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ARTICLE HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

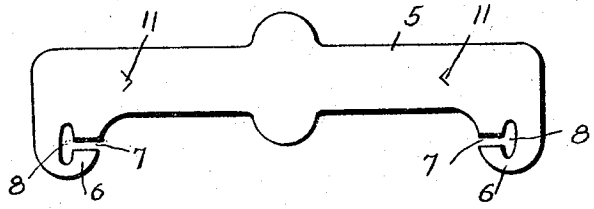


Fig. 2.

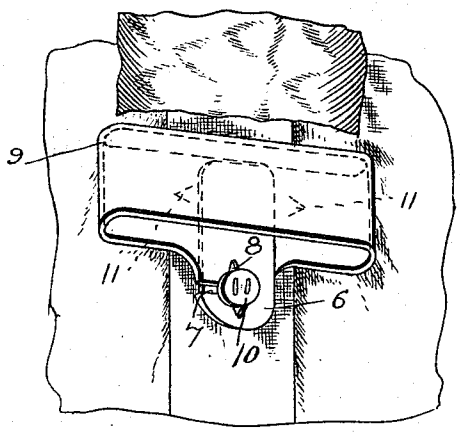
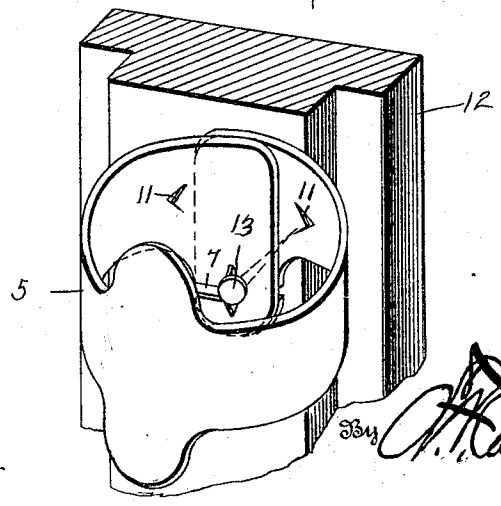


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK B. MEYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Article-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to article holders, and more particularly to a device especially designed for holding the free ends of four-in-hand neckties, although it is not necessarily limited to such use as the same may be used to advantage in draping portières.

Another object is the provision of a simple and efficient article holder including essentially a band or strip of flexible material having the free ends suitably formed whereby the strip may be engaged and secured upon a shirt button, tack or similar device.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts as will be hereinafter specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 represents a plan view of the blank from which the holder is formed.

Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the article holder construction to adapt it for use in securing or holding the free ends of a necktie, and

Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the holder constructed for use in supporting or draping portières.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 5 indicates a relatively thin narrow strip of celluloid or similar flexible material which may be formed in any desired shape and provided with any preferred type of design or configuration printed, embossed or otherwise marked thereon. Lateral extensions 6 are formed upon one longitudinal edge of the strip 5 at the opposite ends thereof and the adjacent edges of the extensions are formed with slits or recesses 7 of a width approximately equal to or slightly larger than the shank of a collar button, or a group of threads securing a button upon a shirt. The outer extremities of the recesses are enlarged laterally, as indicated at 8, to insure against accidental disengagement of the ends of the holder from the button or other device upon which it is engaged.

The body or medial portion of the strip 5 is bent or turned, as indicated at 9 in Fig. 2, so as to overlap the ends thereof which carry the lateral extensions 6.

In use, the necktie is engaged between the medial and end portions of the holder and the recesses 7 are slipped under one of the shirt buttons 10, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, thus reliably securing the holder in position upon the shirt of the wearer and simultaneously securing the necktie in position. If preferred, tongues or teeth 11 may be struck out from the body of the holder for engaging or securing the tie or other article against accidental removal from the holder.

Referring to the type of the invention illustrated in Fig. 3, the strip or body 5 of the holder is of adequate width, thickness and length to encircle and secure a portière, lace curtain or the like, and the holder is secured in position upon a door frame or other object 12 by engaging the recessed ends thereof under the head 13 of a tack or nail.

What I claim is:

1. An article holder formed of flexible material including a flat body, and lateral extensions at the ends of said body and projecting in the same direction from one longitudinal edge thereof, said extensions having recesses formed in the inner edges and extending in parallel relation to the longitudinal axis of the body.

2. An article holder formed of flexible material including a flat body, and lateral extensions at the ends of the said body and projecting in the same direction from one longitudinal edge thereof, said extensions having vertical recesses formed in the edges thereof and also having horizontal recesses communicating at their inner ends with the vertical recesses and their outer ends extending through the vertical edges of the extensions.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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