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Fig. 1

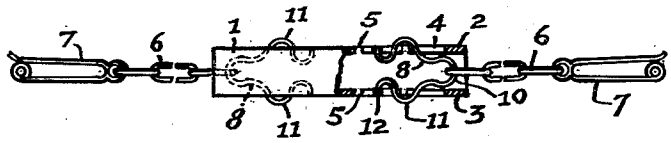


Fig. 2

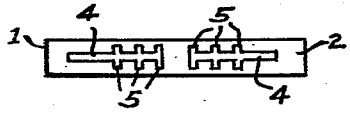


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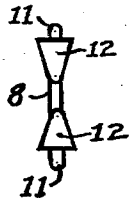
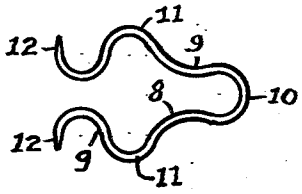


Fig. 3



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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—206)

This invention relates to a vest and collar holder, and the primary object thereof is to provide a holder of the character described, which is intended to be attached to the neck edge margin of the vest for holding the latter snugly and neatly against the collar, and for maintaining the lower edge and tip portions of a turned-down type of collar in their proper relative positions with respect to and against the inner side of the neck edge margin of the vest.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a device of the class stated, which is simple in its construction and arrangement, durable and efficient in its use, conveniently attached in position or removed therefrom, adjustable, attractive in appearance, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

To the accomplishment of these and such other objects as may hereinafter appear, the invention consists of the novel, construction, combination and arrangement of parts herein specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, but it is to be understood that changes in the form, proportions and details of construction may be resorted to that come within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawing wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a greatly enlarged front view, partly in cross section, of a vest and collar holder constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the connecting sleeve embodied in the present invention.

Figures 3 and 4 are, respectively, side elevational and inner end views of the adjusting clips.

Referring in detail to the drawing 1 denotes an oblong, rectangularly-shaped connecting sleeve, constructed of any suitable material, and having open ends.

The top 2 and the bottom 3, of the connecting sleeve 1, are each provided with a pair of oblong, longitudinally aligned slots 4, having closed ends, and with a plurality of indents 5. The latter open into respective slots 4, and extend at right angles relatively to the longitudinal disposition of the latter. The indents 5 are disposed in transversely aligned pairs at respective sides of the slots 4, and the pairs of indents at each of said slots are regularly and uniformly spaced from each other. The slots and indents in the top 2 are disposed exactly parallel to respective indents and slots in the bottom 3.

My improved holder embodies a pair of flexible members, preferably in the form of chains 6. The outer end of each of the chains is connected to a resilient attaching element 7, and the inner end of each of said chains is joined to an adjusting clip 8. The adjusting clips are inserted in the connecting sleeve 1, through respective open ends thereof, and are adjustably secured in said connecting sleeve adjacent to respective ends of the latter.

The adjusting clips 8 are preferably constructed of resilient wire, and each is shaped to form a pair of inwardly projecting legs 9 having free inner ends and a joined outer end 10, to which latter the inner ends of respective chains 6 are connected. Each of the legs is shaped to form a compression bow 11. The bows of each pair of legs are disposed in opposite directions relatively to each other, the bow in one of said legs projecting upwardly and the bow in the other of said legs projecting downwardly. The free end portions, of the legs 9, are flattened to form relatively wide feet 12, which latter are likewise disposed in opposite directions with respect to each other, the foot of one of said legs projecting upwardly and the foot of the other of said legs projecting downwardly.

The adjusting clips 8 are disposed vertically edgewise in the connecting sleeve 1 and extend horizontally in the latter. The clips are secured in the connecting sleeve by the engagement of the feet 12 thereof in respective indents 5 in the top 2 and bottom 3 of the connecting sleeve. The bows 11 normally project through respective slots 4 and the compression of the former will cause the feet to clear the indents 5, whereby the clip may be adjusted longitudinally in the connecting sleeve to engage any associated pairs of indents to provide the required holder length. The normal resiliency of the clips will maintain the secured connection of the feet 12 in the engaged indents.

My improved vest and collar holder is secured in position by extending same horizontally across the open front of a turned-down type of collar, rearwardly of the neck-tie, and by connecting the attaching elements 7 at opposed points to the neck edge margin of the vest. When in the attached position, the holder is sufficiently tensed to properly maintain the neck edge margin of the vest in proper engagement with the collar, and to prevent the tip portions of the latter from curling upwardly free from the engaging neck edge margin of the vest.

The present invention provides a most attractive and durable device of its kind, which may be readily employed for effectively maintaining the

proper relative positions of the contiguous portions of a collar and vest engaged thereby in the manner set forth.

What I claim is:

In a vest and collar holder of the character described, the combination of an oblong rectangularly-shaped sleeve having open ends, the top and the bottom of said sleeve being each provided with a pair of longitudinally aligned slots and with a plurality of indents, the slots and indents in said top being vertically aligned with the slots and indents in said bottom, said indents being arranged in spaced transversely aligned pairs and opening into respective slots, and a pair of resilient wire adjusting clips mounted in respective ends of said sleeve, each of said clips including a pair of inwardly projecting legs, said pair of legs having oppositely disposed bows projecting through respective vertically aligned slots, the free ends of said pair of legs having oppositely disposed flattened feet normally engaging in respective vertically aligned pairs of indents, the compression of said bows disengaging said feet from the engaged indents.

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