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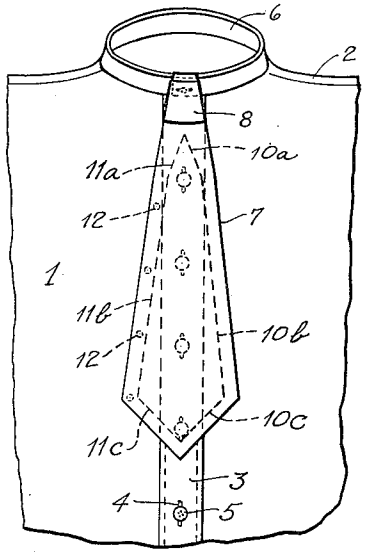


FIG. 1

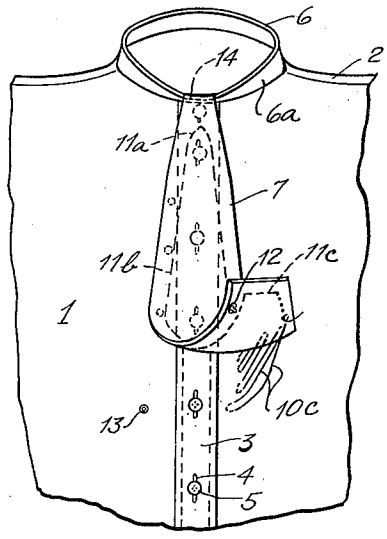


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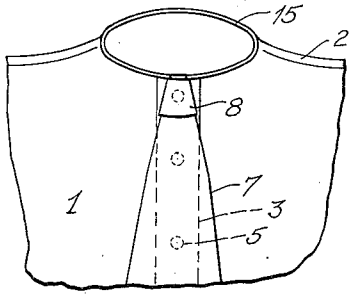


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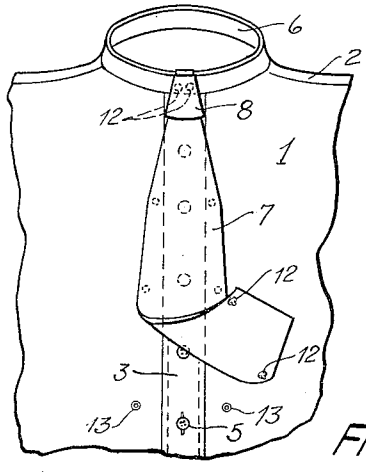


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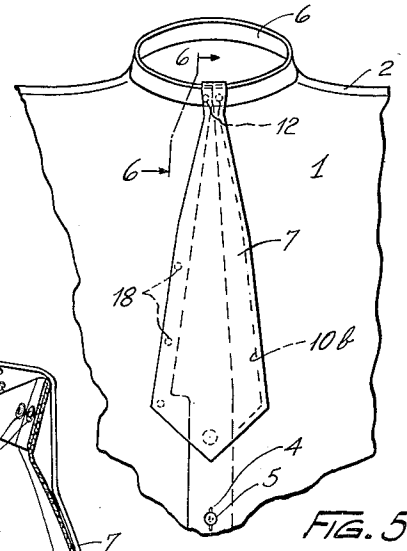


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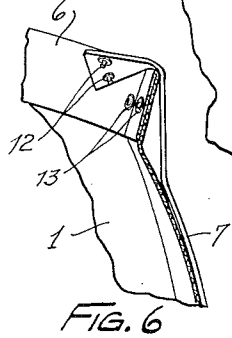


FIG. 6

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This invention relates to a combination shirt and tie, particularly adapted to be worn by men. Embodiments thereof are especially adapted to be worn in warm weather, either as dress or sport shirts.

The principal object is to provide a combined shirt and tie which will afford greater comfort to the wearer than shirts as worn at the present time.

Such shirts, as commonly worn, are of two types, namely, detachable-collar type and permanent collar type. In either case at least two fairly heavy fabricated thicknesses of cloth surround the neck of the user. In hot weather this is extremely uncomfortable, irrespective of whether or not the cloth is starched or otherwise treated to render it relatively stiff. I have found that by the use of the present invention at least two of the usual uncomfortable fabricated thicknesses of cloth may be eliminated while still avoiding a decolleté appearance. A distinctive feature of the combination is the utilization of an attached or attachable tie of different design from the shirt or which otherwise contrasts therewith, as by a difference in color, which tie and shirt have a sufficiently conventional appearance to pass casual inspection as conforming to accepted standards of dress.

I have observed that the principal reason collars for men have turned-down portions or panels is to conceal the part of the necktie which surrounds the neck. I obviate this necessity for a turned-down collar panel by eliminating the neck-surrounding portion of the tie, and by so designing the tie in connection with the upper part of the shirt that, in practical effect, the user appears merely to be wearing a comparatively low collar, with a regulation type of necktie. This is a transitory phase of the invention because the present combination shirt and tie may be worn comfortably and be neat in appearance without having any collar effect at all in the present accepted sense. In some forms of the invention the tie may be completely detachable from the shirt to permit cleaning the two parts by different methods, as by dry-cleaning the tie and laundering the shirt.

A further object is to provide a combined shirt and tie, wherein the tie is detachably secured to the shirt in such manner that the securing means is fully concealed when the shirt is being worn.

Another object is to provide a combined shirt and tie, wherein the tie comprises a closure for the front of the shirt, at least for part of its vertical extent.

Still another object is to provide a combined shirt and tie, wherein the tie is secured against dislocation, as by winds, by normally invisible means.

Other objects and features of the invention will become apparent from the following description, relating to the various preferred forms shown in the accompanying drawing. The essential characteristics are summarized in the claims.

Referring briefly to the drawing, Figs. 1 to 5 are fragmentary front elevations of different embodiments, of the invention, the neck-surrounding portion in each case being shown in perspective, and Fig. 6 is a fragmentary sectional view of the arrangement of Fig. 5, as indicated by the line 6—6 on Fig. 5.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, the bosom panels of the shirt are indicated at 1, shoulder panels at 2, and a substantially conventional center pleat at 3. This may have button holes arranged as indicated at 4, to receive the usual buttons 5 on the under-margin of the bosom; but any other suitable front closure device may be used instead.

The circular band 6 corresponds in position to the usual collar band of a detachable-collar type shirt, and may, in fact, be made any desired height. In Fig. 2, the band is shown as having free end portions of gradually decreased height toward the front, for the purpose of affording greater comfort in hot weather.

The tie part, as shown, comprises a lower tie portion 7 which may be overlaid near the top by a fold effect 8, as shown in Fig. 1, thus simulating the appearance of a conventional four-in-hand tie, in tied position. Alternatively the fold effect may be omitted as shown in Fig. 2.

The side portion of the tie preferably is secured to one panel only of the shirt bosom, as by stitching extending as indicated by dotted lines in three generally diagonal directions at 10*a*, 10*b* and 10*c*. Such stitching would normally be visible on the front of the tie, wherefore it is preferred to provide additional decorative stitching on the opposite side portion of the tie, as at 11*a*, 11*b* and 11*c*, the latter stitching extending through the tie only. The said opposite side of the tie is preferably secured to the underlying portion of the bosom as by conventional snap fastener devices, a pair of fastener elements of such device being shown in full lines at 12 and 13 in Fig. 2. Additional snap fasteners are indicated by dotted lines at 12 in Figs. 1 and 2. It will be noted that the fasteners are invisible to persons other than the wearer. The upper edge of the tie in either form shown in Figs. 1 and 2 may be stitched or other-

wise suitably secured to the outer free end of the neck band 6, or to the upper edge of the outer center pleat; stiching being conventionally indicated at 14.

Referring to Fig. 3, it will be noted that the neck-surrounding portion of the shirt comprises merely a suitably finished edge indicated at 15, with no perceptible neck band or collar effect. The tie may be made as above described or entirely detachable, in a manner to be hereinafter described, and may be attached to the shirt in any fashion herein discussed or otherwise.

Referring to Fig. 4, the various portions of the shirt, including the neckband, are generally the same as in Fig. 1, but the center pleat and conventional closures are omitted. The free edges of the bosom may be secured in the position shown (or in overlapped position, if desired) through the intermediary of the tie. As shown, each bosom panel and the neck band are provided with fastener elements 13 and the tie with cooperating fastener elements 12 adapted to be snapped into the members 13.

Referring to Figs. 5 and 6, a conventional closure for the front of the shirt may be used, including buttons 5 or their equivalent. The tie may be made with or without the fold 8, this being omitted, as illustrated. The tie has edge marginal fasteners positioned as indicated at 18 for attachment to both sides of the bosom and to one or both end of the neckband 6. Two fastener elements 13 are shown in perspective on the inside of the shirt and cooperating elements 12 are similarly shown on the unattached end portion 20 of the tie. Said end portion is folded neatly over the upper edge of the shirt, which may be made in accordance with any of the preceding description. As shown, the shirt has a neck band and the elements 13 are fastened thereto.

It may be mentioned that the tie may be of any shape, or design, as dictated by fashion; and I wish it to be understood that the various modifications illustrated may be variously combined with each other. The different novel features of the shirt portion may be used with any herein disclosed form of tie or with other forms, and the various novel features of the tie portion may be used with any of the shirt forms shown, as well as with shirts of other types, say those having turned-down collars attached. In addition, the removable tie may be made of any desired material, but where the tie is fixed to the shirt it is preferably made of the same material, as the shirt.

I claim:

1. A shirt having a device simulating the normally exposed portion of a four-in-hand tie, said device being supported wholly by the front of the shirt and having its under side detachably associated with one of its bosom portions by normally concealed means which is independent of the closure for the front of the shirt and is operatively related to a marginal edge portion of the tie-simulating device.

2. A combined shirt and tie simulating device, wherein the shirt has a conventional front closure, and the tie device has characteristics of a conventional four-in-hand tie, and wherein the under side of the tie device at a marginal edge thereof is detachably associated with one of the bosom panels of the shirt independently of said closure.

3. A combined shirt and tie device, wherein the shirt has a conventional front closure, and the tie device simulates a conventional pendant tie, one marginal edge portion of the device being directly and permanently associated with one of the bosom panels of the shirt and the opposite edge being detachably associated with the other panel.

4. The combination of a shirt having separable bosom portions and a neck-embracing portion, and a tie device adapted to lie over and conceal the free edges of the bosom portions, said device being permanently attached to one of said portions and having its upper extremity extending over the top of the neck-embracing portion and being detachably associated therewith on the inside.

5. The combination comprising a shirt having separable bosom portions and a collar member surrounding the neck-embracing portion, and a pendant type tie, one longitudinal edge of which is permanently attached to the shirt at one of said bosom portions and additionally attached thereto near one free end of the collar member.

6. A shirt having a tie-simulating device, one marginal edge of which is permanently attached to one of the bosom portions of the shirt and the other marginal edge of which is detachably associated with the other bosom portion.

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