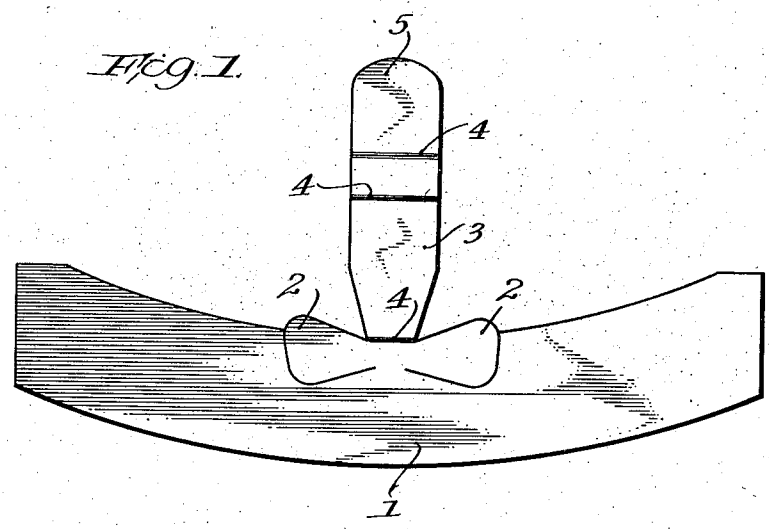
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Fig. 1.



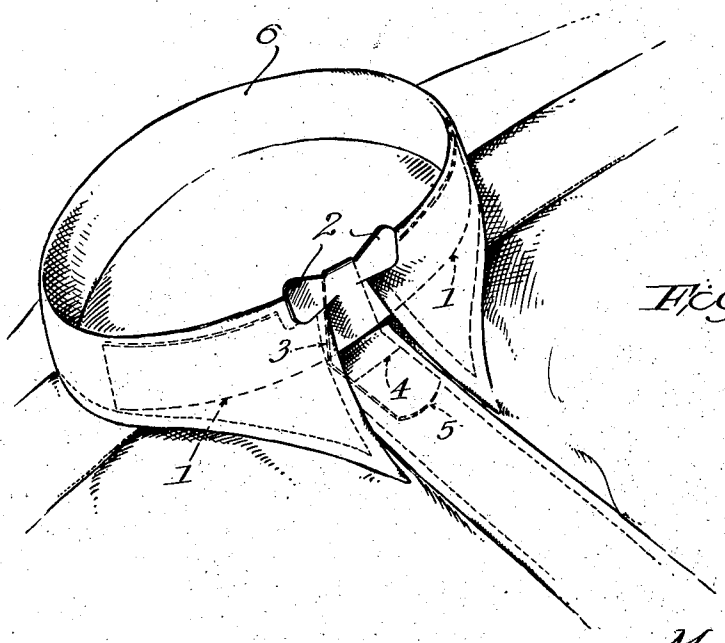


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to improvements in collar holders and has particular reference to devices for preserving the shape of the collar portions of new or laundered shirts, especially of the collar-attached variety.

In the handling or packing of shirts of this type the collar portions thereof are frequently subjected to crushing and other distortions which tend to destroy the neat appearance of the collar, and, hence, the shirt. The collar flaps are further liable to curl upwardly and to otherwise become bent out of their intended position, thus further impairing the neatness of the collar.

Among the objects of this invention are to provide a device which will maintain the collar in its finished shape and condition and which will simultaneously retain the flaps of the collar in flattened or normal position; a device which has artistic attractiveness as well as mechanical utility, in that the appearance of the device when positioned in the collar is in simulation of a tie; and a device which may be applied with ease to the collar for the purpose intended and which may be anchored in such position to prevent displacement thereof.

Other advantages and objects will be apparent from the following detailed description.

Referring to the accompanying drawing wherein a preferred embodiment of my invention has been selected for exemplification:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the collar holder before the same is bent and inserted into position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the collar and bosom portion of a collar-attached shirt showing the device of the invention inserted in the collar.

Referring more in detail to the drawing, the improved collar holder as illustrated in Figure 1 comprises an arcuate band 1 shaped to conform generally to the front portion of a neckband and adapted to be inserted between the neckband and the front portion of the collar. Struck from band 1 intermediate its ends are wings 2 having the outer ends thereof wider than the inner portions which remain integral with the band. Integral with band 1 and extending radially or perpendicularly therefrom is an elongated retaining strip 3 which may have a scored portion 4 to facilitate the folding of the strip with respect to the band and scored portions 4' of any desired number to facilitate the bending of the end portion 5 of strip 3 at an angle to the remainder of the strip.

The device above described is preferably constructed of cardboard or other relatively stiff material but which, however, will permit the flexing of the band portion 1 in conformity with the front portion of the neck band and which will permit the bending or flexing of the wings 2 upwardly from the body of blank 1. Strip 3 must further be capable of being bent at the desired portions thereof and should be capable of retaining in some degree the shape into which bent.

The application and use of my novel device will be apparent from Figure 2 wherein is shown in perspective a conventional collar 6 of the type permanently attached to a shirt. Between the front portions of the collar and neck band, band 1 is shown in dotted lines, and, overlying the collar flaps, are wings 2. It is readily apparent that the overlying wings serve not only to retain the collar flaps in a flattened position, but also simulate the appearance of a bow tie in conventional position with respect to the collar. The wide bow-shaped wings further serve to cover frayed spots on the collar. Strip 3 is bent along line 4 near its point of juncture with band 1 to lie adjacent the inner face of the neckband of collar 6 and is further bent along one of the scored portions 4' so that the extremity 5 of the strip will hook under the lower edge of the neckband and extend into the bosom of the shirt to securely anchor the device in the position shown.

The device may be readily positioned in the collar by sliding band 1 between the collar and neckband so that wings 2 overlie the collar flaps, folding strip 3 along the inner face of the neckband and bending the end 5 to engage the bottom of the neckband inside the shirt. To remove the device, this procedure is reversed.

It will be appreciated that the representation of collar 6 is for illustrative purposes only and that my invention may be equally applicable to collars of different sizes and styles.

The collar holder described herein may be made up in a variety of different colors or different collar combinations to match the color of the collar and shirt, and may also carry designs or printed matter, as desired.

While the present invention has been described in its specific embodiment, it will be understood that the size, shape, and arrangement of parts may be varied without departing from the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A collar holder of the character described which comprises an arcuate band to fit between the front portion of the collar and the front portion of the neckband, and an elongated retaining strip the length of which extends radially from the concave edge of said band, said strip

adapted to be folded to lie adjacent the inner face of the neckband and being of sufficient length to extend beneath the lower edge of said neckband.

2. A collar holder of the character described which comprises an arcuate band to fit between the front portion of the collar and the front portion of the neckband, an elongated retaining strip, the length of which extends radially from the concave edge of said band, said strip adapted to be folded to lie adjacent the inner face of the neckband, and means carried by said strip to extend beneath the lower edge of the neckband to anchor the collar holder in position.

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