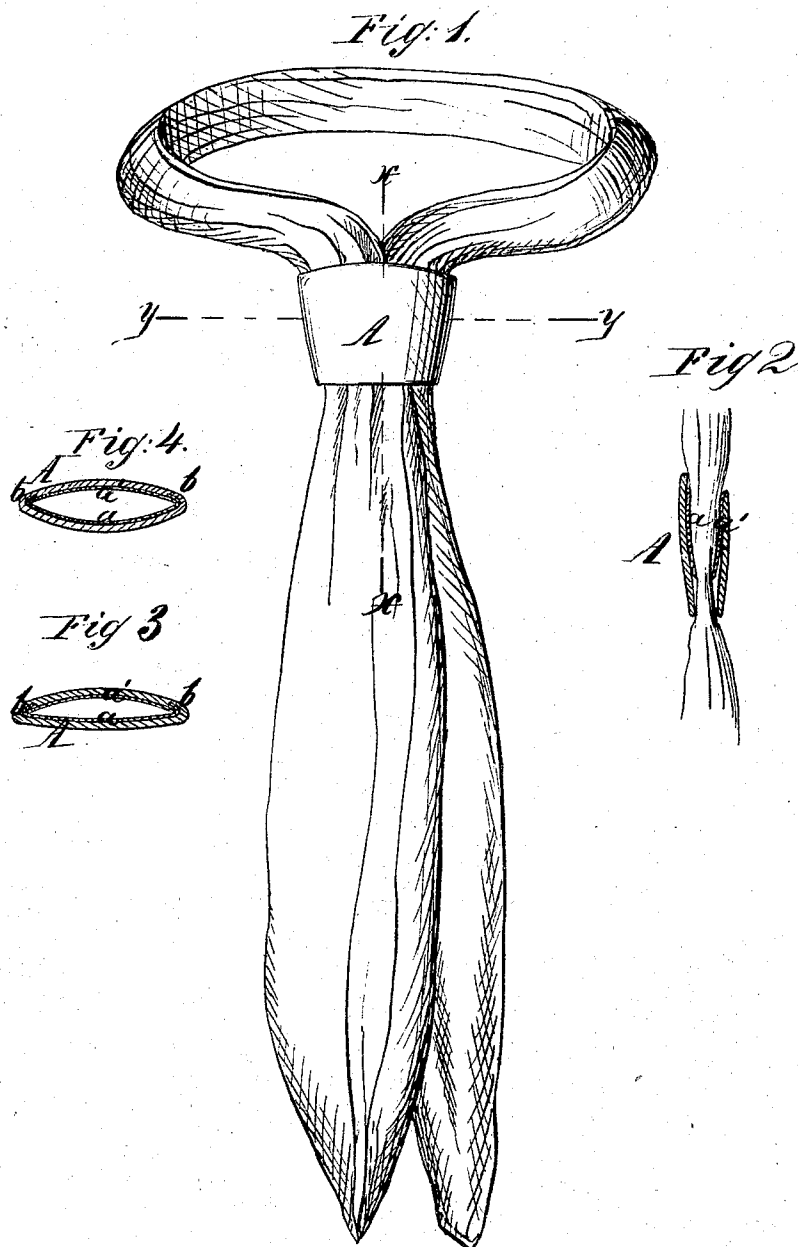


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IMPROVEMENT IN SCARF-CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT RICHARD WEISZ, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Scarf-Clasp; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which drawing—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same in the plane *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the same when it is closed to retain the scarf, the line *y y*, Fig. 1, indicating the plane of section. Fig. 4 is a similar section of the same when it is open to release the scarf.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in the arrangement of two elastic blades in the interior of a scarf-slide, in such a manner that when said blades are allowed to follow their elasticity, they will clamp and compress both ends of the scarf, and retain the slide, and when the slide is compressed edgewise the elastic blades release both ends of the scarf, and the slide can be moved freely in either direction upon the free and disconnected ends of the scarf. The edges of one of the elastic blades are bent to form bearings for the edges of the other blade, and also to form stops which prevent the blades from being bent open beyond the desired point.

In the drawing, the letter A designates a scarf-slide, which is made of any suitable material, and so arranged that the ends of a scarf can be drawn through the same, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. In the interior of said slide are secured two blades, *a a'*, which are made of sheet-steel, or any other suitable elastic material, and which are so arranged that, when they are allowed to follow their own elasticity, their lower edges will take a firm hold of the scarf and prevent the slide from being moved down. In order to enable the lower edges of the blades to grasp the scarf, they may be slightly curved inward, as shown in Fig. 2, or they may be provided with sharp teeth. By pressing the slide A edge-

wise the blades *a a'* are sprung apart, as shown in Fig. 4, and the slide can be freely moved on the scarf in either direction. The blades *a a'* are held in the proper relation toward each other by means of curved flanges *b* formed by bending the edges of the blade *a*, (see Figs. 3 and 4,) the blade *a'* being sprung into these curved flanges. If desired, however, the curved flanges may be made separate and detached from both blades, and in this case said flanges will be secured in the slide A, and both blades will be sprung into them. The flanges *b* are so formed that they form stops, preventing the blades *a a'* from being bent apart beyond the desired point.

By this arrangement a scarf-slide is obtained which is simple and cheap in its construction, which is easily operated, and which can be readily applied to scarfs of any description.

I am aware that one end of a neck-tie has been permanently attached to a roll or bow-knot, in the interior of which is located an elastic substance so as to press against the free end of the tie when placed therein; such I do not claim, as it is not the intent of my invention, as all must of necessity be manufactured and sold together. The prime feature of my invention consists in making the slide a separate and distinct article of manufacture, capable of being readily applied to any scarf, and by its use and its construction the free ends of a scarf can be inserted together through the slide between the disconnected or pivoted blades having scarf-retaining edges; and, further, the length of either end of the scarf adjusted in respect to the other when desired.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A scarf-slide provided in its interior with two elastic blades, *a a'*, constructed substantially as described, for compressing and confining the free ends of a scarf when inserted therein, as set forth.

This specification signed by me this 12th day of August, 1873.

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