the inner and outer plies of the collar at the other side of the opening in the front. The tie will then present the same appearance as any ordinary four-in-hand tie, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. It will be noted that the elastic strip will not only hold the tie

firmly in place but will also tend to contract the collar so as to prevent the gaping which so frequently occurs.

When it is desired to remove the tie the operator grasps the knot portion thereof and pulls it from between the plies of the collar and engages one hook 21 with the edge of the collar, after which the opening 14 is disengaged from this hook, and then he engages the other hook with the other edge. It will be observed that this operation as well as the operation of placing the tie in position is accomplished without any necessity whatever for touching the collar. It will also be noted that there will be remarkably little wear on the tie as it remains permanently upon the form and need not be undone.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention it is of course to be understood that I reserve the right to make such changes in the form, construction, and arrangement of parts as will not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

A tie form comprising a body formed of sheet material and having its intermediate portion of trapezoidal shape with the edges thereof rolled backwardly, the body having its upper corners formed with elongated tongues bent backwardly upon themselves and formed with openings adapted to receive securing means, said body having its lower end formed with a laterally elongated tab provided with an elongated slot.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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