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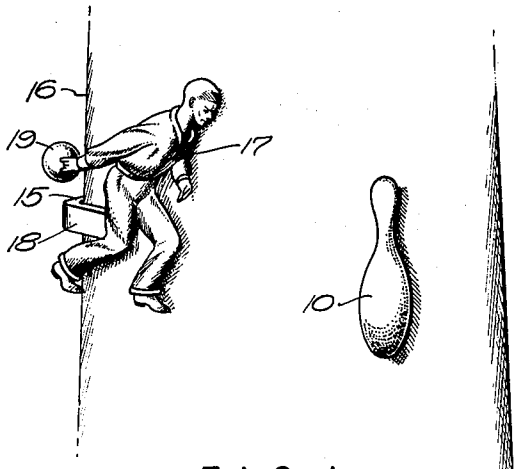


FIG. 1

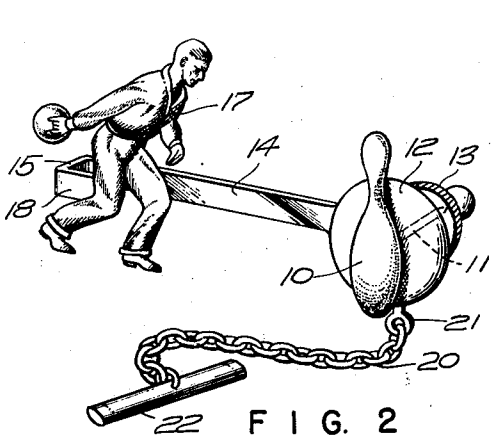


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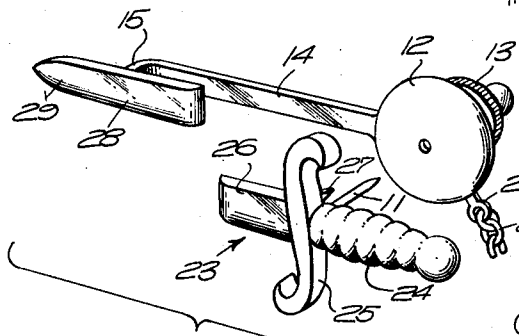


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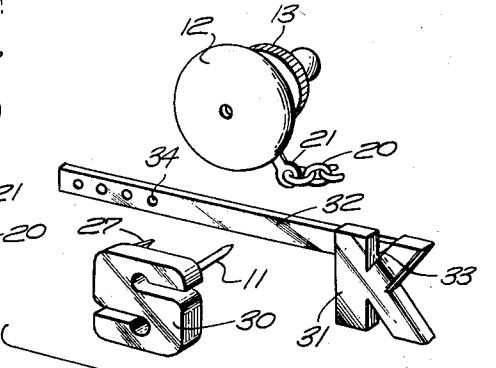


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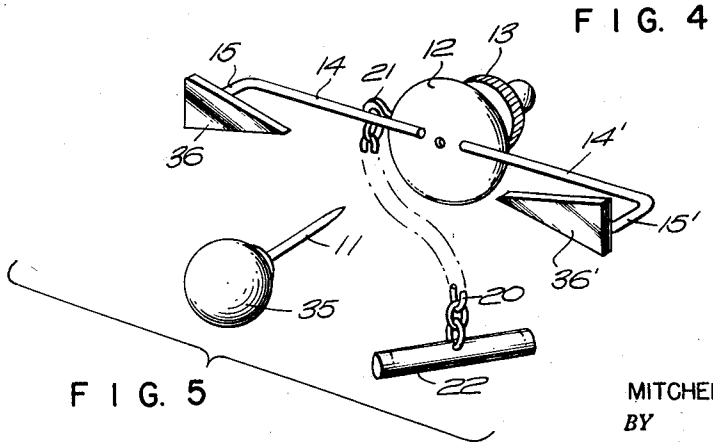


FIG. 5

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This invention relates to a necktie holder.

One of the objects of this invention is the provision of a necktie holder which will have a mystery effect when positioned on the tie in that two portions of the holder will be separated without any visible means of connection between them from the obverse face of the tie.

Another object of this invention is to provide an ornamental device as well as having the function of holding the necktie in position although allowing some limited movement thereof.

Another object of the invention is to mount the ornament on the tie in an efficient and secure manner.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a fragmental portion of a necktie with an ornament mounted thereon;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the holder detached from the tie;

Figure 3 is a perspective exploded view of a necktie holder of a modified form of the invention;

Figure 4 is a perspective exploded view of a still different modification of the invention;

Figure 5 is a perspective exploded view of the invention in still a different form.

In carrying out this invention, I provide a first ornamental member to overlie the obverse face of the necktie and which is provided with a pin to extend rearwardly through the necktie. A spur may also be present to prevent relative rotation of the ornamental member about the pin as an axis. Some clutch means is then provided which will grip the pin and prevent its retraction through the tie. I then provide an arm which is mounted either on the clutch or the part of the pin which extends rearwardly from the back of the tie, which will extend along the rear surface of the necktie and then forwardly about the edge of the necktie, and on this forwardly extending portion of the arm, I provide a second ornamental member which will usually be of a form to cooperate in ornamental theme with the first ornamental member. This second ornamental member overlies the obverse face of the necktie adjacent the edge thereof and serves by embracing the edge of the tie to retain the tie. The clutch will be tethered to the shirt of the wearer to prevent excessive lateral movement of the tie. In some cases two arms may be provided extending in opposite directions, and in that case opposite edges of the tie may be embraced rather than a single edge.

With reference to the drawings, **10** designates a first ornamental member which in the case of Figures 1 and 2 is shown as a bowling pin. Extending rearwardly from this bowling pin, there is a pin **11** which will pierce or extend through the necktie and project beyond the rear surface thereof. A clutch **12** of a type well known in the trade having balls which will be urged along a

tapered surface to grip the pin is provided and which clutch has a releasing cage operated by a handle **13**. This clutch is utilized for gripping the pin and preventing its withdrawal from the tie and acts as an anchor member for the pin.

An arm **14** is secured to the clutch body **12** and extends in a plane perpendicular to the pin **11**. At a point spaced from the pin, the arm has a forwardly extending portion **15** which will project along and engage the edge **16** of the necktie as shown in Figure 1. On the forward end of this forwardly projecting portion, a second ornament **17** is mounted, in this case by means of a finger **18** which attaches to the ornament **17** which is the figure of a man in the act of throwing a bowling ball **19** as there shown. This second ornamental member **17** also extends over the obverse face of the necktie adjacent the edge thereof and serves to retain this edge of the necktie in position. In order to tether the necktie against excessive movement, a chain **20** is secured to an eye **21** attached to the clutch and is provided with a crossbar **22** to secure the end of the chain to the button hole of the shirt beneath the necktie.

In Figure 3 I have illustrated the first ornamental member now designated **23** as the upper portion of a sword having a handle **24**, a cross piece **25** and the portion of a shank **26**. From this ornamental member the pin **11** as above described extends to pass rearwardly through the necktie while a spur **27** is shown to also enter the necktie and prevent the member from rotating about the pin **11** as an axis. The clutch **12** having its handle **13** is illustrated the same as in Figure 2, and an arm **14** is shown as extending from the clutch with its forwardly extending portion **15**. In this case, however, the second ornamental member, designated **28**, is in the shape of the lower or pointed end of the sword and is mounted on the portion **15** so as to extend in line with the first ornamental member and over the obverse face of the necktie adjacent the edge **16** thereof. In this case the point **29** of the member will project outwardly beyond the edge of the tie.

In Figure 4 I have illustrated the first ornamental member **30** as the letter of an alphabet. Projecting rearwardly therefrom is the pin **11** while there is also provided a spur **27** extending rearwardly thereof to prevent rotation of the ornamental member. The second ornamental member **31** in this case is also a letter of the alphabet. In this case however the arm **32** which has a forwardly extending portion **33** attached to the ornamental member **31** is provided with a plurality of openings **34**, any selected one of which the pin **11** may pass through. This necessitates the clutch **12** being separated from the arm **32** and attached to the pin **11** after it has passed through the selected opening **34**.

In Figure 5 the first ornamental member is shown in the shape of a sphere **35** having a pin **11** extending rearwardly therefrom. Inasmuch as this ornamental member is a sphere, it is unnecessary to provide a spur to prevent its relative rotation, although, if desired, this may be done. The clutch **12** and its operating handle **13** is provided as heretofore, while there is the arm **14** with its forwardly extending portion **15**. The second ornamental member here designated as **36** is shown in the shape of a triangle pointing to the sphere **35**. In this case, however, the arm **14** is duplicated as shown at **14'** with a forwardly extending portion **15'** and a duplicate ornament **36'** formed diametrically opposite and in balanced relation to the arm **14**. In this case as in all cases the clutch will be tethered to the shirt as described in connection with Figure 2.

By this arrangement the ornamental necktie holder may be formed as two cooperating parts which may have the appearance of being completely separated in their

mounting on the tie which lends itself to artistic ornamental themes attractive in jewelry, as well as providing a utilitarian tie holder.

I claim:

1. A necktie holder comprising a first ornamental member to overlie the obverse face of the necktie and having a pin with a sharp point to pass rearwardly through the necktie, an anchor member to releasably grip the pin and prevent its withdrawal through the tie, and an arm in a plane extending generally perpendicular to said pin and held thereto, said arm at a location spaced from the pin having a portion extending forwardly generally parallel to the pin and means comprising a second ornament carried by the said portion of said arm to overlie the face of the necktie adjacent an edge thereof, and means to tether said anchor to the shirt of the wearer.

2. A necktie holder as in claim 1 wherein the first member has a spur spaced from the pin to enter the necktie and prevent rotation of the member about the pin as an axis.

3. A necktie holder as in claim 1 wherein said arm has a plurality of openings through a selected one of which said pin pases.

4. A necktie holder as in claim 1 wherein said arm is secured to said anchor member.

5. A necktie holder as in claim 1 wherein a second similar arm extends in said plane on the other side of said pin and carries on a forwardly extending portion a third ornament overlying the face of the necktie adjacent the opposite edge of the necktie.

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