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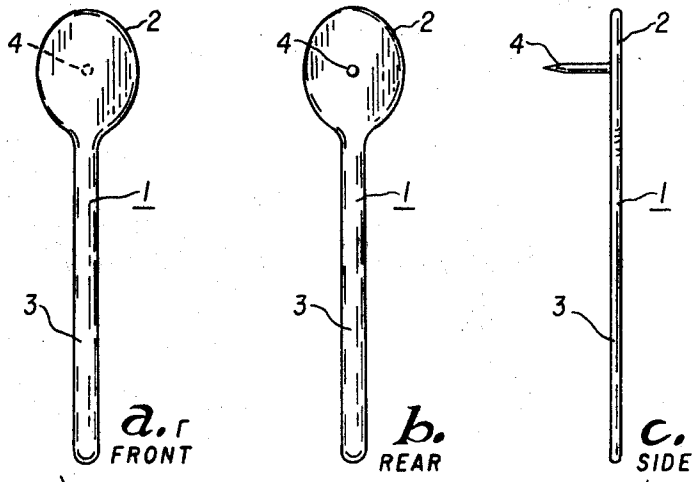


Fig. 1

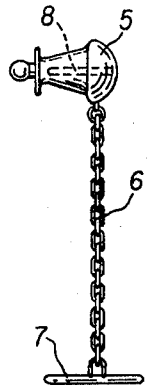


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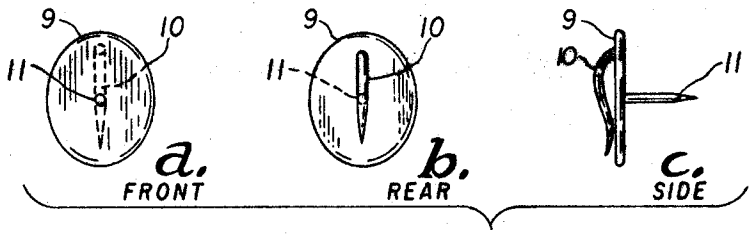


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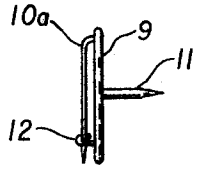


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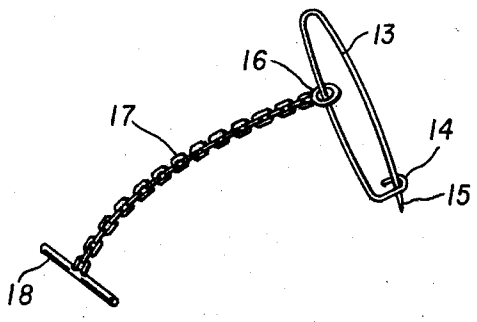


Fig. 5

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides for maintaining a necktie in place by means which are not outwardly visible and which do not damage the appearance of the tie material surface. The holding means disclosed attach the underneath fold of the outer appearing end of the necktie and the underneath end of the necktie together. The necktie position is then maintained by a connection between the holding means and the front of the shirt.

This invention relates to a necktie holder which is constructed to maintain a necktie neatly in position but without being outwardly visible and without damaging the outer appearing surface by holes punched therein, broken threads, raveling and so forth.

Several kinds of necktie holders are available which clamp or attach both to the shirt and the necktie and provide a visible and external connection to the tie on the outer appearing surface such as a tie bar or what is commonly known as a "tie tack." The tie bar, of course, clamps both necktie folds to a shirt front and the tie tack, by means of a pin, is attached to the necktie through both folds. A friction clutch then engages the pin and is connected by means of a bar and chain to the shirt front through a button hole.

While a tie bar does not mar the outward appearing surface of the tie material, it does have a tendency to skew, slide, and permit the necktie to bulge. A tie tack, even though ornamental and available in a variety of designs, does result in punched holes, broken threads, raveling, and other damage to the tie, which usually requires that the necktie always be worn with a tie tack to avoid showing the damage to the material Wearers of neckties would like to avoid the shortcomings of tie bars and tie tacks and would prefer in many instances to use no visibly showing holder to maintain the necktie in position because of the natural beauty of the tie material itself.

Accordingly, an object of this invention is to preserve the outer appearing surface of a necktie free from holes, broken threads, raveling and other damage.

A further object of this invention is to maintain a necktie neatly in a vertical position without providing in the necktie itself clamps, inserts, slits, or other mechanical attachment objects.

A still further object of this invention is to utilize a necktie holder which is not visible from the outer appearing surface of the necktie and can be connected through the tie material to the shirt front.

It is another object of this invention to provide in at least one embodiment an elongated means for the necktie holder hereof to aid in both positioning the holder and holding the necktie neatly in a vertical position.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a novel tie holder with sufficient weight to aid in maintaining the necktie in place.

These objects and other objects and advantages will become apparent as the details of construction and use of the novel necktie holder hereof are more fully described hereinafter, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIGURES 1*a*, *b* and *c* represent front, rear and side views, respectively, of one embodiment of the necktie holder of this invention.

FIGURE 2 represents a conventional friction clutch, chain and bar arrangement used for attaching the necktie holder hereof to a shirt front.

FIGURES 3*a*, *b*, and *c* represent front, rear and side views, respectively, of another embodiment of the novel tie holder of this invention.

FIGURE 4 represents, in a side view, a modification to the necktie holder embodiment of FIGURE 3.

FIGURE 5 represents a perspective view of still another embodiment of the novel tie holder of this invention.

Referring now to the drawings and to FIGURE 1, views *a*, *b*, and *c*, there is shown a representative embodiment of necktie holder **1** consisting of a rounded shape **2** at its upper end and an elongated shank **3** extending downwardly from the rounded portion **2**. On one side of the rounded end **2**, such as the rear view of *b*, is attached a pointed pin or shaft **4**. In side view, the holder **1** is flat and of a suitable thickness.

In FIGURE 2 there is shown a conventional friction clutch consisting of clutch **5**, a chain **6**, attached at one end to clutch **5** and at the other end to bar **7**. At the center of clutch **5**, a central opening **8** is indicated suitable for receiving a pin or shaft, such as pin or shaft **4** of FIGURE 1.

In use, the holder **1** is inserted between the folds of the outer, or showing, end of a necktie with the pin or shaft **4** side facing to the underneath side of the fold. Shank **3** is essential from a practical standpoint in positioning holder **1** at the desired level between the folds. When at the proper level, the pin or shaft **4** is pushed through the underfold and underneath, or non-showing, end of the necktie. The pin or shaft **4** is then inserted, in standard fashion, into opening **8** of clutch **5** and the bar **7** inserted through a button hole in the shirt. By this means and chain **6**, the necktie is firmly attached to the shirt front but there is nothing showing on the outer surface of the necktie which would show the presence of holder **1** or damage the outer appearance of the tie material itself.

In some ties, the ends of the tie are joined together so that the insertion of a tie holder, such as that shown in FIGURE 1, is not possible. Thus, there is shown in FIGURES 3*a*, *b*, and *c*, another embodiment of a necktie holder embodying the principle of this invention. In FIGURE 3, there is shown a flat and substantially rounded plate **9** with an elongated pointed member **10** attached on one side and a pin or shaft **11** attached to the other side. The member **10** is attached at the upper end of plate **9** and extends in a downwardly direction. In side view FIGURE 3*c*, member **10** is shown with a curved shape toward its lower end so as to bear against plate **9**. Pin or shaft **11** is attached at the central portion of plate **9**. In use, the pointed member **10** is inserted through the underneath fold of the outer or showing end of the necktie but not so as to extend through the outer, or showing, fold. It should be noted that member **10** passes through the underfold twice but at points spaced from each other. Once plate **9** is in position, the pin or shaft **11** is pushed through the underneath end of the tie and inserted into opening **8** of clutch **5**. Clutch **5**, chain **6** and bar **7** connect the tie holder to the shirt front.

If desired, the lower end of plate **9** may be provided with a catch such as is shown in FIGURE 4. In FIGURE 4, member **10***a* is shown as being shaped differently from member **10**, the difference being that catch **12** is used to maintain member **10***a* whereas member **10** in FIGURE 3*c* is shaped to provide a bearing engagement with plate **9**. In either embodiment, the necktie holder is maintained

in an attitude, normally vertical, as determined by member **10** or **10***a*.

The novel principle of the tie holder of this invention is shown in yet another embodiment in FIGURE 5. In FIGURE 5, the necktie holder is shown with a wire or other suitable member **13** shaped to resemble that of a safety pin. One end of member **13** is pointed, as at **15**, to assist in passing through the necktie material and the other end of member **13** is shaped as or provided with a catch for holding pointed end **15** in closed position. A circular ring **16** is slidably mounted on member. Chain **17** is connected at one end to ring **16** and at the other end to bar **18**. Instead of being slidably mounted, ring **16** may be fixed to member **13**.

In the embodiments of FIGURE 1 and FIGURE 3, the necktie holders are designed to attach to the underneath fold of the outer or showing end of the necktie and then joined the underneath end of a necktie by means of a pin or shaft. The necktie holder embodiment of FIGURE 5, however, is designed to extend through the underneath end of the necktie and the underneath fold of the outer, or showing, end of the necktie. The chain **17** and bar **18** serve to connect member **13** to the shirt front.

In each of the embodiments hereof, provision is made for considerable vertical maintenance of the necktie such as by shank **3**, the length of member **10**, or the length of member **13**. Also, in each of the necktie holders hereof, but primarily those shown in the embodiments of FIGURES 1 and 3, the weight of the holder is sufficient to aid the necktie in maintaining its vertically hanging position.

The shape of the holders shown in FIGURES 1, 3 and 5 is not critical and each may have convenient shape, i.e., width, length, thickness, etc., consistent with accomplishing the purpose of this invention which is to provide means for holding a necktie without being visible from the outer or showing surface of the necktie. Similarly, it is not critical as to the materials from which the holders are constructed, but they may be of any suitable material such as metals and plastics. The materials normally used, however, would be metals such as silver, stainless steel, nickel, copper, gold, gold plated base metals, multiple bonded layers of such metals and so forth. In any event, the material would be chosen as most suitable for the purpose or purposes intended such as economy, durability, strength, appearance, etc., and capable of providing the desired embodiment of the holder. Furthermore, the attachment of the holder to the shirt is not necessarily

limited to the pin or shaft or friction clutch arrangement but may consist of any suitable means of attachment or attraction to the holder.

What is claimed is:

1. A necktie holder comprising a thin, flat and substantially elongated body of the general configuration presenting an enlarged end portion and a handle portion adapted to be easily inserted and removed from between folds of the outer appearing end of the necktie, a straight shaft for extending rearwardly through the underneath fold and other end of said necktie, said shaft being pointed on one end and affixed to the other end to the enlarged portion of the body to permit the handle portion to hang downwardly to assist in keeping an attached tie in position and resist flapping and blowing around of the tie, and a clutch, chain and bar assembly, said clutch being suitable for engaging said shaft, and said bar suitable for engaging a buttonhole on a shirt, thereby to maintain said necktie in vertical position with none of said body, clutch, chain and bar assembly outwardly visible.

2. A necktie holder comprising an elongated body adapted easily to engage the underneath end of a necktie and the underneath fold of the outer appearing end of a necktie and to be disengaged therefrom, said body including a pointed portion and another portion thereof formed to clasp said pointed portion, and a chain and bar assembly, said chain slidably mounted upon said elongated body which, when said bar is suitably attached to a shirt front, maintains said necktie in position.

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