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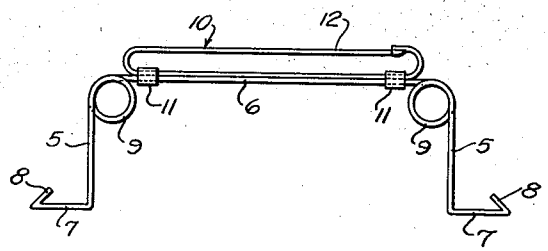


Fig. 1.

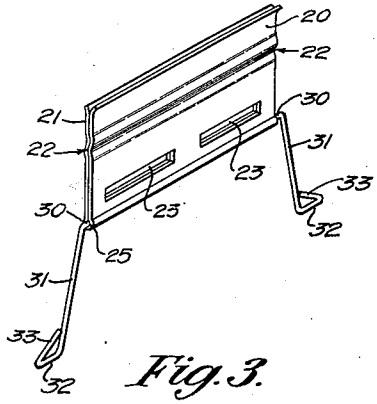


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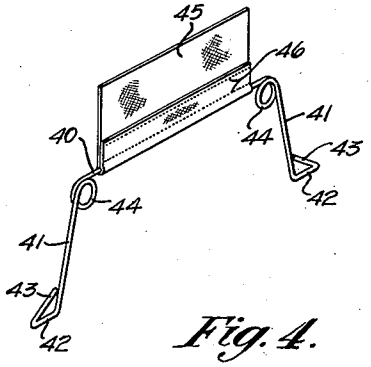


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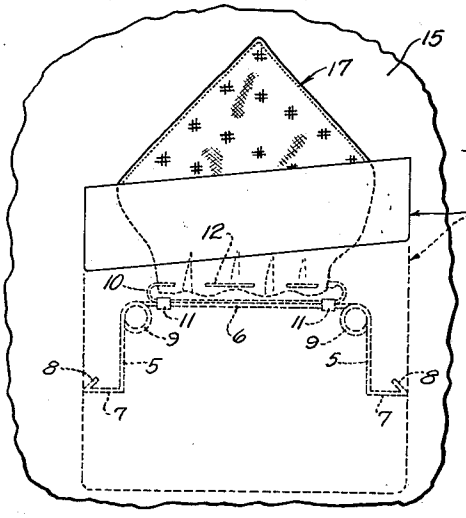


Fig. 2.

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My invention relates to devices for and methods of displaying, in the handkerchief pocket of an outer garment, a piece of fabric resembling a handkerchief and which matches in color and pattern the necktie or shirt worn by the wearer.

Many people, especially men, experience considerable difficulty in matching handkerchiefs worn in the handkerchief pocket of the coat with a shirt or tie being worn at the same time. In many instances this difficulty is due to lack of proper color appreciation and distinction and, in other cases, it is due to the lack of some matching tie and handkerchief set or shirt and handkerchief set. This is particularly true where the shirt or tie is of a distinctive pattern because, in such cases, it is often difficult to provide a handkerchief of matching pattern.

It is among the objects of my invention to provide an extremely simple device for and method of effecting such matching.

Another object is the provision of a novel device for mounting and holding in the handkerchief pocket a piece of fabric which matches either the tie or shirt of the wearer.

Other objects and corresponding accomplishments of my invention will become obvious from the following detailed description of one presently preferred embodiment thereof, for which purpose I refer to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of my device;

Fig. 2 illustrates in dotted lines the device of Fig. 1 mounted in a handkerchief pocket and having supported thereon a matching fabric;

Fig. 3 is a variational form of supporting element; and

Fig. 4 is another variational form of supporting element.

In general, I carry my invention into practice by cutting from a necktie an end portion or cutting from a shirt a small portion, which cutting is secured to my supporting element and the supporting element with the carried cutting is inserted in the pocket so that an end of the cutting protrudes from the pocket in simulation of a conventional handkerchief. Usually the small end of a necktie may be cut off and used for this purpose, inasmuch as normally the small end of the tie is not visible when worn. Likewise, if it be preferred to match the handkerchief with the shirt, a part of the tail portion of the shirt may be removed for the purpose.

Referring first to Figs. 1 and 2, my supporting device is comprised of spring wire, the base element being formed of one piece having vertical side legs 5, a horizontal top portion 6 and horizontally disposed end portions 7 which terminate in back-turned portions 8. For the purpose of added resiliency, the supporting element is provided with two loops 9 at opposite ends of the horizontal portion 6. A safety pin element 10 is secured to top arm 6 by clamps 11.

Referring particularly to Fig. 2, I show a garment 15 such as a shirt or coat having a handkerchief pocket 16. In this view, I show what may be termed a handkerchief element 17, which may be the end of a necktie or a fragment of a shirt, secured to the pin portion 10 of the supporting member by having the top leg 6 of the pin inserted through the fabric. After the handkerchief element is thus mounted on the supporting member, the supporting member is inserted in the pocket a distance capable of allowing a portion of the handkerchief to protrude from the pocket. To thus insert the supporting element in the pocket, it is only necessary to grasp the side legs 5 of the supporting element between the thumb and a finger and compress them together. When the device is inserted in the pocket and the finger pressure released, the end portions 7 will bear against the sides of the pocket to retain the supporting element in place. The back-turned terminal portions 8 permit the device to be removed from the pocket without difficulty.

In Fig. 3, I show a variational form of device comprising a spring metal clamping member having opposite resilient side plates 20, 21 preferably corrugated at 22 and perforated at 23. The bottom portion of the clamping member is provided with a longitudinal groove 25 in which is mounted a piece of spring wire having a horizontal portion 30, outwardly and downwardly disposed side legs 31, horizontally disposed lower end portions 32 and backwardly bent terminal portions 33. The corrugations 22 are provided for the purpose of more securely holding the handkerchief element between the side plates 20 and 21 and the perforations 23 are provided for the purpose of easy flexibility of the clamp. In practice, the handkerchief is clamped between members 20 and 21 and the device is inserted in the handkerchief pocket in the manner described in connection with Figs. 1 and 2.

In Fig. 4, I show a further variational form of supporting element comprised of a spring wire having a horizontal portion 40, downwardly and outwardly disposed side legs 41, end portions 42 and backwardly bent terminal portions 43. At each end of the horizontal portion 40 the wire is provided with a loop 44. For purposes of an-

choring the handkerchief element to the supporting element, I provide a piece of fabric **45** which passes around portion **40** of the wire and is stitched at **46**. The handkerchief or cutting may be secured to fabric **45** by means of a conventional pin.

From the foregoing, the ease with which one might match a tie or shirt or a handkerchief element becomes obvious. In case the wearer wishes to match a tie and handkerchief, he merely removes the small end portion of the tie, secures it to the supporting element as described, and inserts the supporting element with the carried tie end in the handkerchief pocket in the manner described. If it is desired to match the handkerchief and shirt, in the same manner the wearer merely removes a small fragment of the shirt and uses the fragment for the handkerchief element.

While in the foregoing I have resorted to specific details of structure and combination, I wish it understood that within the broader scope of my invention as defined by the appended claims, various modifications are possible without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. A device adapted to be mounted in the pocket of a garment for displaying therein a fabric element in simulation of a handkerchief, comprising a spring wire bent to provide a horizontally disposed medial portion extending transversely of the pocket and a loop on each of the respective ends of said medial portion, each of said loops terminating in a downwardly and outwardly extending arm, each of which arms has a backwardly bent end portion for engaging said pocket, and means carried by the medial portion for anchoring said fabric element.

2. A device adapted to be mounted in the pocket of a garment for displaying therein a fabric element in simulation of a handkerchief, comprising a spring wire bent to provide a horizontally disposed medial portion extending transversely of the pocket and a loop on each of the respective ends of said medial portion, each of said loops terminating in a downwardly and outwardly extending arm, the outer end of each of said arms being backwardly bent to provide a V-shaped pocket engaging portion, and a fabric anchoring member carried by the medial portion.

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