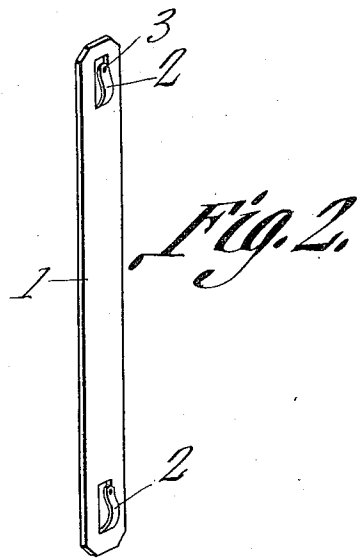
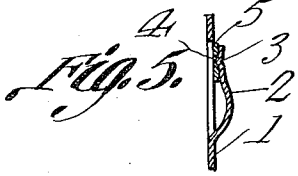
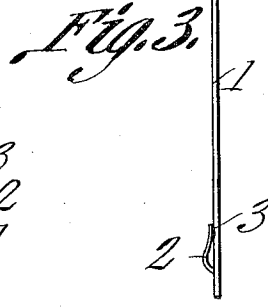
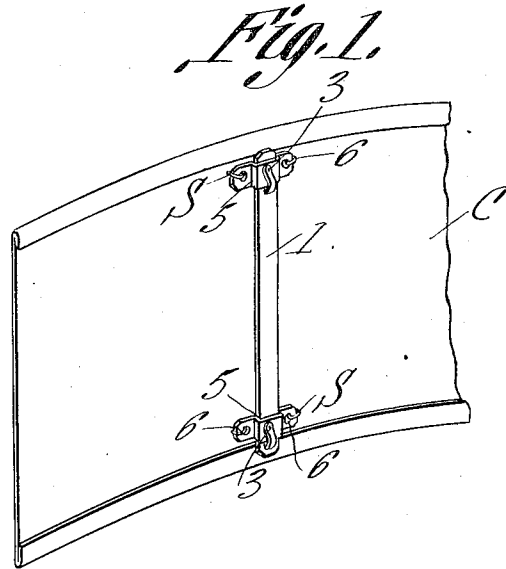


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDALIA J. STEWART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Collar-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to collar supporters.

10 The object of the invention is to improve the manner of assembling the stay with its keepers, whereby the parts will be positively held in locked engagement and against danger of accidental separation while the collar is being worn, but will be ready for disconnection when desired. Furthermore, to construct the stay and keepers in such manner, that when the parts are assembled with the collar, the exterior surface of the latter shall
20 present a smooth and finished appearance, with the supporters and keepers completely concealed from view.

25 With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts of a collar supporter, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

30 In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts: Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a portion of a collar, showing the supporter applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective
35 view of the stay. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the stay. Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view of one of the keepers. Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view through a portion of one end of the stay and the keeper.

40 The supporter comprises a stay 1, which may be constructed of any suitable resilient material, such as steel, silver, aluminum, or the like, and is provided with two resilient compound curved tongues 2 which are struck
45 out from the material of the stay, and are disposed adjacent the ends thereof, the free ends of the tongues projecting in the same direction, for a purpose that will presently appear. Each tongue is provided adjacent
50 to its terminal with a teat 3 that is designed to engage with an opening or seat 4 formed in a centrally disposed offset 5 of a keeper, the terminals of which are provided with orifices 6 by which the keeper may be secured

to the collar C by stitches S. The keeper 55 may be constructed of the same material as the stay, or of some other substance if found desirable or advantageous.

The terminals of the tongues 2 project a sufficient distance beyond the adjacent surfaces of the stay to permit of the offset 5 being readily inserted between them, thus to permit the teats 3 to engage with the seats 4, and thus lock the parts together. By offsetting the tongues in the manner described, that side of the stay which will rest against the collar will present an unbroken surface, so that when in position, the exterior of the collar will present a smooth and unwrinkled and finished appearance.

70 It will be observed by reference to Fig. 1 that the stay is somewhat shorter in length than the width of the collar, the object of this arrangement being to prevent the stay from projecting at either end beyond the edge of the collar, and to insure the stiffening of the collar throughout its entire width, the tongues are disposed close to the terminals of the stay.

80 In assembling a stay with the collar, after the keepers have been positioned thereon, the lower tongue is inserted between the collar and the offset 5, the latter being provided to permit this being accomplished in an easy manner, and the stay is drawn upward, thereby bringing the teat of the tongue into engagement with the seat 4. The stay is now flexed, and the upper tongue is brought into engagement with the like keeper, and upon the stay being released it
90 will resume a straight condition, and thus place the collar under tension, so that it will remain stiff while worn upon the neck.

100 It is designed that a number of the keepers shall be furnished with each set of stays, so that when the collar is to be washed, the keepers will not have to be removed, so that danger of loss and waste of time that would ensue from the detaching and attaching the keepers is eliminated.

The improvements herein described are simple in character, but will be found thoroughly effective for the purposes designed, and will coact in the presentation of a thoroughly practical, and easily constructed form of collar supporter.

I claim:

A collar supporter consisting of a stay

having at each end a resilient tongue provided with a teat, the free ends of the tongues projecting in the same direction, and keepers having intermediate offsets to
5 be engaged by the tongues, and furnished with seats in the offsets to be engaged by the teats.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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