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NECKSCARF.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. T. MERRILL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain improvements in Neckscarfs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of neckscarfs which are intended to be worn with folded or "turn-down" collars, and in which a short strap adapted to the neck-button and to a retainer on the scarf takes the place of the usual band passing around the neck, the object of my invention being to so construct such a fastening that the scarf may be drawn snugly to its place beneath the collar by a downward pull upon the strap.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a rear view of part of a neckscarf and collar, showing my improved fastening; and Fig. 2, a transverse section of the same.

A A represent the opposite ends of an ordinary folded or turn-down collar; B, the collar-button, and D the scarf, the latter having the usual shield, E, but having no band to pass around the neck, as usual, such a band being objectionable in a scarf intended for use with a turn-down collar, owing to the difficulty of applying the band to the collar, and owing, further, to the tendency of the band to interfere with the set of the collar. In place of this neckband, I use a short strap, F, which, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, is connected at one end to the lower edge of the shield E and passes thence around a roller, a, carried by a wire loop, b, which is hung to the shank of the collar-button, the pendent portion of the strap being retained by application to a projecting pin, d, on the lower edge of the shield E of the scarf, as shown. The collar being applied to the neck as usual, the loop b is hung to the shank of the collar-button, while the strap F is loose and unconfined by the pin d. The pendent end of the strap is then drawn down by one hand, so as to cause the scarf to rise,

the other hand guiding the scarf to its proper position beneath the collar. When the scarf has been properly adjusted the strap is applied to the pin d, which secures the same and insures the retention of the scarf in its proper position.

I am aware that a single short strap, constructed for attachment at the upper end to the collar-button and adapted at the lower end for application to a retainer on the scarf, has been proposed as a substitute for the usual band passing around the neck; but when such a fastening is used the scarf must be adjusted to its position beneath the collar by one hand and held in this position while the strap is being applied to the retainer by the other hand, whereas when the strap F is passed through the loop b, as in my improved fastening, a downward pull upon the strap draws the scarf snugly into position beneath the collar and holds it in this position while the strap is being applied to the retainer.

Although I have shown a projecting pin as the means for retaining the pendent end of the strap F, a spring-clasp or equivalent means may be substituted for the pin, and the strap may, if desired, be used in connection with scarfs which have no shield E at the top, the retainer in this case being secured to the body of the scarf.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the neckscarf having a retaining-pin, d, the loop b, adapted to the collar-button, and the strap F, connected at one end to the scarf, passed through the loop b, and adapted for application to the retainer d, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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