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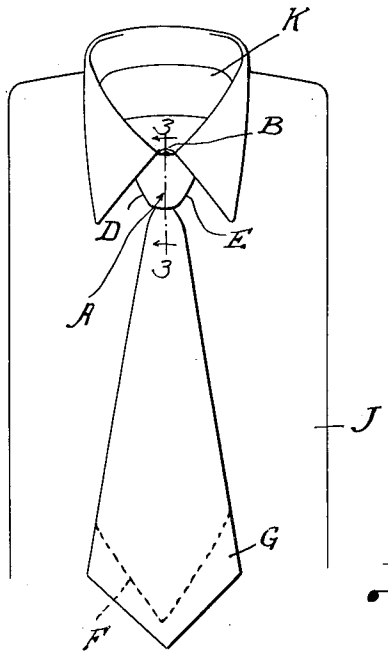


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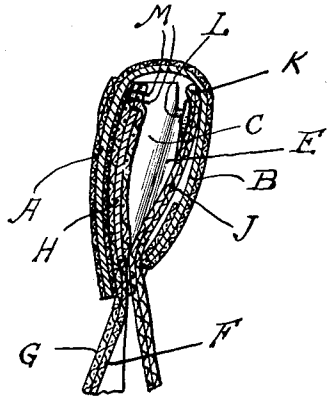


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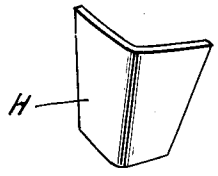


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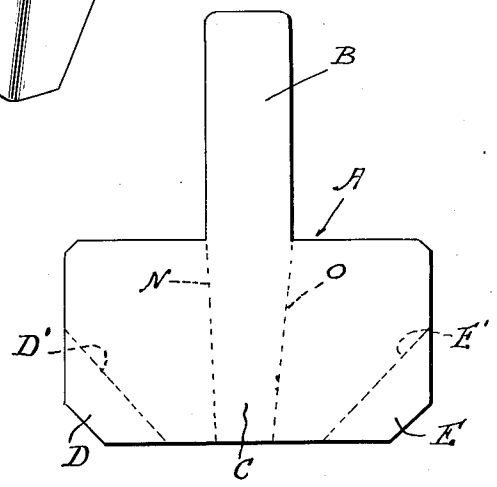


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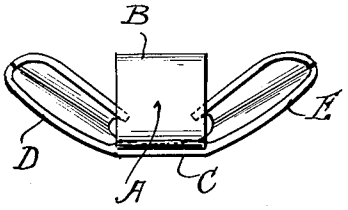
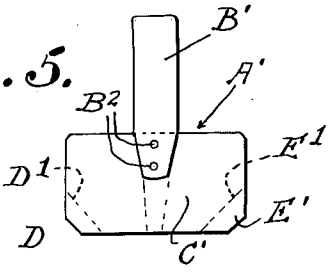


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This invention relates to a necktie construction which is well adapted for prolonging the useful life of neckties.

It is well known that neckties, particularly the four-in-hand type of tie wear out first at the knot where the most severe wear occurs. I provide a necktie construction and a device for application to a four-in-hand tie which closely resembles the hand-tied knot and which will greatly prolong the useful life of the tie.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide an attachment for a necktie which is secured to the tie in such a manner as to resemble a hand-tied knot and which at the same time will greatly prolong the useful life of the tie.

Further and more limited objects of the invention will appear as the description proceeds and by reference to the accompanying drawings in which similar parts are indicated by similar reference characters.

Referring now to the drawings,

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of my improved necktie construction.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the member which forms the knot of the tie.

Fig. 3 is a side view in plan taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the deformable metal piece from which is shaped the four-in-hand tie knot.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a modified form of knot forming plate and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a metal insert which is secured between the two sections of the tie.

My improved tie comprises an outer necktie top piece and an under end which are cut off at the top transversely and stitched together adjacent the adjoining ends. Disposed between these ends is an inner concavo-convex insert which is stitched in place. Disposed over the outer face of the tie and tightly embracing the same is a knot form which is formed of thin flexible metal which is readily deformable manually so as to be shaped to form a knot or something which resembles a knot. This member has at each side thereof wings which are bent around the tie adjacent the upper ends of the two layers so as to be shaped to resemble a four-in-hand knot and so as to grip the ends of the tie and hold the same in proper relation.

My invention consists essentially of a knot form A which is preferably formed of thin flexible material such as thin metal or the like which is readily manually deformed and which has sufficient rigidity to retain its shape to which it is bent and which is secured within a suitable cloth covering which matches the material of the tie or which may be covered with a material having a suitable design thereon. Such a member A is shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4 and consists of a piece of thin flexible metal shaped as shown in Fig. 4. The body member A has a tongue portion or projection B thereon and a generally rectangular head portion C the corner or side sections D and E of which are cut off at an angle and are adapted to be bent along the dotted lines D' and E' so as to become a knot form, which when covered performs the function of a knot. The tie comprises an under end or inner layer F shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1 and an outer layer or top piece G shown in full lines in that figure. The two portions or layers F and G are secured together adjacent their upper ends by stitching or other suitable means to form a streamer section. Disposed at the junction of the upper edges of the inner and outer folds or layers F and G and secured therebetween in any suitable manner is a flexible thin metal concavo-convex piece H of curved wedge shape as seen in Fig. 6. The knot form A, which is covered with a suitable fabric or material, is applied over the streamer section between the adjacent edges of the collar at the neck line and the projection B is bent over the inner edge of the neck band and over the collar button. The wings D and E are then bent inwardly around the adjacent edges of the two layers of the tie as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The wings D and E overlie the edges of the metal insert H and slightly grip the same so as to hold the member A in place with the extension B bent around the collar band adjacent the collar button.

In Fig. 3 the reference character J designates the shirt which has an attached collar band K. The reference character L designates the collar button. The upper ends of the two parts of the tie F and G are stitched together as indicated at M and disposed between such adjacent layers at their upper ends is the metal insert H which is stitched or otherwise secured to the adjacent layers of the sections. The edges of the head portion C are also deflected or bent inwardly along the dotted lines N and O so that the knot member snugly embraces the upper edges of the tie parts between the adjacent edges of the collar and the projection B is bent over around the upper edge of the collar band and overlies the collar button L. It will be seen that the tie does not extend around the neck nor surround the neck band. The knot form A being covered with fabric is secured in place as described and retains its folded or shaped condition and closely resembles the usual four-in-hand knot. The projection B is also covered with fabric and serves to hold the tie in place and attached to the neck band and is readily manually bent to permit removal of the tie and yet it has sufficient rigidity to hold the tie in the normal position.

In Fig. 5 there is disclosed a slightly modified form of my invention in which the body member A' has a projection B' thereon which is riveted in place by means of rivets B^2. This body member also has corner extensions D' and E' which are adapted to be folded around the upper end of the tie along lines indicated by the reference characters D^1 and E^1. This form of the invention functions and operates in exactly the same manner as does the form of the invention disclosed in Figs. 1 through 4 inclusive.

It will now be clear that I have provided a tie construction which will accomplish the objects of the invention as hereinbefore stated. Various changes may be made in the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention. The invention is therefore limited only in accordance with the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A necktie construction comprising a knot member and a streamer member, said streamer member being formed of front and rear fabric sections, each section having upwardly convergent side edges, stitching securing the upper ends of said sections together, said knot member comprising an initially rectangular sheet, an elongated tongue integral with said sheet extending from the upper longitudinal edge of said sheet and disposed substantially midway of the length of said upper edge, a pair of pockets

formed at the rear of said sheet by diagonally extending bends at the two lower corners thereof, the fold line of said pockets intersecting the side edges of the rectangular sheet substantially midway of the side edges of the sheet, said pockets converging downwardly with the lower ends disposed apart, said sheet being bent on an arc, said streamer member extending downwardly between the lower ends of said pockets, a fabric covering fixed on the front and rear sides of said sheet, the convex side of said sheet being outermost, the secured together fabric sections being disposed on the concave rear side of said sheet, a transversely curved wedge member confronting the rear one of said fabric sections and seating in said pockets, the small end of said wedge member being lowermost and spanning the distance between said pockets, a fabric covering about said wedge member, said wedge member binding said streamer member against the rear concave side of said sheet, a covering about said tongue, said tongue being bent downwardly and forwardly at the rear of said sheet whereby to engage over the neckband and to project therebelow.

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