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TIE HOLDER

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Fig. 1.

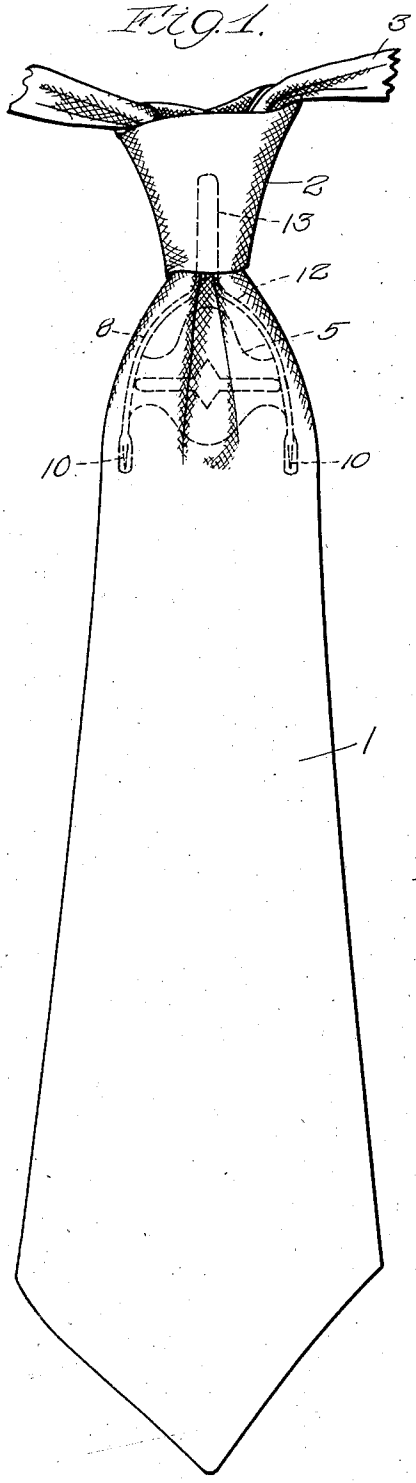


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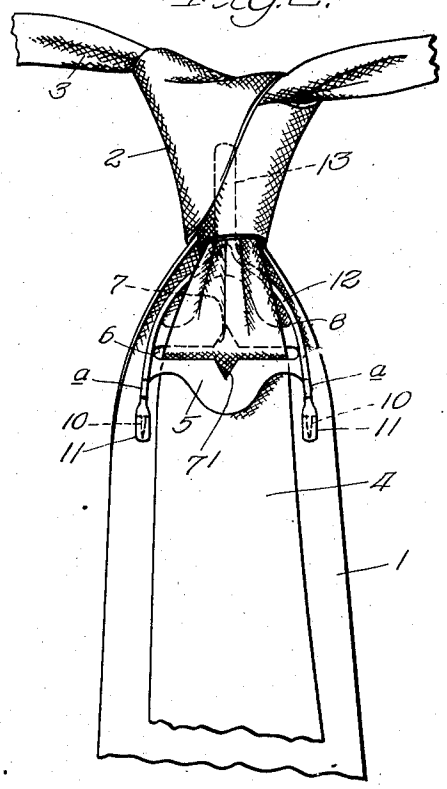


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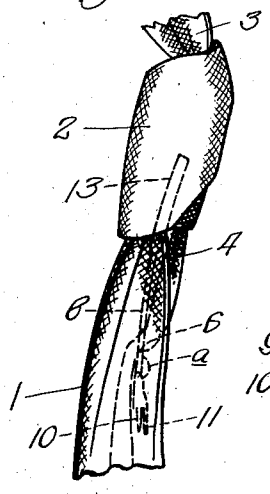
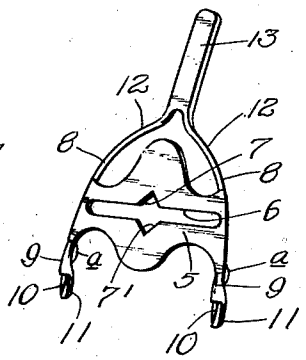


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to a tie holder especially adapted for holding a man's four-in-hand necktie in proper shape and against slipping during wear.

As is well known a man's necktie to present its best appearance during wear should maintain its proper shape and what is of even greater importance the free end portion of the part passing around the wearer's neck should not during wear slip through the knot. Even a small amount of slipping will throw the knot out of its proper straight position and cause it to look unsightly and not in perfect symmetry with relation to the collar and shirt. In the present invention I have overcome the above undesirable conditions by providing a tie holder that will at all times during use maintain the tie in a perfect and pleasing appearance.

Among the objects of my invention are: to overcome the disadvantages and accomplish the advantages referred to above; to provide a novel and improved tie holder; to provide a tie holder that will at all times during use hold the tie straight and against slipping; to provide a tie holder that is economical, and of pleasing appearance, and during use is efficient, positive in action, and entirely hidden from sight; and such further objects, advantages and capabilities, inherently possessed by my invention, as will later more fully appear.

My invention further resides in the combination, construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and while I have shown therein, for illustrative purposes only, a preferred embodiment thereof, I wish it understood that the same is susceptible of modification and change without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the front portion of a man's four-in-hand tie showing my tie holder in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the reverse side of the front portion of said tie, parts of the tie holder being shown in solid lines because of them being directly visible.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary edge elevation of the knot portion of the tie showing my improved tie holder in dotted lines.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a tie holder embodying my invention.

Referring more in detail to the drawings my novel tie holder is applied to a man's four-in-hand necktie which tie when in use comprises the front end portion 1, the knot 2, the neck portion

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3 and the back end portion 4. The tie holder as shown in Fig. 4 comprises a body portion 5, having a slot 6 extending laterally therethrough, the metal forming the top and bottom edges of the slot having central notches 7 and 7' respectively formed therein to prevent excess crowding of the small end of the tie when passed therethrough. This tie holder may be made of metal, plastics, or any other suitable and preferably ornamental material of sufficient stiffness to operatively retain its shape when inserted in the tie.

The body portion 5 is provided along its side edges with elongated arms 8 which extend downwardly as viewed in Fig. 4 to form laterally spaced apart arms 9, each of which is constructed with sharpened points 10 to stick into the rear side of the front end portion of the tie after the holder has been adjusted into proper position. In order to prevent these sharpened points from passing entirely through the front end portion of the tie and be visible from the front or stick the wearer of the tie, I have provided on the lower ends of the arms 9 small guard or shield plates 11 which are spaced laterally from the sharpened points a slight distance to permit the goods of the front end portion of the tie to slip into position between the shield plates 11 and the sharpened points 10 when said points are inserted into the tie. This slight spacing of guard plates 11 from sharpened points 10 is sufficient to permit the sharpened points to enter the goods of the tie to the desired amount but, as stated, prevent these points from being visible from the front, or stick the wearer, of the tie.

Formed on the rear side of each of the arms 9 is a small projection *a* against which pressure may be applied by the operator's thumb nails to assist in pressing the pin points 10 into the front portion of the tie when the parts are in proper position. Notches or other shapes may be used as desired in place of the projections *a*.

Arms 8 extend upwardly as viewed in Fig. 4 and toward the center to form the inwardly extending upper side arms 12 which at their upper ends merge into the upwardly extending projection or shank 13 which is of sufficient thickness, and having a blunt top end, to prevent this shank 13 from tearing or otherwise injuring the goods of the tie. The body portion 5 and side arms 8—9 are of sufficient width to extened laterally a substantial distance across the width of the front portion of the tie, but at the same time be narrow enough so as not to be visible when the tie is in use. Also as seen in the drawings the inwardly and upwardly extend-

ing arms 12 cause the tie holder to diminish in width upwardly to the shank 13 so as to follow the desired general contour of the tie so that when the holder is in place in the tie during use the tie will be caused to assume a desired width and general pleasing appearance. When the tie has been tied in the desired position upon the wearer the rear portion 4 will be inserted from the rear through the slot 6 to the front side of the holder. The holder will then be pushed snugly upwardly into the knot to the desired position, the rear end portion 4 pulled snugly downwardly through the slot, and when the parts are in snug position with the tie forming a pleasing appearance from the front, the front end portion of the tie will be pulled downwardly a slight distance and the sharpened points 10 inserted into the rear side of the front of the tie by a push of the operator's thumb nails against projections *a*, with the portion of the tie that has been pierced by the sharpened points occupying the space between the sharpened points 10 and the guard plates 11. The holder will then be released and will, from then on, hold the tie in pleasing appearance and against any slipping of the neckband portion, especially slipping from the side extending upwardly through the knot from the rear end portion of the tie, this latter side of the neckband being the one most important to prevent slippage through the knot.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a tie holder which will hold the tie in pleasing position at all times during use and will prevent any slippage of the neckband of the tie through the knot and thus prevent the tie, at any time during use, from assuming a shifted and displeasing appearance. As noted in Figs. 3 and 4 the tie holder is formed with a certain amount of longitudinal curvature so as to enhance the graceful appearance of the tie. Also the pin points 10 are spaced apart laterally of the holder a sufficient distance to hold the front end portion of the tie adjacent the knot in distended flat position and prevent it from wrinkling or assuming an unsightly, uneven and narrow appearance.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A tie holder for holding a four-in-hand necktie in pleasing appearance and against slipping, comprising a body portion having a pair of laterally spaced apart side arms, a pair of cross bars connected at their ends to said side arms intermediate of the length of the holder, said cross bars being vertically spaced apart and forming an unobstructed slot extending laterally between the side arms, the slot being narrow to receive the rear end portion of the tie therethrough in a short crimp, said side arms extending downwardly and having laterally spaced apart unconnected free ends, a pin on the lower end portion of each of said side arm free ends, the upper ends of the side arms converging together above the slot, and an upwardly projecting shank connected with the juncture of said converging portions of the side arms.

2. A tie holder as claimed in claim 1, in which each of said side arm free ends has fixed thereto a flat shield extending downwardly a short distance beyond the end of the point of the pin and spaced from the pin only a short distance so that the pins will enter the material of the front end portion of the tie but the shields will prevent them from passing entirely through the same.

3. A tie holder as claimed in claim 1, in which the upper cross bar is formed in its lower edge at about the middle of the length of the slot with an upwardly extending angular notch, and the lower cross bar is formed in its upper edge with a downwardly extending angular notch opposite said first mentioned notch, whereby said notches will accommodate surplus material of the rear end portion of the tie when passing through the slot.

4. A tie holder for holding a four-in-hand necktie knot in neat appearance and against slipping, comprising a pair of side arms and a cross member connecting the side arms, said side arms extending downwardly from the cross member and having unconnected free ends laterally spaced apart a substantial distance from each other, each of said free ends having a downwardly extending small diameter sharp pointed pin and a flat narrow shield parallel with the longitudinal center line of the pin and extending beyond the point of the pin, said shield being spaced only a short distance from the adjacent side of the pin so that the pins may enter the goods of the front end portion of the tie and the shields will prevent the pins from passing entirely through said front end portion, said cross member having a slot therein extending from one side arm to the other, said slot being unobstructed in its length and narrow so as to receive the rear end portion of the tie therethrough with a short crimp between said rear end portion of the tie and the front and back of the cross member, said side arms converging upwardly and merging into an upwardly projecting shank to be inserted into the tie knot, said cross member being formed in each of the upper and lower edges of the slot with a notch to accommodate surplus material of the rear end portion of the tie when passing through the slot, the tie holder having a slight longitudinal curvature formed therein.

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