

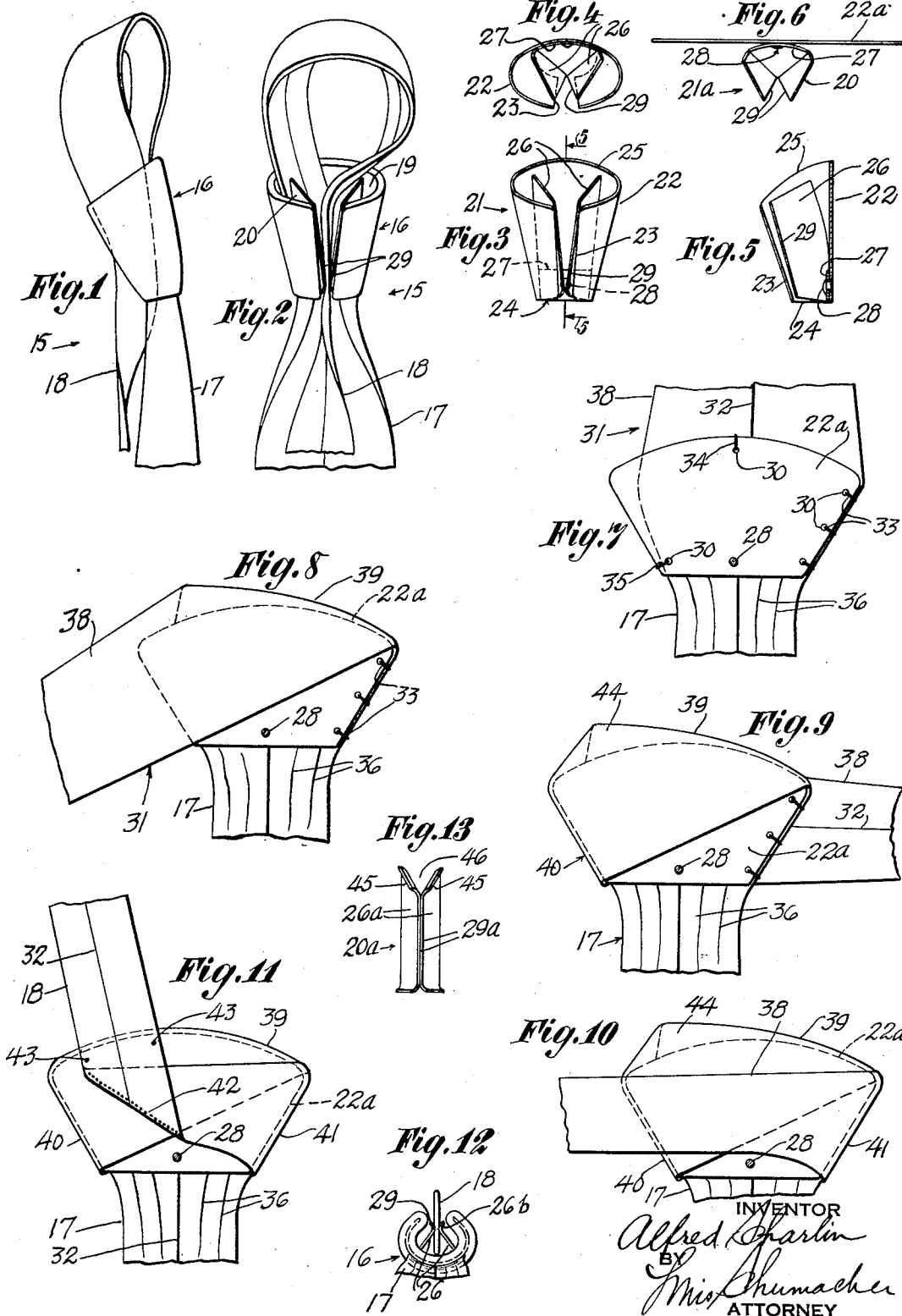
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This invention relates to neckties.

One object of the invention is to provide a necktie having improved means for mounting the same.

Another object of the invention is to furnish a necktie having relatively few and simple parts and which is inexpensive to construct and durable, reliable, neat in appearance, convenient and efficient in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the specification proceeds.

With the aforesaid objects in view, the invention consists in the arrangements and novel combinations of parts hereinafter described in their preferred embodiments, pointed out in the subjoined claim, and illustrated on the annexed drawing, wherein like parts are designated by the same reference characters throughout the several views.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation with parts removed showing a necktie embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a similar view in rear elevation thereof.

Fig. 3 is a view in rear elevation of a frame used as an engaging means for the necktie.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view thereof.

Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a top plan view of the frame in a different position thereof.

Figs. 7 to 11 are views in elevation with parts removed, showing successive steps in forming the necktie.

Fig. 12 is a modified bottom plan view of the knot portion of the necktie, with parts of the necktie removed.

Fig. 13 is a view in front elevation of a spring clip in a modified form.

The advantages of the invention as here outlined are best realized when all of its features and instrumentalities are combined in one and the same construction, but, useful devices may be produced embodying less than the whole.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains, that the same may be incorporated in several different constructions. The accompanying drawing, therefore, is submitted merely as showing a preferred exemplification of the invention.

Referring in detail to the drawing, 15 denotes a device such as a necktie of the four-in-hand type embodying the invention. The same may

have a knot or securing portion 16 and a front portion 17 depending therefrom, as well as a rear or neck encircling portion 18 suitably engaged with the portion 16. The latter may be of a preformed nature, characterized in that it is provided with a hollow or opening such as 19 which may be arranged for releasable securing engagement with suitable portions of the part 18 so as to mount the necktie. If desired, the securing engagement may be resilient in nature, and, for certain purposes, it is preferable to employ a spring clip means 20, or the like, located at or in space 19. For illustrating the above principle, reference will be had to details of construction.

The frame 21 may include a plate 22 which may be of pliable resilient or non-resilient sheet metal or other material, of composition or the like. Preferably a relatively soft sheet metal is used. The same being bent in a flattened inverted frusto-conical shape according to the desired shape of the necktie portion 16, and to afford an elongated slot or opening 23. The lower edge 24 of the frame may be horizontal, while the upper edge 25 may be downwardly rearwardly inclined. The openings at 23, 24 and 25 may be in communication with each other. In the event that the plate 22 does not itself constitute a sufficient gripping means for the portion 18, a releasable holding means such as the spring clip 20 may be used. The same may have a plurality of jaws 26 interconnected at their lower ends by a plate portion 27 that may be permanently connected, if desired, to the plate 22. The jaws may have longitudinal edges 29 extending along, but inward of the opening 23 to afford a downward tapering opening which is somewhat narrower than the opening 23. Near the lower end of the frame 21, the edges 29 may be substantially at the edges of the opening 23. The jaws 26 may transversely diverge in a direction away from opening 23.

Any suitable and conventional necktie may be applied to the frame 21, in which case the latter may be in the position shown at 21a, with the frame element 22 laid out flat as at 22a. The necktie may now be wound around the frame, and it is for this reason that the frame element 22 is made pliable. To facilitate attachment of the necktie, the plate 22 may have been provided with perforations 30. The necktie 31 may have the plate 22a laid on the rear face thereof, as indicated by the rear seam line 32, and may be stitched to said plate at 33, 34, 35. The necktie may be gathered at 36 at the lower end of the

plate, and offset toward the right at the upper portion thereof.

The lower section of the necktie forms the front portion 17, while the upper section 38 forms the knot and rear part 18 in the finished device.

The section 38 is now folded downwardly and leftward on line 39, and then folded under and rightward on line 40, and finally over and leftward along line 41. Then a diagonal line of stitching 42 is provided to secure the folds, and the narrow end portion 18 of section 38 is folded upward and may be additionally stitched at 43 and likewise, any points of the necktie as at 44 may be folded and secured at 43. It will be appreciated that the spring clip has been omitted in Figs. 8 to 11 in order to simplify the drawing, but as indicated in Fig. 6, the various folds can be made under the spring clip without difficulty, and the folds will clear the region of attachment at 28. The necktie is completed by suitably shaping the same around a mandrel or the like to produce the knot portion shown at 16, the fabric of the necktie suitably accommodating itself to the change in form.

In Fig. 13 is shown a modification of the invention including a different form of spring clip 20a, having the edges 29a thereof substantially

parallel and in close relation to each other and having the upper portions 45 of jaws 26a curved away from each other to provide an entrance 46 therebetween for receiving the necktie portion 18. In all other respects this modification is similarly arranged, and constructed and functions in the same way as the clip 20. The edges 29a may be formed with jaws as shown at 26b in Fig. 12, if desired.

In use, the portion 18 of the necktie is placed under and around the collar, and the knot portion 16 is placed in its usual position or somewhat lower, while the portion 18 is entered into the space 19, and engaged with the clip; and then pulled downward while the knot portion is raised, whereby the necktie assumes its usual position and conventional appearance.

I claim:

A necktie having a tubular portion simulating a knot and having at its rear face a slit having edges diverging from each other and extending from the bottom to the top of the tubular portion, and a clamp in said tubular portion having its gripping jaws in proximity to and aligned with the edges of said slit.

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