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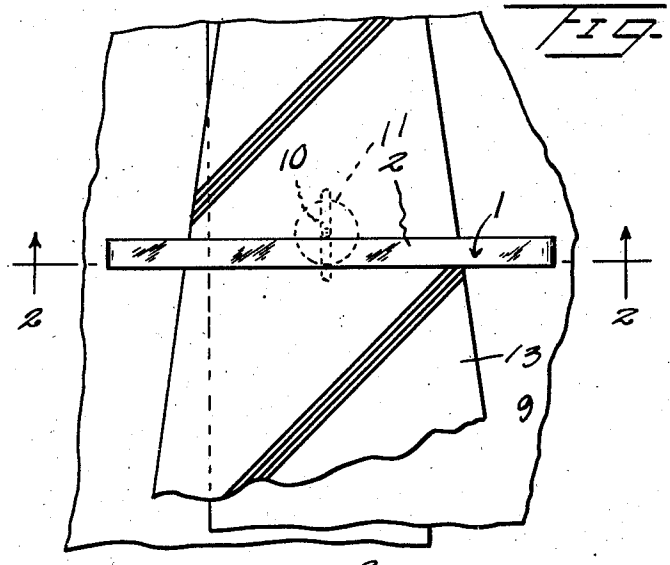


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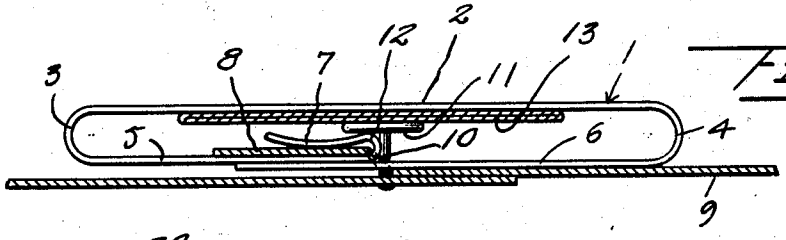


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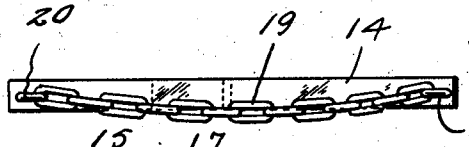


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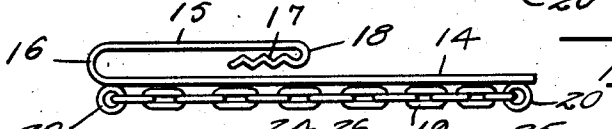


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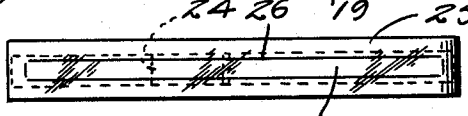
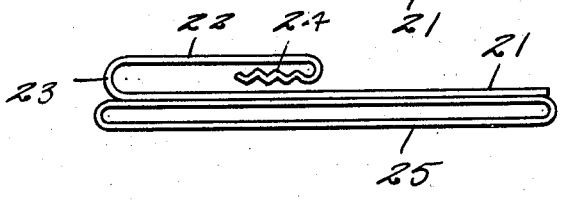


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This invention relates to holders and more particularly to a holder especially adapted for use as a necktie holder, it being understood that while it is especially useful as a holder for a necktie it is not restricted to such use.

At the present time it is customary to secure a necktie against the front of a shirt by a clip which straddles the necktie and the portion of the shirt having button holes formed therein but such fasteners have been found unsatisfactory since they often slip out of proper position across the necktie and also are liable to become detached and lost.

Therefore one object of the invention is to provide a holder so formed that when it is applied a portion may engage through a buttonhole of the shirt and thus held in a desired position across a necktie and very effectively prevented from being accidentally disengaged from the shirt and becoming lost.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder formed from a single strip or strand of material so bent that it has a portion for engaging a tie and an auxiliary portion or clip for engaging through a buttonhole of a shirt and gripping the shirt so that it will frictionally resist detachment of the holder from the shirt.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder which may have gripping engagements with a shirt but fit loosely about a tie and thus not crease or otherwise mar the tie, and allowing total freedom of movement to the wearer.

Another object of the invention is to provide the holder with a shirt-engaging portion so formed that while it will securely hold the device in engagement with the shirt it may be easily disconnected when it is desired to remove it.

Another object of the invention is to provide a tie holder which is simple in construction and capable of being manufactured at small cost and using materials that are inexpensive and not restricted because of the war emergency.

Another object of the invention is that because this invention does not require materials having strong gripping power or resilience, such materials as "Lucite" or the various plastics, may be used.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a view showing a holder of the improved construction in use.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken along line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Fig. 3 is a front view of a modified form of holder.

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Fig. 4 is a view looking down upon the holder shown in Figure 3.

Fig. 5 is a front view of another modified form of holder.

Fig. 6 is a top view of Figure 5.

The improved holder illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 is formed from a continuous strip of resilient material which may be metal or other suitable material. This strip is bent in spaced relation to its ends to form an elongated loop 1 including a front member 2 merging into curved end portions 3 and 4 from which extend rear arms 5 and 6. These rear arms are of such length that they overlap, as shown in Figure 2, and the free end portion of arm 5 is bent back upon itself to form clip 7 which is curved longitudinally so that its intermediate portion will firmly grip the pleat or edge portion 8 of a shirt 9 through which buttonholes 10 are formed to accommodate the buttons 11; the clip will have its free end spaced from the arm 5 and may be easily thrust into position for gripping the shirt. The curved portion 12 connecting the clip with the arm forms a spring for the clip and in addition provides a blunt and rounded end to form the arm 5 and allows this to be readily passed through the buttonhole when applying the holder to a shirt.

When this holder is applied to a shirt for use the free end of the arm 5 carrying clip 7 is first passed through the buttonhole of the shirt, the arm 6 being disposed under portion 8 of the shirt during this operation. After the clip 7 has been moved entirely through the buttonhole and to a position beyond the free side edge of pleat 8 the holder is shifted longitudinally in an opposite direction and the free side edge portion of the pleat engaged under the clip so that this portion of the shirt will be gripped between the clip 7 and the portion of the arm 5 overlapped by the clip. The shirt will thus be gripped and the holder firmly held to the shirt. The tie 13 may then be passed through the loop 1 between the front bar and the rear arms thereof and the tie will be held against the shirt as shown in Figure 1. If so desired, the holder may be turned to a position in which it extends diagonally and the frictional grip of the clip 7 will hold the device in the adjusted position. Even if the holder should be caught and drawn away from the outer side edge of the pleat 8 to such an extent that the clip 7 no longer grips the shirt there will be no danger of the holder being lost since the arcuate end portion 3 of the holder will then be passing through the buttonhole and the holder will be

suspended at the front of the shirt instead of dropping upon the ground. When it is desired to remove the holder from the shirt it is merely necessary to draw upon the holder until the clip is detached from the pleat and reverse longitudinal movement of the holder to move the clip 7 and free end portion of arm 5 through the buttonhole and the pleat, the holder will then be disposed between the overlapped portions of the arms 5 and 6 and the holder may be slid out of engagement with the pleat. If so desired the holder may be removed by first disengaging the clip 7 from the pleat 8 and moving the holder to a position in which the end portion 3 passes through the buttonhole, the holder being then turned longitudinally so that the front bar 2, the end portion 4 and the arm 6 may be slipped through the buttonhole and the device easily detached from the shirt.

In Figures 3 and 4 there has been illustrated a holder of modified construction wherein a front bar 14, a rear arm 15, and a curved end portion 16 are formed from a single strip of resilient material. The free end portion of the rear arm 15 is bent back upon itself to form a clip 17 connected with the arm by a curved portion 18 constituting a spring for the clip and also forming the arm with a blunt free end so that it may be readily passed through a buttonhole of a shirt. Since the clip is crimped, as shown in Figure 4, it may have good gripping engagement with the pleat of the shirt. A chain 19 extends longitudinally of the bar 14 in front thereof and has its end links engaged through eyes 20 to suspend the chain in front of bar 14 in such position that the necktie may be passed between the bar and the chain. When this form of holder is in use the arm 15 and the clip 17 are passed through the buttonhole of the shirt and movement of the holder then reversed so that the shirt will be gripped between the clip and the arm and the holder firmly mounted across the shirt pleat in position for the necktie to be

passed between the front bar and the chain. If the clip should slip out of engagement with the shirt the weight of the bar 14 will cause the holder to swing downwardly and be suspended by the curved portion 16 engaging through the buttonhole.

Another holder of modified construction is shown in Figures 5 and 6. In this embodiment of the invention the bar 21, arm 22, curved portion 23 and crimped clip 24 are formed from a single strip of resilient material, this construction being the same as shown in Figure 4. Instead of providing a chain for extending across a necktie there has been provided an elongated loop 25 which is of approximately the same length as the front bar 21 but greater width, a slot 26 being formed longitudinally of the front wall of the loop so that when a necktie is passed through the loop a portion will show through the slot. This slot may be omitted if so desired and also the loop may be ornamented in any desired manner.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

In a necktie holder or the like, a front member merging into a curved end portion to form a loop, an arm formed integrally with said end portion and extending rearwardly of said front member, spaced entirely therefrom and substantially parallel therewith, to approximately the central part of said member, a clip element extending from the end of said arm, formed integrally with said arm and extending toward the said curved end portion substantially parallel with said arm within said loop whereby to provide a means for holding an end of a necktie in place on a wearer, said arm being adapted for insertion through a buttonhole of the shirt of a wearer of said holder and said clip being adapted to retain said holder in said buttonhole against accidental displacement.

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