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Fig. 1.

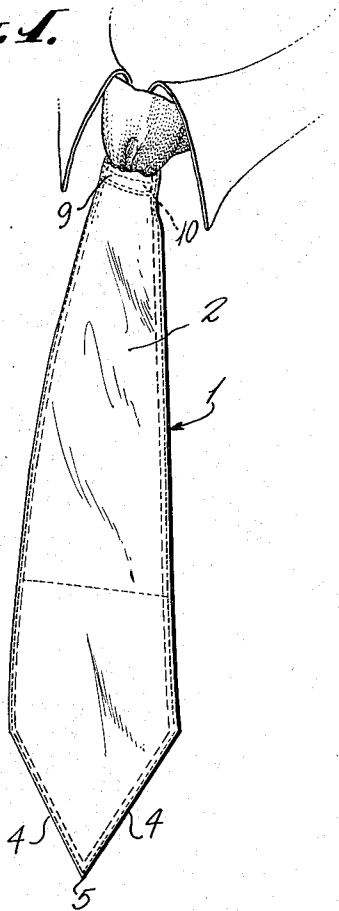


Fig. 2.

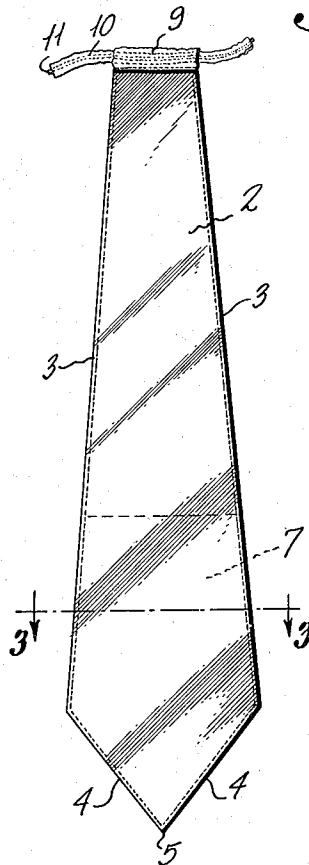
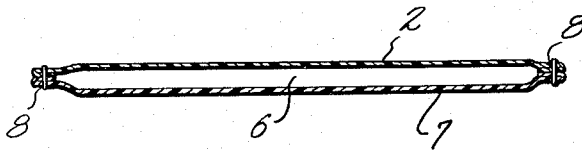


Fig. 3.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—46)

This invention relates to a necktie protector particularly adapted for ties of the four-in-hand type, and designed to shield the tie from being contacted by raindrops or spotted through misadventures in eating.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a necktie protector of the type indicated, which shall have the general shape of that part of the tie below the knot, so as to maintain the tie flat and without wrinkling, having a pocket at its lower part for freely engaging the free end portions of the necktie, and simple clasp means at the top for readily embracing the tie at the neck of the knot for holding the protector in place.

Other objects of the invention will appear as the following description of a practical embodiment thereof proceeds.

In the drawing which accompanies and forms a part of the following specification, and throughout the figures of which the same reference characters have been used to denote identical parts:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a necktie equipped with a protector embodying the principles of the invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the protector;

Figure 3 is a cross-section taken along the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, the protector 1 is made from a thin sheet of flexible, transparent or translucent liquid-impervius substance, preferably plastic, of which polyethylene ester is an example.

It comprises a forward shield portion 2, having the general shape of the front lower portion of a necktie below the knot, being symmetrical with respect to a medial longitudinal line therethrough, having the upwardly extending slightly convergent side edges 3, and the bottom edges 4 which are steeply convergent, terminating in a point or apex 5. The protector is wide and long enough to function with respect to all average ties, ranging from regular size to "king size." The lower part of the protector is formed to provide a pocket 6 at the rear, this being accomplished by securing an additional ply 7 of the base material to the rear of the shield portion 2.

The side and bottom edges of the ply 7 and the shield portion 2 coincide and are secured together to form the pocket, the upper transverse edge of the ply 7 being free and forming the mouth of the pocket. The shield portion 2 is flat and planiform through its extent, so as to conform to the flat contour of the tie, but the ply 7 is somewhat greater in width than the part of the shield

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portion 2 that it underlies, giving fullness to the pocket so that the lower front and rear portions of the tie can be accommodated therein without crowding or wrinkling. The side and bottom edges of the shield portion 2 are folded to form narrow hems 8, which are stitched or otherwise secured together. The hems along the side edges 3 down as far as the mouth of the pocket are for purpose of finish. Below this point, the edges of the ply 7 are incorporated in the hem.

The upper end of the shield portion 2 is overfolded and secured to provide an open ended hem 9, through which a suitable means is passed for fastening the protector to the necktie. By way of example, a known type of fastener is shown, comprising a short length of two ply paper tape 10, with a bendable wire core 11 extending longitudinally and embedded between the plies. This fastener may be secured in any manner within the hem 9, as by means of a staple, not shown. The tape is long enough to enable it to be bent around the neck of the knot of the tie, the embedded wire giving it the characteristic of shape retention when bent, so that it holds the protector securely in place. The protector is very easily arranged. First, it is placed in position against the front of the tie, with the fastener adjacent the knot, and with the thumb and finger the tape 10 is pressed so as to encircle the knot at its narrowest portion or neck. The lower part of the protector is then momentarily raised from the tie and the lower ends of the tie inserted into the pocket.

Due to the ductility of the wire 11, the fastener is good for many uses.

While I have in the above description disclosed a practical embodiment of the invention, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that the specific details of construction and arrangement of parts, as shown, are by way of example and not to be construed as necessarily limiting the scope of the invention.

What I claim is:

Necktie protector for a conventional four-in-hand tie the front portion of which tie terminates in convergent end edges, and which tie has progressively divergent side edges extending from the knot to said end edges, said protector comprising a shield of thin flexible sheet material having front and rear plies, the front ply being substantially coextensive in shape and size with that part of the front portion of a tied four-in-hand necktie below the knot, said rear ply congruently underlying the lower part of said front ply and secured at its lateral and bottom edges to corresponding edges of said front ply, said rear ply terminating in a free transverse top edge at an intermediate point in the length of said shield above said end edges, said plies forming a pocket for the free ends of the necktie substantially fitting the lower part of the front portion of said tie, and fastening means at the top of said shield for embracing the tie at the neck of the knot.

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