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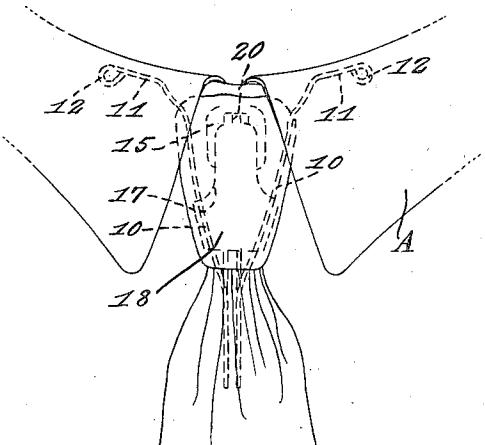
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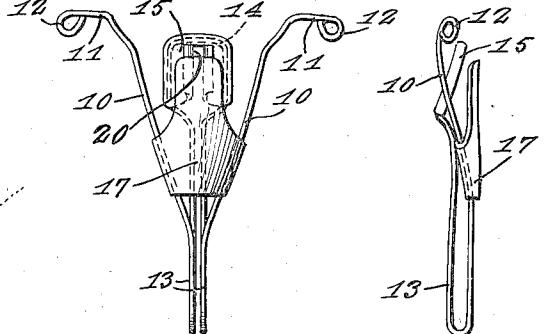
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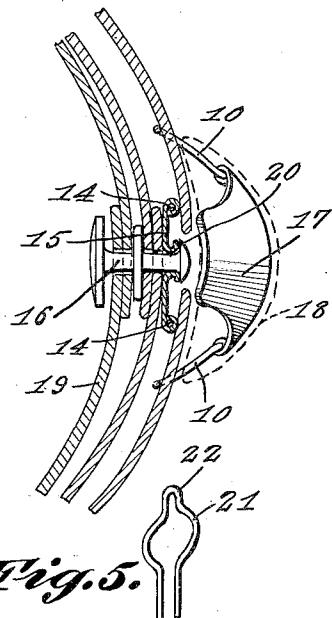
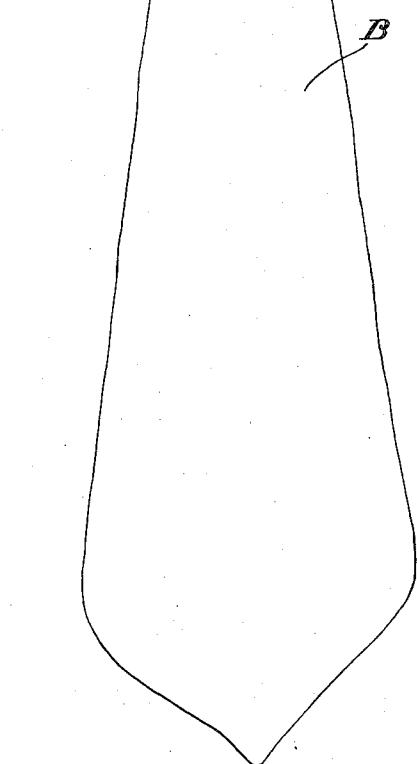
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2. Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*

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## NECKTIE HOLDER

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—153)

The invention relates to a necktie holder and more especially to a four-in-hand necktie holder.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a structure of this character, wherein the same may be known as a combination tie set in that a four-in-hand type of necktie may be worn without engaging the tie with the fold in a turned-over or low collar, either of the attached or detached type, thus relieving the wearer of the unpleasantness incident to the wearing of the tie in the customary manner, which frequently works from under the collar and the knot part of the tie becomes displaced at the front of the collar, which renders the attire unsightly and displeasing, the structure including a particular type of collar button and the collar being reinforced at the front and holding such collar in a shape which is more nearly in conformity to the shape of the neck, while the holder allows an up and down adjustment.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character, wherein the four-in-hand tie may be tied about and supported by such holder, so that it may be worn and have the appearance of being passed about the neck and within the fold of a turned-over or low collar and at the same time the holder can be engaged with the collar button to avoid displacement of the holder while supporting or carrying the tie and at all times the necktie will be maintained properly at the front of the collar and in presentable wearing condition.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a holder of this character which is simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and efficient in its purpose, enabling a necktie to be supported thereby, readily and easily attached to and removed from a wearer, durable, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described in detail, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which discloses the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of a collar for a shirt showing the necktie worn with the holder constructed in accordance with the invention and in position with respect to said collar.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the holder with the tie removed therefrom.

Figure 3 is a side view of the same.

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken transversely through a shirt band and turned-over collar, showing the holder constructed in accordance with the invention engaged with a collar button for attaching the separable collar to the shirt band.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary perspective view of a slight modification of holder.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail, A designates generally a portion of a folded-over or what is commonly termed a turned-over collar or a low collar of a negligee shirt and B a four-in-hand tie, the latter being worn with a holder constituting the present invention and hereinafter fully described.

The holder comprises a frame, preferably formed from a single length of wire bent on itself to provide a pair of upwardly divergent arms 10, these having the laterally outturned tips 11 formed with the curled eye terminals 12, while the frame additionally constitutes an upwardly extended loop 13 which is rearmost of the arms 10, the loop being spread to provide a head 14 with which is fitted a slotted clamping plate 15 for engagement with a collar button 16, as ordinarily fastening the neckband of a shirt and attaching the collar A in place.

Carried by the arms 10 is a spread plate 17 having the upwardly tapered portion between the arms 10 and about this plate is trained the necktie B for the tying and forming of a knot 18 which secures the tie upon the holder for carriage thereby.

In the use of the holder the tie B is knotted, as at 18, about the spread plate 17 and thus in this fashion attached to the holder. Thereafter, upon the fastening of the collar to the neckband 19 of a shirt by the collar button 16, the clamping plate 15 of the holder is engaged with this button 16 by the passing of the shank into the slot in said plate 15, the slot being indicated at 20 in said plate, and the arms 10 at their tips 11 are swung beneath the folded-over portions of the collar to be confined within the fold of such collar and thus the tie is attached and properly worn at the front of the collar A, as is clearly apparent in Figure 1 of the drawing.

In Figure 5 of the drawing the frame, at the loop thereof, has bent from the wire a circular head 21 which has the contracted portion 22 to accommodate the shank of a collar button 16 and in this fashion the frame is made fast in place.

In this modified form the slitted plate 15 is entirely dispensed with and the head of the collar button will pass through the circular head 21 so that the shank will be received in the contracted 5 portion 22, as should be obvious.

The spread plate 17 enables a proper knot 18 to be formed from the tie B and to give a puffed or padded aspect to the knot when the tie is worn upon the holder.

10 The two arms of the frame and the spring clip when attached to the front collar button provide the three bearing points to reinforce the collar at the front and hold it to the proper curvature. The spring clip when attached to the button 15 holds the two ends of the collar firmly together, pressing them against the middle disc of the button and preventing drooping or sagging thereof. The structure may be termed a necktie set which consists of a necktie frame, a front 20 collar button and a necktie of proper length, width and thickness. This combination set permits the necktie to be worn without wrapping the tie around the neck and can be used with either the detached collar or collar-attached type of 25 shirt, and the principal object of this combination is to eliminate the various ill effects produced by the present method of wearing a tie.

Considering the shirt with a detachable collar, which may be either linen, rubber or other material, when the necktie is used as at present, which is up in the fold of the collar, it is not only difficult to keep it there while the tie is being tied, but it also gives the collar a rather oblong shape after the knot is tied and properly adjusted and not in 30 conformity with the shape of the neck and produces a pressure against the side of the neck and causes friction when the head is turned, which in many cases has become unbearable to the point that it becomes necessary to remove both the 35 collar and tie.

When the combination set is used, the ill effects pointed out in the foregoing paragraph are eliminated and the collar is in proper shape, which is more nearly in conformity with the shape of the neck and in turn produces the desired comfort. 5 In other words, the frictional contact is removed. It can easily be seen that the weakest point in the circumference of the collar is at the point where it fastens to the front collar button, because of the break at this point which is necessary to permit the collar to be attached and taken off. When the set is used it reinforces the collar at this point where it fastens to the front collar button and holds it in shape.

When a soft-collar shirt is worn with collar 15 attached, the frame having the head 21 and contracted portion 22 of the set is used instead of the spring clip and when so used the band of the necktie is eliminated from the neck, thereby relieving the pressure that usually exists when the 20 tie is used as at present. Thus it can be seen that greater comfort is the result when the necktie frame is used.

What is claimed is:

A device of the character described, a frame 25 formed from a single length of wire bent to provide a pair of upwardly diverging arms having lateral out-turned tips and an upwardly extending loop rearmost of the arms for clamping engagement with the collar button, and a spread 30 plate connected with the arms and having an upwardly tapered portion between same and adapted for the tying and forming of a knot of a necktie thereon, the loop having a portion disposed at an inward angle with respect to the said 35 spread plate and extending to a point above the uppermost portion of said spread plate.

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