J. A. HEWES
MAN'S NECKWEAR
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Fig. 1

Fig. 2

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by [signature]
To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. HEWES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Melrose, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Men's Neckwear, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to men's neckwear, and consists of an improvement in bow neckties, having for its object the production of a bow resembling one tied by the wearer.

In my application for Letters Patent of the United States, filed June 17, 1921, Serial number 478,277, Patent No. 1,149,137, I have shown a pliable wire supporting frame having the general outline of a bow tie, and designed for the purpose of imparting a variety of shapes to a soft bow tie to resemble a hand tied bow. I have discovered in practice that a narrow flat strip of copper or other pliable metal will accomplish to a measurable extent the objects of the specific form of skeleton frame shown and described in said application.

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the tie showing the pliable metal support in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pliable metal support in a constrained position.

3, 3 are the wings of an ordinary bow tie for men's neckwear. 4 is the knot of the tie. 5 is a flat metal strip of pliable material such as copper secured inside of the tie about midway of its length in any suitable manner, and supported in a horizontal position. 6, 6 are circular discs of some stiff fabric such as buckram or canvas.

I prefer to use with the pliable metal strip a broad piece of stiffened fabric, such as canvas or buckram, secured to each end of the metal strip, as shown, for the purpose of giving more support to the extremities of the bow than would be given by the pliable metal strip alone. While I have shown circular pieces of fabric 6, 6, I do not limit my invention to that form. A square or rectangular piece will answer the principal purpose, which is to furnish more supporting surface for the ends of the bow than would be given by the narrow strip of pliable metal 5 alone.

I do not limit my invention to the use of the fabric pieces 6, 6, as I find that the pliable metal strip alone will accomplish good results.

The obvious advantage of this tie, over the made up bow ties formerly in use, lies in the fact that this tie resembles a bow tied by the wearer, leaving latitude for some individual effect in the arrangement and combination of the bows in different relative positions to suit the taste of the wearer, there being a well known objection to an ornamental article of wearing apparel presenting a uniform appearance on all individuals.

It is obvious that the user of the bow tie can bend or shape the bows by his hands when arranging his tie, because of the presence of the pliable metal strip 5, and that when so formed it will retain its shape until disturbed by some external force or means.

The specific construction herein described and claimed is somewhat lighter in weight and has less tendency to wear through the silk of the bow tie than that described in the specification and shown in the drawing in my said application Serial Number 478,277, and was not discovered until after said application was filed.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A bow necktie including an interior supporting frame consisting of a narrow strip of pliable sheet metal, readily bendable to impart a variety of shapes to the tie at the will of the wearer.

2. A bow tie including an interior supporting frame consisting of the combination of a narrow strip of pliable sheet metal readily bendable to impart a variety of shapes to the tie at the will of the wearer, and a piece of stiffened fabric substantially wider than the metal strip secured to each end thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses, this tenth day of April, 1922.

JAMES A. HEWES.

Witnesses:

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