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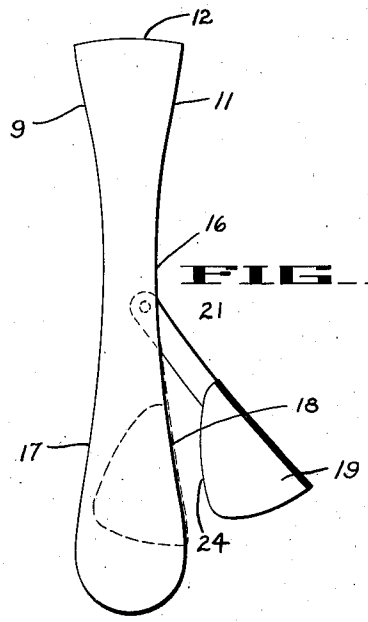


FIG. 1.

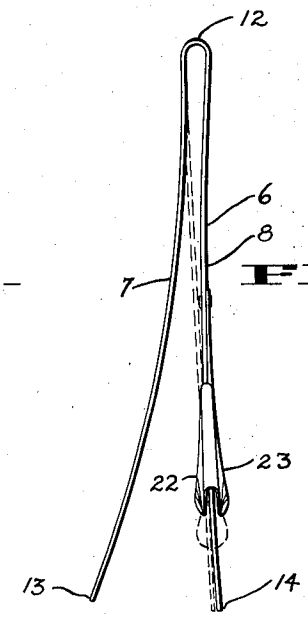


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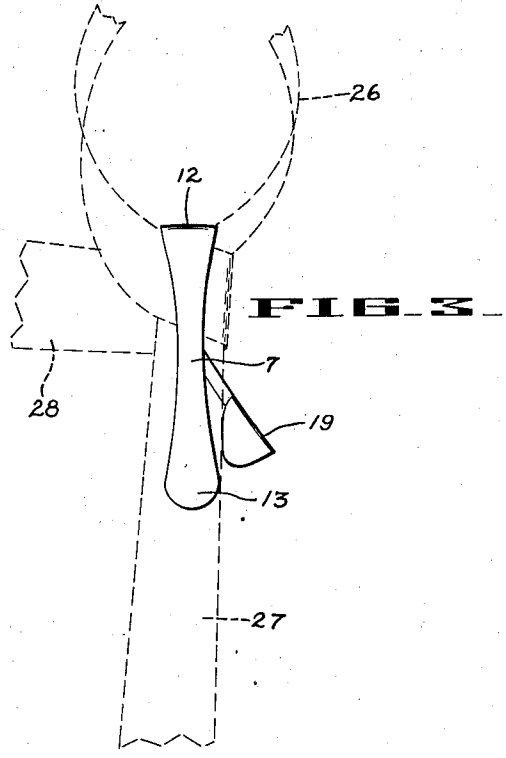


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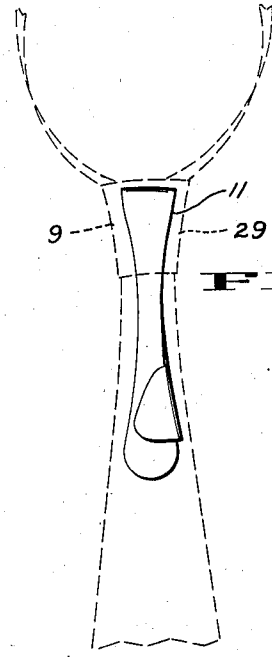


FIG. 4.

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The invention relates to devices arranged for securing to a necktie, particularly a four in hand tie, for shaping the knot of the tie.

An object of the invention is to provide a device of the character described which may be simply and readily applied to the tie for inclusion within the knot and which, by reason of its shape and arrangement, will greatly facilitate the tying of a smooth, attractive knot.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the character described which will prevent the knot and the tie from slipping and will positively hold the knot firmly and properly positioned at the collar opening of a shirt or the like and which will cause the knot to extend symmetrically from the collar opening.

A further object of the invention is to provide a tie form and holder of the character described which will hold the necktie against wrinkling and distortion and minimize the uneven stress on the tie in tying a relatively tight four in hand knot, whereby the use of the device will not only improve the general appearance of the knot and the tie but greatly increase the life of the tie.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a necktie form and holder of the character described which will be relatively simple and inexpensive in manufacture and will be composed of a minimum number of parts capable of normal use for a substantially unlimited period of time.

The invention possesses other objects and features of advantage, some of which, with the foregoing, will be set forth in the following description of the preferred form of the invention which is illustrated in the drawing accompanying and forming part of the specification. It is to be understood, however, that variations in the showing made by the said drawing and description may be adopted within the scope of the invention as set forth in the claims.

Referring to said drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a necktie form and holder constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the necktie form and holder illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a front elevation of the device showing the mode of attachment thereof to a necktie.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 but showing the position of the device and the necktie when the latter is completely tied and secured.

The necktie form and holder of the present invention and as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, consists of a device which is adapted for securing to one end of a four in hand tie, usually the narrower end of the tie, and which is arranged for inclusion within the knot of the tie for shaping the knot. The device also acts to lock the knot after the same has been slipped on one of the tie ends into proper position at the front open side of a collar or the like.

The device as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, consists of a member 6 having opposed sides or leaves 7 and 8 which are arranged for positioning at the opposite sides of one end of the tie and which are provided with tapered sides 9 and 11 which are adapted for inclusion within a four in hand knot for shaping the knot. The member 6 is preferably formed of a single elongated blank of sheet metal or the like which is folded across an intermediate portion of the length of the blank so as to define a pair of spaced opposed leaves 7 and 8, the folded portion thus forming one end 12 of the device while the free ends 13 and 14 of the leaves or sides 7 and 8 form the other end of the device. As will be seen from Figure 1, the sides or leaves 7 and 8 are tapered from the end 12 along the sides 9 and 11 towards an intermediate portion 16 of the device and are widened from the portion 16 along side portions 17 and 18 to the lower free ends 13 and 14.

As above noted, means are provided for securing the device to the necktie for preventing slipping of the knot and as here shown, such means consists of a member 19 which is arranged to clamp the leaves 7 and 8 against the opposite sides of one of the tie ends. As will be seen in Figures 1 and 2, the member 19 is pivotally secured at an end 21 to the leaf 8 and is provided with a pair of opposed sides 22 and 23 which are arranged for engagement over the outer sides of the leaves 7 and 8 for clamping the leaves between the sides 22 and 23. To facilitate the engagement of the sides 22 and 23 with the leaves, the leading edges 24 of the sides are preferably flared outwardly so as to wedge the leaves together upon movement of the member 19 to enclose the leaves.

In use, where the device is applied to a four in hand tie, as here illustrated, the narrower intermediate portion 26 of the tie is extended around the neck in the usual fashion with the two ends 27 and 28 brought forwardly of the open collar portion where the broader end 28 is crossed over the upper side of the end 27. The device is then positioned, as illustrated in Figure 3, with the leaves 7 and 8 straddling the intersection of the tie ends and with the folded end 12 of the device positioned at the inner side of the loop

formed by crossing the tie ends. The lower ends 13 and 14 of the leaves are extended downwardly at opposite sides of the tie end 27. The end 28 is then wound around the under leaf 8 of the device and brought up and around the top leaf 7 and is then passed up between the inner end 12 of the device and the collar and brought down through the loop thus formed, so as to overlie the top leaf 7. The knot may be tightened to desired firmness by drawing the tie end 28 and the knot and the device may then be slid as a unit on the tie end 27 into proper position in the open front of the collar. The member 19 may then be moved to clamp the leaves 7 and 8 of the device against the opposite sides of the tie end 27 so as to securely lock the knot against slipping on the tie end 27.

The finished form and positioning of the knot and device is illustrated in Figure 4, wherein it will be noted that the knot 29 is wound directly around the tapered sides 9 and 11 of the device so that the knot is smoothly supported in tapered form. Also, due to the breadth of the inner end 12 and its positioning at the inner side of the loop of the necktie, the device tends to extend symmetrically at right angles from the loop and will, therefore, normally hold the knot and tie at a proper angle relative to the collar. It will also be clear that the flatness and relatively large width of the leaves and the clamping of these flat broad leaves against the ends of the necktie, particularly at point of intersection of the tie ends and within the knot, holds the tie ends against wrinkling and greatly minimizes the uneven stress and distortion usually present in a relatively tightly drawn four in hand knot.

I claim:

1. A tie form and holder comprising, a double leaf member adapted for engaging the opposite sides of one end of a tie and being arranged for inclusion within the tie knot for shaping said knot, and clamp means for holding said leaves against the opposite sides of said tie end.

2. A tie form and holder comprising, a double leaf member adapted for engaging the opposite sides of one end of a tie and being arranged for inclusion within the tie knot for shaping said knot, and means carried by one of said leaves and engageable with the other leaf for clamping said leaves against the opposite sides of said tie end.

3. A tie form and holder comprising, a double leaf member adapted for engaging the opposite sides of one end of a tie and being arranged for inclusion within the tie knot for shaping said knot, and a member having spaced opposed sides pivoted at an end to one leaf and adapted to engage the outer sides of said leaves to clamp the same against the opposite sides of said tie end.

4. A tie form and holder comprising, a double leaf spring member adapted for engaging the opposite sides of one end of a tie and being arranged for inclusion within the tie knot for shaping said knot, and means for clamping the free ends of said spring members against the opposite sides of said tie end, said spring members being adapted to engage and hold said knot and tie end along substantially the entire length of said members.

5. A tie form and holder comprising, a double leaf member adapted to be positioned over a partially tied knot in a four-in-hand tie, and means operable to clamp said leaves over said knot and against opposite sides of said tie end to form and hold same in a desired position.

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