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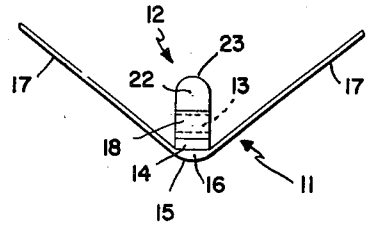


FIG. 1.

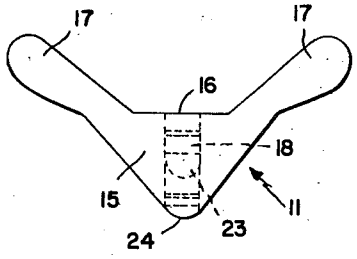


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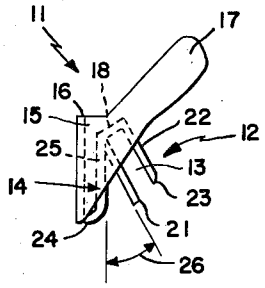


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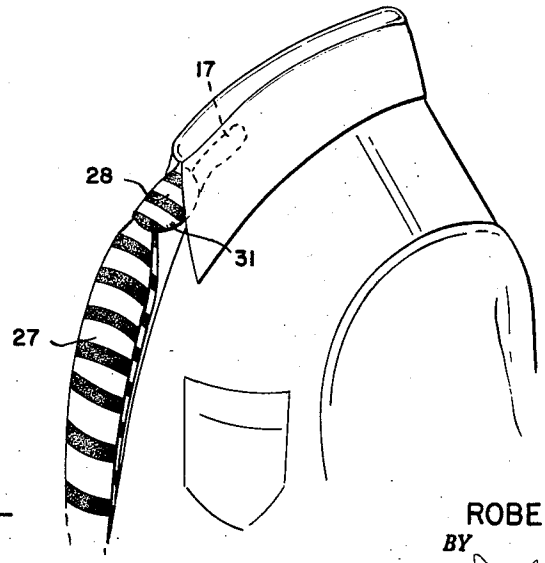


FIG. 4.

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This invention relates to improvements in a necktie holder, and more particularly concerns a necktie holder for use with a pretied necktie which simulates the appearance of normally-tied conventional neckties.

Many types of pretied neckties and necktie holders are available. All attempt to simulate the appearance of a normally-tied conventional necktie and they accomplish their purpose with varying degrees of success. However, it has long been a problem to provide a necktie holder which holds a pretied necktie away from the shirt of the wearer like a normally-tied conventional necktie does. Previous necktie holders have failed in this respect by holding the knot of the pretied necktie flush against the shirt.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to overcome the aforementioned disadvantage of previous proposed necktie holders and to provide a necktie holder which holds the pretied necktie away from the shirt of the wearer and thereby more accurately simulates the appearance of a normally-tied conventional necktie.

Other objects and advantages of this invention, including its simplicity and economy, will further become apparent hereinafter and in the drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a view in top plan of a necktie holder constructed in accordance with this invention;

FIG. 2 is a view in front elevation of the necktie holder shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a view in side elevation of the necktie holder; and

FIG. 4 is a view of a pretied necktie on the shirt of a wearer, and illustrates the manner in which the necktie holder positions the pretied necktie away from the shirt to simulate the position of a normally-tied conventional necktie.

Although specific terms are used in the following description for clarity, these terms are intended to refer only to the structure shown in the drawings and are not intended to define or limit the scope of the invention.

Turning now to the specific embodiment of the invention selected for illustration in the drawings, there is shown a necktie holder comprising a necktie supporting member **11** on which the tie is knotted, a collar attaching member **12** which has a slot **13** which receives the neckband of a shirt, and a spacing member **14** which connects necktie supporting member **11** to collar attaching member **12** to hold the neckband-gripping slot **13** at an angle to necktie support member **11** and thereby hold the pretied necktie away from the shirt like a normally-tied conventional necktie.

Necktie supporting member **11** includes a body portion **15** having an upper edge **16**, annd wing portions **17** extending obliquely, vertically, and rearwardly from each side of body portion **15**. Wing portions **17** are adapted to fit under the collar of a shirt to keep the necktie in vertical position and prevent it from going askew.

Collar attaching member **12** has a base **18** with front leg **21** and rear leg **22** depending therefrom to form neckband-gripping slot **13** therebetween.

It is to be noted that rear leg **22** is provided with a rounded bottom edge **23** and is shorter than front leg **21**, so that the necktie holder may be easily attached to the shirt neckband by passing the short rear leg **22** rearwardly over the top of the neckband until the rear surface of front leg **21** makes contact with the outer surface of the neckband. Then collar attaching member **12** is moved downwardly so that the neckband is received in

slot **13**. The entire necktie holder is preferably made of a resilient plastic material, and front leg **21** is especially made of a resilient material so that it may be bent forwardly for easy insertion of the neckband into slot **13**.

Spacing member **14** includes a bottom portion **24** and an upright portion **25** and connects the bottom of body portion **15** to the base **18** of collar attaching member **12**. Front leg **21** and upright portion **25** form an angle **26** therebetween in order to properly position the pretied necktie away from the shirt of the wearer. Angle **26** may be any desired angle but satisfactory results have been obtained when angle **26** is about 30 degrees.

FIG. 4 illustrates the appearance of a pretied necktie constructed in accordance with this invention as it appears when attached to the shirt of a wearer. Necktie **27** is looped around the front of the necktie holder and the ends of the necktie are passed rearwardly on each side of body portion **15**, then upwardly with an end of the necktie on each side of spacing member **14**, then downwardly across the face of body portion **15** and behind the loop of the necktie. The necktie is pulled taut so that the loop forms knot **28** with the two ends of the necktie **27** depending therefrom. A thread **31** may be stitched from one side of the necktie loop to the other, behind the necktie ends and behind or beneath spacing member **14**.

From the foregoing, it is seen that the necktie holder of the present invention holds the pretied necktie away from the shirt of the wearer to accurately simulate a normally-tied conventional necktie.

It is to be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred embodiment. Various changes may be made in the shape, size and arrangement of parts. For example, equivalent elements may be substituted for those illustrated and described, parts may be reversed, and certain features of the invention may be utilized independently of the use of other features, all without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as defined in the subjoined claims.

The claimed invention:

1. A necktie holder for use with a pretied necktie comprising a necktie supporting member having a body portion and a wing portion extending obliquely vertically from each side of said body portion and adapted to fit under the collar of a shirt, a U-shaped collar attaching member having a base with a front and rear leg depending therefrom to form a neckband-gripping slot therebetween, and a spacing member connecting the bottom of said body portion to said base of said collar attaching member at the base of said front and rear legs to hold said neckband-gripping slot at an angle to the necktie supporting member, whereby to hold the pretied necktie away from the shirt like a normally-tied conventional necktie.

2. A necktie holder for use with a pretied necktie comprising a necktie supporting member having a body portion and a wing portion extending obliquely vertically from each side of said body portion and adapted to fit under the collar of a shirt, a U-shaped collar attaching member having a base with a front and rear leg depending therefrom to form a neckband-gripping slot therebetween, and a spacing member connecting the bottom of said body portion to said base of said collar attaching member at the base of said front and rear legs to hold said neckband-gripping slot at an angle of approximately 30 degrees to the necktie supporting member, whereby to hold the pretied necktie away from the shirt like a normally-tied conventional necktie.

3. A necktie holder for use with a pretied necktie comprising a necktie supporting member having a body portion and a wing portion extending obliquely vertically

from each side of said body portion and adapted to fit under the collar of a shirt, a U-shaped collar attaching member having a base with a front and rear leg depending therefrom to form a neckband-gripping slot therebetween, said rear leg being shorter than said front leg for easy attaching of the necktie holder to the shirt neckband by passing the short rear leg rearwardly over the top of the neckband until the rear surface of the front leg makes contact with the outer surface of the neckband, and a spacing member connecting the bottom of said body portion to said base of said collar attaching member to hold said neckband-gripping slot at an angle to the necktie supporting member, whereby to hold the pretied necktie away from the shirt like a normally-tied conventional necktie.

4. A pretied necktie comprising a necktie supporting member having a body portion and a wing portion extending obliquely vertically from each side of said body portion and adapted to fit under the collar of a shirt, a necktie wrapped around said necktie supporting member to form a knot portion with the two ends of the necktie depending therefrom, a U-shaped collar attaching member having a base with a front and rear leg depending therefrom to form a neckband-gripping slot therebetween, and a spacing member connecting the bottom of said body portion to said base of said collar attaching member at the base of said front and rear legs to hold said neckband-gripping slot at an angle to the necktie supporting member, whereby to hold the pretied necktie away from the shirt like a normally-tied conventional necktie.

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