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Fig. 1.

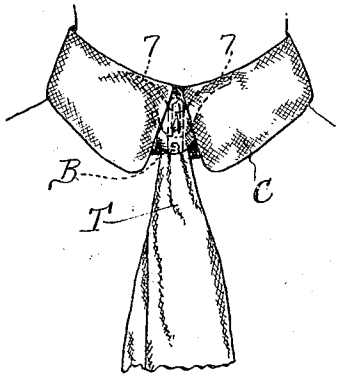


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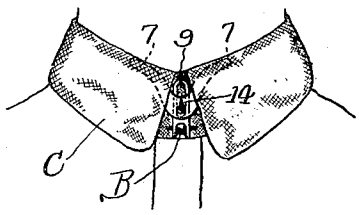


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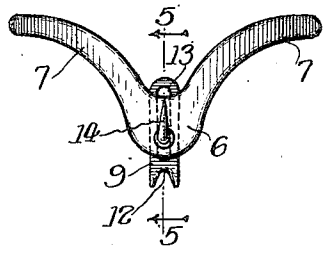


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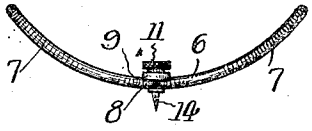
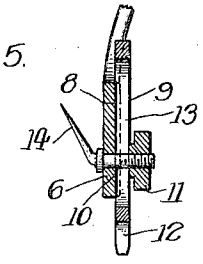


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glencoe, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soft-Collar and Necktie Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for maintaining the correct shape and position of soft collars and ties on the person of the wearer. Soft and so-called "semi-soft" collars, at present extensively worn, are more comfortable than stiff collars, but they possess a quite serious fault in a tendency to sag and droop in front, which fault is not cured by drawing and tying the neck-tie tightly through the collar, because the knot of the tie itself, especially in the case of knitted ties, soon slips and allows both the collar and the tie to sag downwardly, often exposing the collar button and producing an unsightly appearance. And even where the two depending folds of the tie may be fastened together by a scarf-pin, the knot either slips down or the tie bulges forwardly to an objectionable extent.

The main object of this invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and easily manipulated device engageable with the front collar button and beneath the front folds of the collar, by the use of which the above-mentioned faults may be eliminated and the correct form and position of both the collar and tie on the person of the wearer maintained. Another object is to provide a device of the character specified that may readily be applied and removed with the collar and tie in place, and that, when in operative position, shall be completely concealed from view. Another object is to provide a device for the purposes stated that shall use the front collar button as a support for preventing sagging of both the collar and the tie; and still another object is to provide a device affording a positive hold on the knot of the tie in such a manner as to make it impossible for the latter to either sag or slip downwardly or bulge forwardly.

Other objects and attendant advantages of the invention will be apparent to persons skilled in the art as the same becomes better understood from the following detailed description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein I have illustrated one practical form and embodiment of the principle of the invention, and in which—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation showing my improved device (concealed and hence appearing in dotted lines) applied to a soft collar and four-in-hand neck-tie on the neck of the wearer, and illustrating the manner in which it supports both the collar and tie against drooping;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, with the tie omitted to better show how the device is supported on the neck of the front collar button;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged front elevation of the device removed from the collar and tie;

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 5 is a further enlarged section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawing C designates what may be assumed to represent either a soft or a "semi-soft" collar, and T an ordinary neck-tie of the four-in-hand variety; both shown in position on the neck of the wearer in Fig. 1. B designates the usual front collar button on which the meeting ends of the inner collar band are buttoned in lapping relation.

Describing now my improved collar and tie support, shown in isolated detail in Figs. 3, 4 and 5, this includes a yoke, comprising a central substantially flat body member 6, and a pair of symmetrically upwardly and outwardly curved arms 7 that, as shown in Fig. 4, are also rearwardly curved to conform substantially to the curve of the front portion of the upper edge of the collar when the latter is on the neck of the wearer. This yoke may, of course, be made of any suitable material, but I contemplate the use of the substance known to the trade as "pyralin" for this element of the device. Preferably, and as herein shown, the rear side of the body 6 is formed with a vertical countersink 8, in which is fitted a stem or post 9, preferably a flat strip of steel, brass, or any other suitable metal or material. The body 6 and post 9 are apertured to receive a clamp-bolt 10 and knurled nut 11 for securely uniting the yoke and post, and the latter is formed at its lower end with a V-shaped notch 12 of a size proper to fit and ride on the neck of the collar button just in rear of the head of the latter. To make the device adjustable to varying

heights of collars, the bolt engaging aperture in the post 9 preferably consists of a vertical slot 13.

For the purpose of maintaining the collar erect and shapely the device as thus far described is complete, and the manner in which it does this is apparent from Figs. 1 and 2. The lower notched end 12 of the post 9 is stepped on the neck of the collar button, and the two arms 7 of the yoke are passed beneath the two front folds of the collar and effectively hold the lattter up in place. When the neck-tie is tied, the device is entirely concealed from view, as clearly shown in Fig. 1.

An important adjunct of the device, in the preferred form shown, consists of a forwardly and upwardly projecting pin or spur 14, that is conveniently and preferably made in one with the bolt 10. This pin or spur pierces the knot of the tie from the rear, and serves to hold the knot up in correct position between the opposed ends of the front folds of the collar and completely filling the space between said ends and hiding the collar button.

The device is readily applied and removed by the thumb and fore-finger of the wearer after the collar and tie have been applied by simply drawing the knot of the tie forwardly temporarily and slipping and positioning the device behind it. When it is in place it not only supports both the collar and the tie in neat and trim position against sagging downwardly, but the pin or spur 14 also holds the tie against bulging forwardly in a manner very common when the knot of the tie is tied and drawn very tightly through the collar.

By loosening the nut 11 and adjusting the post 9 upwardly or downwardly relatively to the yoke, the device may be made to fit equally well, low, high and intermediate heights of collars.

Manifestly minor changes of form and structure may be made without departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof. Hence, I reserve all such variations and modifications as fall within the spirit and purview of the appended claims.

I claim—

1. A soft collar supporting device of the character described, comprising a post having a V-shaped notch in its lower end adapted to straddle and ride on the neck of a collar button, a yoke member formed with a central body portion countersunk on its rear side to fit said post and having a pair of upwardly, outwardly and rearwardly curved arms adapted to underlie the front folds and upper folded edge of the collar, and means for fastening said post and yoke together.

2. A soft collar supporting device of the character described, comprising a flat post formed with a longitudinal slot and a notch in its lower end adapted to ride on the shank of a collar button, a yoke member formed with a central countersunk and apertured portion fitted on said post and having a pair of upwardly, outwardly and rearwardly curved arms adapted to underlie the front folds and upper folded edge of the collar, and a clamp-bolt extending through the aperture of said yoke member and the slot of said post for adjustably fastening said parts together.

3. A device of the character described, comprising a member adapted to be removably mounted on a collar button and provided with oppositely branching arms adapted to underlie the front folds of a collar and with a central forwardly and upwardly projecting prong adapted to pierce and support the knot of a neck-tie.

4. A soft collar and tie support, comprising a yoke member having upwardly and outwardly branching arms adapted to underlie the front folds and upper folded edge of a collar, a post secured to the center of said yoke member and formed with a notched lower end adapted to ride on the shank of a collar button, and a forwardly projecting prong adapted to pierce and support the knot of a neck-tie.

5. A soft collar supporting device of the character described, comprising a post adapted to rest at its lower end on a collar button, a yoke member formed with a central countersunk portion fitted on said post and having a pair of upwardly and outwardly branching arms adapted to underlie the front folds and upper folded edge of the collar, means for fastening said post and yoke member together, and a forwardly and upwardly projecting prong carried by said fastening means adapted to pierce and support the knot of a neck-tie.

6. A soft collar supporting device of the character described, comprising a flat post formed with a longitudinal slot and a notch in its lower end adapted to ride on the shank of a collar button, a yoke member formed with a central countersunk and apertured portion fitted on said post and having a pair of upwardly, outwardly and rearwardly curved arms adapted to underlie the front folds and upper folded edge of the collar, a clamp-bolt extending through the aperture of said yoke member and the slot of said post for adjustably fastening said parts together, and a forwardly and upwardly projecting prong integral with said clamp-bolt adapted to pierce and support the knot of a neck-tie.

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