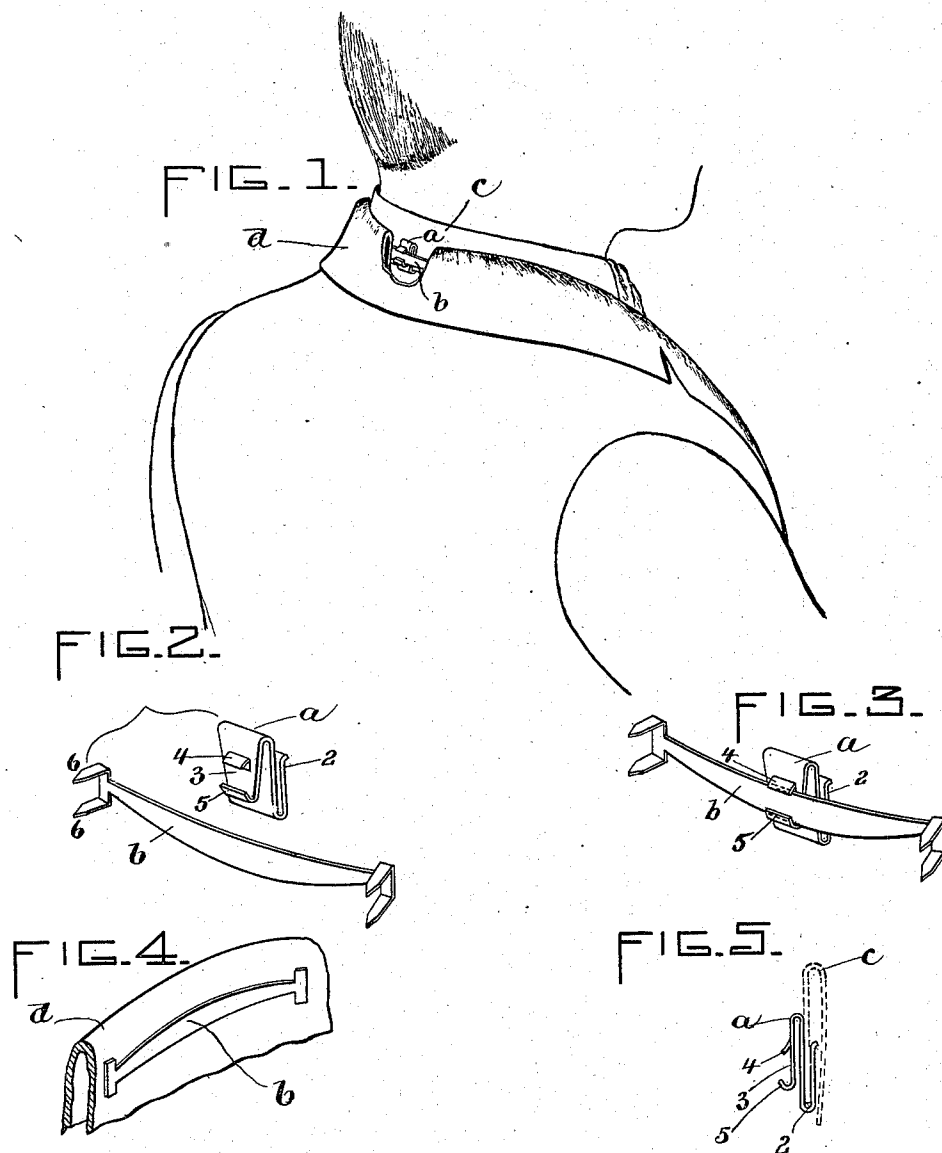


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## COAT-COLLAR ADJUSTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES P. PERKINS, of Brockton, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Coat-Collar Adjusters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide improved means whereby a man's shirt-collar and coat-collar may be interlocked when in  
10 use and held in a uniform relation to each other, so that just enough of the shirt-collar will be visible above the coat-collar to insure a neat and harmonious appearance.

The invention consists in the improved construction of collar-adjusting device, which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents  
20 a perspective view showing my improved collar-adjuster in use, the coat-collar being partly broken away. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view showing the parts or members of the collar-adjuster disconnected from  
25 each other. Fig. 3 represents a view similar to Fig. 2, showing said parts interlocked. Fig. 4 represents a view of a portion of a coat-collar, showing the part or member which is connected thereto. Fig. 5 represents an edge  
30 view of the member which is connected with the shirt-collar, the latter being indicated by dotted lines.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

35 In the drawings, *a b* represent two coupling members, one member, *a*, being adapted to be detachably secured to a shirt-collar, while the other member, *b*, is adapted for permanent connection with a coat-collar.

40 The member *a*, as here shown, comprises a clip 2, adapted to grasp the lower edge of a shirt-collar *c*, and an arm 3, standing at one side of said clip and held thereby outside of the collar when the clip is in place, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 5, the arm 3 being provided  
45 with ears 4 5, projecting outwardly from its outer side and forming, with the intermediate portion of the arm 3, a socket adapted to engage the other coupling member.

50 The member *b* is composed of an elongated strip of metal, having its central portion widened sufficiently to enable it to engage the

said socket, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3, the outer portions of the strip being narrower than the space between said ears, so that the  
55 member *b* can be engaged with the member *a* by first placing one of its narrower portions between the ears 4 5 and then moving it endwise until its wider central portion is engaged with said ears. The member *b* is adapted at  
60 its ends for permanent connection with the coat-collar *d*. As here shown, its adaptation is effected by means of prongs 6 6, formed on the ends of the member *b*, said prongs being  
65 adapted to penetrate the collar and to be clenched upon the outer side thereof. I do not limit myself, however, to these attaching means, and may adapt the member *b* for attachment to the coat-collar in any other suitable way, for example, by providing it with  
70 orifices to receive stitches. It is desirable that the member *b* be attached to the collar only at its end portions, leaving its main portion free, so that the coat-collar can be separated from it to permit the described engagement  
75 of the two members.

The member *a* is secured to the shirt-collar at or near the middle of its length at the back of the neck, and the member *b* is correspondingly located on the coat-collar, so that after  
80 the coat has been put on the wearer can readily connect the two members, and so connect the two collars as to prevent either from presenting an awkward or untidy appearance by occupying a position which is  
85 too high or too low with reference to the other. I find that in practice this coupling together of the two collars removes any wrinkles that might otherwise exist across the back of the  
90 coat.

It is obvious that the member *a* may be constructed to be secured to the shirt-collar in any other suitable way.

I claim—

1. In a collar-adjuster, the combination of 95  
a coupling member provided with a socket, and with means for engagement with a shirt-collar, and another coupling member comprising an elongated strip having a reduced  
100 end formed to readily enter said socket, and a wider portion formed to engage said socket, the said strip being provided with means for attachment to a coat-collar.

2. In a collar-adjuster, the combination of

a coupling member having a clip adapted to grasp the edge of a shirt-collar, and an arm standing at one side of the clip provided with a socket, and another coupling member comprising an elongated strip having a reduced portion formed to enter said socket, and a widened portion formed to engage the socket, said strip being provided with means for attachment to a coat-collar.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1895.

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