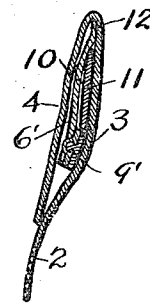
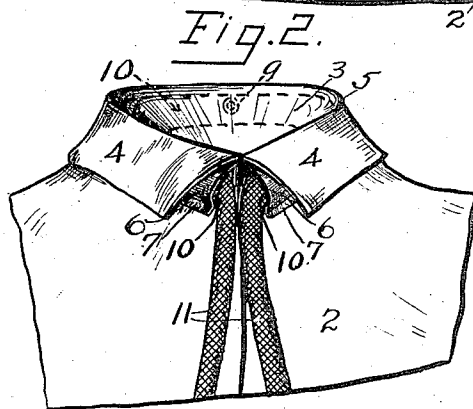
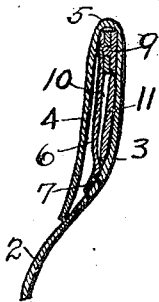
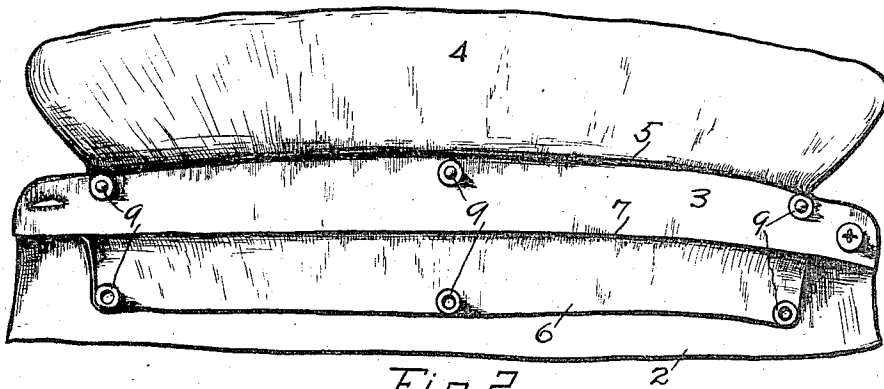
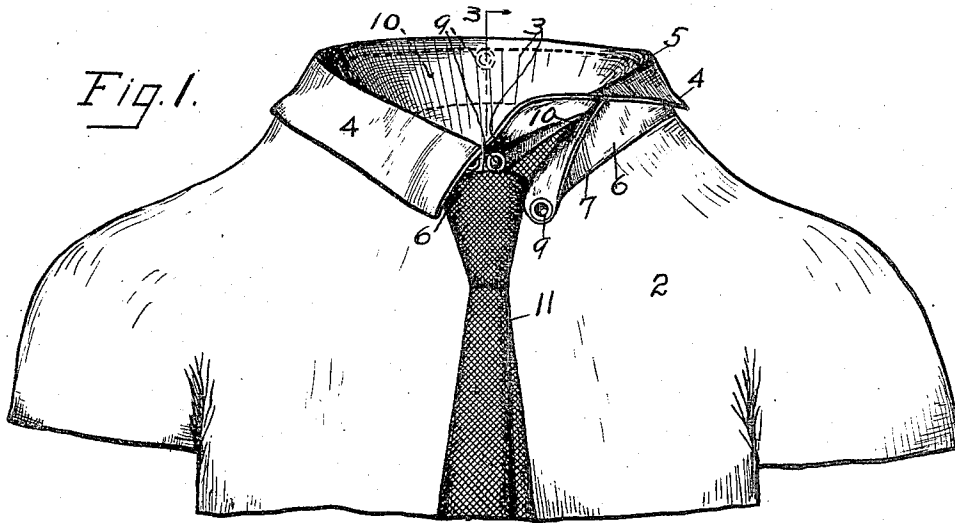


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. HUTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in wearing apparel, and has for its object to provide a simple attachment to be applied to shirts, blouses, waists and like garments having attached collars, whereby a tie worn with the said garment may be prevented from shifting out of place or from becoming detached from the garment when the latter is temporarily cast off and laid aside.

A further object of the invention is to provide a retaining flap or part and fastening the same to the neck portion of the garment in a manner to form a space or pocket extending around the outer side of the neck band to receive the tie, and in which the tie may slide freely when manipulated for adjusting and tying the same.

A further object is to provide a foldable part for shirts and blouses for concealing the bands of neck-ties when the collars of said garments are worn turned-up, and also for stiffening and reinforcing the bands of the garment, for preventing the neck portion of the garment from wilting or collapsing.

A further object of the invention is to provide an attachment for garments which may be laundered or otherwise handled the same as the main garment, and a further object is to provide simple means for fastening the said attachment.

Other features and parts of the invention will be understood from the detail description which follows and by reference to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a shirt or blouse having my improvement applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of the collar and neck portion of the garment, showing the tie retaining flap open, and the manner of constructing, and applying the same to the collar-band of the garment. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a reduced front view similar to Fig. 1; showing the tie held in place by the guard flap in readiness to be tied. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of a modified form of the im-

provement, showing a different arrangement of the flap.

In the drawing, 2 represents a garment such as a shirt, blouse or waist, which may be made of any suitable cloth or fabric, and generally constructed according to any style.

3 represents the neck band which may be attached to the upper portion of the garment in the usual manner, or it may be an integral part of the same as shown in Fig. 5.

In the present embodiment of the invention the garment is fitted with an attached collar 4, which may be formed integrally with the band 3, or may be a separate part which may be joined to the band, as on line of the fold 5. The construction and arrangement of the collar and band and also the main garment are unimportant, and may follow any of the well-known methods of making and arranging.

My invention consists of a flexible flap 6 preferably made of the same material as the garment, or it may be made of any other suitable material. In the preferred arrangement of the improvement, the flap 6 is stitched or otherwise permanently joined to the neck of the garment, either to the band or to the upper edge of the neck opening of the garment, as at 7, in such manner that the flap may overlap the band 3, as shown in Figs. 1, 3 and 4. The upper edge of the flap is detachably secured to the upper edge of the band 3 by a number of snap or spring buttons 9. The buttons 9 may consist of the well-known separable devices employed in gloves and other articles, one section of which may be readily applied to the fabric of the band the other section of which may be attached to the flap, as shown. The flap is applied to the garment in such manner that it may readily be folded upwardly upon the band 3, and then by a slight pressure of the thumb and finger, the corresponding sections of the buttons may be interlocked for holding the flap in the operative position shown in Figs. 1, 3 and 4. When the flap is buttoned up as described, a long narrow space or pocket 10 is provided in which a tie, as 11, may be inserted and held so as to allow a free sliding movement for adjusting the tie. In practice the tie is placed in position against the inner surface of the band 3, then the flap is folded upwardly upon the tie, overlapping the same, and its free edge is then secured by means of the buttons 9.

After the tie is placed in the pocket and the flap is buttoned up, the tie may be shifted endwise freely and tied in any kind of a knot without any inconvenience. The flap preferably extends unbroken substantially be full length of the shorter or folded edge of the collar, but its length may be varied, and its arrangement intermediate its ends may be altered, and a greater or less number of buttons or fasteners may be employed for securing the free edge of the flap, and still serve the purposes of the improvement.

It is a particular object of the present invention to provide a retaining flap or guard for concealing the band of a tie, and which will hold the tie in the desired position at all times, whether the collar is folded—turned down—as shown in Fig. 1, or whether the collar is worn unfolded—in the upright position—as shown in Fig. 2. In either case the band of the tie will be held in the same position relatively to the band of the garment by means of the flap 6, and the band of the tie will also be entirely hidden from view except at the throat where the knot or bow is formed.

Wearers of outing shirts and waists having attached collars, usually wear a tie of some sort. These collars, as a rule, are limp and unstarched, and their general form and arrangement is such as to render them incapable of holding a tie snugly in the bight or fold of a collar, particularly at the front or throat opening of a shirt. Furthermore the neck-wear after being tied, and worn for awhile usually has a tendency to sag at the point where the ends of the collar meet, and presents an untidy or undressy appearance. To overcome these difficulties, the ends of the flap 6 are preferably brought substantially together and flush with the ends of the collar and band, and owing to the manner of securing the corners of the flap, the tie when inclosed in the pocket is normally held up close to the upper edge of the band 3. When the tie is placed in the pocket and the flap is buttoned up, as described, the wearer of the garment may disrobe and throw the garment aside without requiring the removal or handling of the tie, the tie will therefore remain in the position indicated in Fig. 4, until the garment is put on again, after which it may again be tied in the usual way and will be held in place, as shown in Fig. 1.

Negligée shirts and blouses are largely made up from colored cloths covering almost every known shade or tint, ranging from pure white to black. Neckwear is almost exclusively made up from colored fabrics the shades ranging from the brightest to the palest. Certain colors or tints readily and agreeably match certain other colors and present to the eye an harmonious and pleasing effect. Hence when a person dons a negligée shirt of one color, he should com-

plete his toilet by adding a tie of the same general color or at least one which harmonizes with the garment. It often happens that wearers of negligée shirts for one reason or another appear in public with ties which do not match, or according to the rules of fashion do not "go with" the shirts, and therefore appear ridiculous and unsightly. To overcome this difficulty and to correct this fault it is an object of the present invention to provide the continuous pocket or closed slide which is formed by the flap 6, which is foldable upon the band 3. Under this arrangement the band of the tie, or that portion of the tie which encircles the neck of the wearer is entirely concealed from view when the soft collar is worn "turned up." In warm weather, the neck bands of negligée shirts become moist or wet with perspiration, which causes them to wilt or collapse. This condition results not only in great annoyance and discomfort to the wearer, but also detracts from the appearance or set of this portion of the garment. By the use of the flap 6 constructed and applied as herein shown and described, the neck bands of the garments will be suitably reinforced and held in proper position.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a modified construction and arrangement of the improvement, in which the flap 6' is secured to the upper edge of the band 3, as at 12, while its lower edge is left free and fitted at intervals with snap buttons 9', which are operated the same as the devices of Figs. 1 to 4. In all other respects the arrangement and office of the flap 6' shown in Fig. 5, is the same as heretofore described.

Obviously some changes and modifications may be made in the parts of the improvement without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I therefore do not wish to restrict myself to the precise construction and arrangement of the same as herein shown and described.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with the neck-band of a garment and an attached collar, of a flap secured at one edge to one edge of the neck-band, the said flap adapted to fold upon the face of said neck-band for providing a slide space for a tie and also to conceal the portion of the tie which encircles the neck, and a series of fasteners for temporarily attaching the opposite edge of said flap to the corresponding edge of the neck-band.

2. A retainer for neck-wear, comprising a flexible flap secured at one of its lateral edges to the neck-portion of a garment, and adapted to be folded upon the outer face of the neck-band of the garment completely encircling the neck of the garment for retaining and concealing the band of a tie, and

means for connecting the opposite lateral edge of the flap to the neck portion of the garment to prevent the tie from shifting vertically when the collar is worn "turned-up," the said flap adapted when buttoned-up to reinforce and stiffen the neck band of the garment for preventing said band from wilting and collapsing when wet with perspiration, and means for preventing the knot of the tie from sagging after the same has been adjusted and tied.

3. The combination with a garment having an attached collar, of a flexible flap secured at one of its longitudinal edges to the neck-band of the garment beneath the collar, the opposite edge of the flap being free, the said flap capable of being folded upon the neck-band to provide an inclosed slide-space for retaining and also for concealing a tie, and a series of coacting fastening devices carried by the flap and also by the neck-band for holding the flap in folded position.

4. A tie holder, comprising a flexible flap permanently attached to the neck-band and

arranged to entirely encircle the neck-opening of a garment, the said flap adapted to be folded upon a portion of the garment in a manner to reinforce and stiffen said portion and to provide a space for inserting and concealing the band of a tie, the said space extending from one side of the throat opening of the garment around the neck-band and terminating at the opposite side of the throat opening, said flap arranged to permit the free longitudinal movement of the tie within said space and to prevent the tie from shifting upwardly away from said neck-band when the collar is turned-up, the opposite ends of said flap terminating at the point where the neck-band is buttoned adapted to hold the knot or bow of the tie from sagging.

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

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