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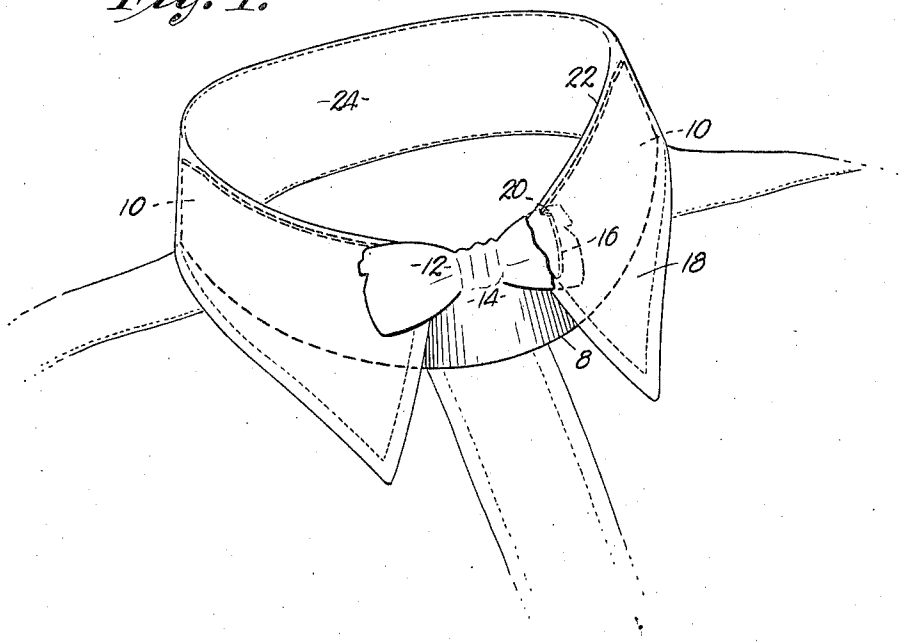


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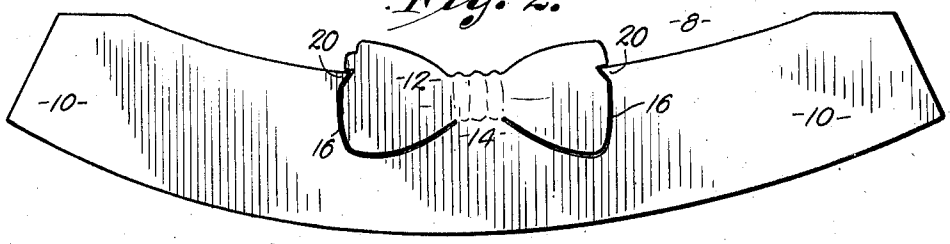


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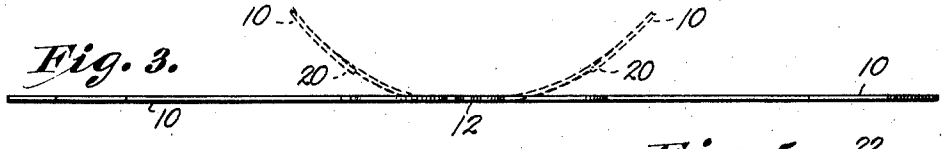


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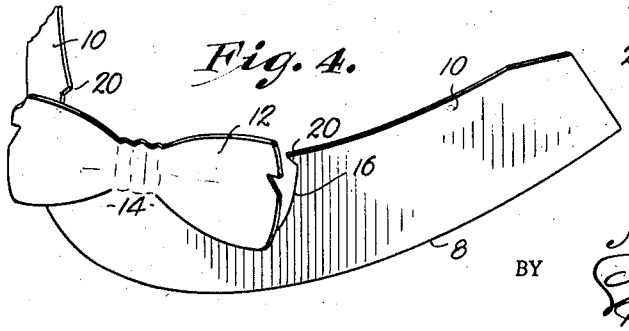
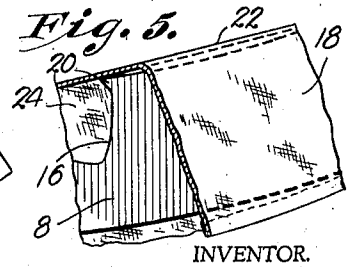


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1 Claim. (Cl. 223—83)

This invention relates to a shirt collar support of the character adapted to be inserted between the neck band and the fold-over type collar of a shirt, after the same is laundered to retain the collar assembly in an upstanding condition until the shirt is to be worn.

It is an important aim of this invention to provide a shirt collar support of the above mentioned character, that can be readily inserted between the shirt band and collar and which will remain in place without the aid of buttons, or other fastening means frequently resorted to in supports of this type.

It is a further aim of this invention to provide a support having decorative characteristics for adding materially to the attractiveness of a freshly laundered shirt, this decorative feature being uniquely formed in such a manner that retaining barbs or prongs are provided for maintaining the support against accidental dislodgement.

Other objects of the invention, including specific details of construction, will appear during the course of the following specification, referring to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shirt collar with a support constructed in accordance with my invention, inserted therebeneath.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of the collar support in flat condition.

Fig. 3 is a top edge view of the support illustrating in dotted lines, the position of the band when arched and in use.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing substantially the form of the support when in position beneath a shirt collar; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary elevational view of a shirt collar showing the manner a barb of the support engages the fold of the collar to prevent accidental displacement.

The collar support is preferably die-cut from a single sheet of cardboard to form a body, broadly designed by the numeral 8. This body comprises end portions or wings 10, extending outwardly from a central decorative area 12, which in the instant case, simulates a bow. Except for a narrow central neck 14, this bow is completely separated from the remainder of the support by lines of severance 16. Area 12 remains in a planar condition when the wings are arched to conform to the curvature of the shirt collar 18.

The lines of severance 16 are such that barbs or prongs 20 are provided, which project slightly to the outside of the arc, described by the curved portion of body 8 when in the operative position as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3. These barbs are thus forced against the inside face of the folded over portion of the collar 18 when seated thereunder, as illustrated in Fig. 1. In addition, barbs 20 project upwardly against the under side of collar 18 at the line of fold 22 of the collar due to the relatively long break in the arcuate, upper edge of the support, as clearly shown in Fig. 5.

When the elongated arched body 8 is inserted between the shirt band 24 and the collar 18, area 12 flexes slightly at its zone of connection 14 as the free ends thereof overlie the outer surfaces of collar 18. Those parts of collar 18 between wings 10 and collar 18 cannot accidentally move outwardly from barbs 20 because of the retaining effect of said bow-shaped area 12.

The width of wings 10 is substantially the same as the height of collar and band 18 and 24 respectively. When the arcuate lower edge of body 8 is drawn against the shirt near the line of juncture of band 24, a relatively rigid assembly is established.

The shirt may be placed in any position without danger of dislodgement of the support and only an intentional removing force will be effective to overcome the gripping action of barbs 20.

It is realized that collar supports having physical characteristics different from those shown and described might be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

A shirt collar support comprising an initially flat planar body having wing portions at each end thereof; and a central decorative portion partially cut by lines of severance from the wing portions at their zone of juncture, said lines of severance having portions meeting at an acute angle and extending into each end of the decorative portion to create opposed barbs directed forwardly toward said decorative portion and projecting to the outside of an arc, described by the support when in curved condition beneath a collar, said barbs being directed upwardly to engage a collar beneath its line of fold.

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