

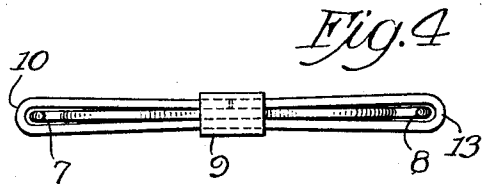
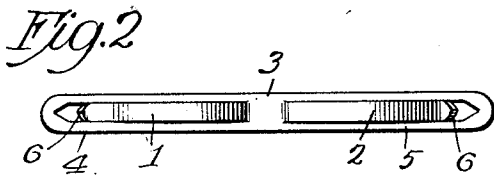
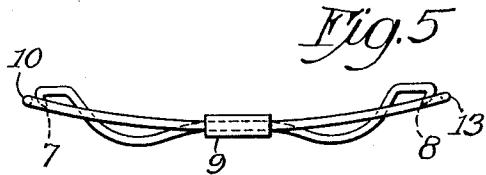
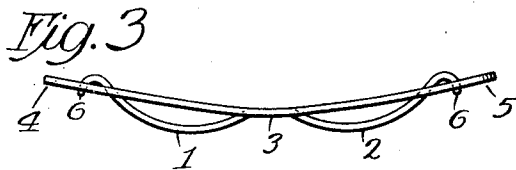
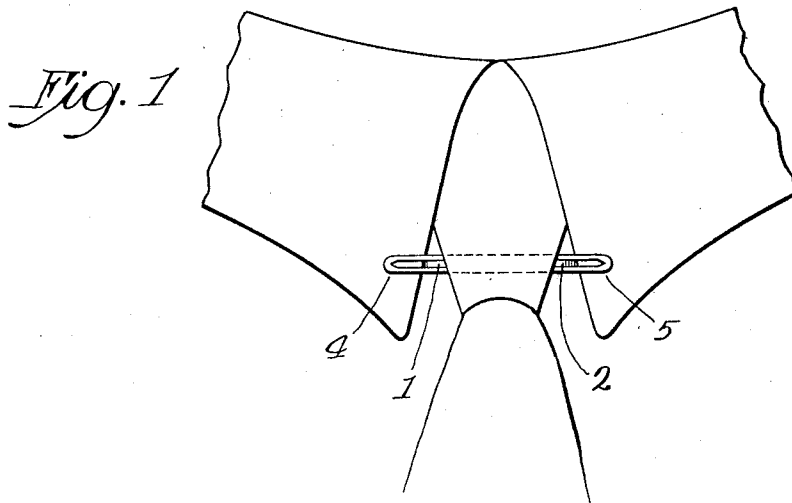
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FASTENER FOR SOFT COLLARS AND OTHER ARTICLES

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My invention relates to a spring metal clip or fastener designed for the purpose of holding in place the edges of the end flaps of soft unstarched collars now largely worn, especially during the summer season and with negligee clothing. As is well known to those who wear such collars the points of the collars are apt to become disarranged and stand in such position as to present an untidy appearance, and various forms of pins and clasps have been devised to overcome this defect. My present invention has for its object the provision of a simple, neat and efficient fastener which can be easily applied and easily removed, which shall in large part or entirely be concealed by a tie worn with the collar, and which shall be slightly in appearance as to any portion which may be exposed. With these objects in view, I have devised and invented the novel and original spring metal collar fastener hereinafter described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, the essential elements of my invention being more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of a soft collar and tie showing my novel fastener applied to the collar;

Fig. 2 is a front face view of a fastener embodying a preferred form of my invention;

Fig. 3 is an edge view of the same; and

Figs. 4 and 5 are respectively a front view and edge view of a modified form of my invention.

Like reference characters indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawing.

Describing first the preferred form of my invention illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, the fastener there shown is formed of a strip of resilient metal, such as spring steel, slit and bent to provide a pair of curved tongues 1 and 2 extending in opposite directions from a central base portion 3 of the fastener, and with their edges lying within the planes of the inner edges of the two side portions 4-5 of the fastener which are continuous with the central portion 3 of the fastener and extend severally in loops around the

outer ends of the tongues 1 and 2, respectively. Preferably, and as illustrated, though not necessarily, the central and side portions of the fastener are slightly curved, to conform to the general curve of the collar around the neck, and the tongues are bowed forwardly from the base, each tongue curving from its center portion rearwardly towards its free end and its tip being recurved and pointed to form a hook 6 adapted to penetrate an interposed collar edge and cooperate with the rear face of the end of the loop portion of the body of the fastener to secure the fastener to the adjacent end of the collar.

Obviously, by pinching together the central portion of each tongue and the center of the adjacent side portion of the fastener the hook and end of the loop may be separated and the fastener applied in proper position to the edge of the corresponding end of the collar, and the other end then similarly secured to the other end of the collar, and the fastener may be as readily detached when desired.

It will be noted that the exposed ends of the fastener, which preferably is plated and polished to enhance its appearance, are quite small and inconspicuous, and that the space between the forward bends of the two tongues provides a seat adapted to assist in properly positioning the tie.

The fastener illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5 differs from the construction above described only in being of composite construction and in having the tongues, marked 7 and 8 formed of a curved and pointed strip of wire secured by a central clip 9 to the oppositely extending loops 13 and 10 of a wire body member.

It is obvious that my novel fastening device may be applied to other articles than soft collars, and may be used for various purposes where it is desired to connect together the edges of two flaps or plies of fabric or like material.

I claim:

1. A fastener for connecting the flaps of soft collars and other articles including a body portion formed with end sections ar-

ranged to overlie the collar ends, and a pair of oppositely extending spring attaching members secured centrally to said body portion and formed with pointed end hooks arranged to severally engage the edges of the collar ends and normally yieldingly confine them against the rear side of said end sections of the body portion of the fastener, said end sections of the body portion being formed as loops extending around the end hooks of the attaching members.

2. A fastener for connecting the flaps of soft collars and other articles including a forwardly curved body portion formed with end sections arranged to overlie the collar ends, and a pair of oppositely extending spring attaching members secured centrally to said body portion and formed with forwardly extending pointed end hooks arranged to severally engage the edges of the collar ends and normally yieldingly confine them against the rear side of said end sections of the body portion of the fastener, said attaching members each being forwardly bowed from its base and its free end extending rearwardly to a point back of said bodily portion and being recurved and pointed to form the end hook.

3. A fastener for connecting the flaps of soft collars and other articles including a body portion formed with end sections arranged to overlie the collar ends, and a pair of oppositely extending spring attaching members secured centrally to said body portion and formed with pointed end hooks arranged to severally engage the edges of the collar ends and normally yieldingly confine them against the rear side of said end sections of the body portion of the fastener, said end sections of the body portion being formed as loops and said attaching members being forwardly bowed and their pointed ends being recurved and extending through said loops at their ends.

4. A fastener according to claim 3 formed of a strip of resilient sheet metal cut and bent to form the parts therein recited.

5. A fastener according to claim 3 in which said body portion includes a loop of wire and a central clip and in which said attaching members are formed of a strip of resilient wire secured to said body portion by said central clip.

In testimony whereof, I have subscribed my name.

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