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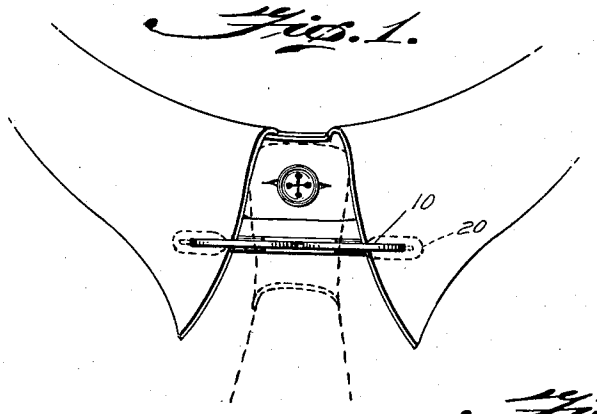


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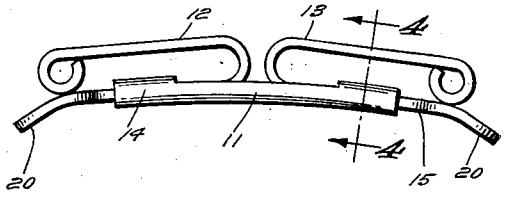


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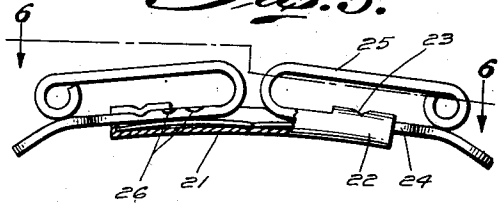


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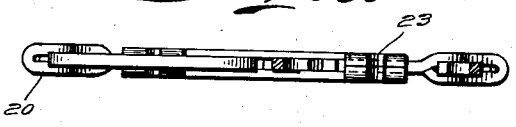


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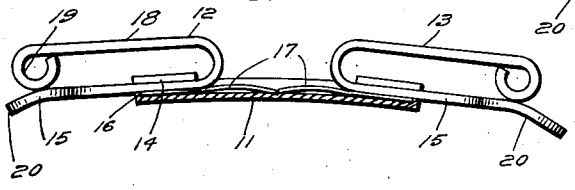


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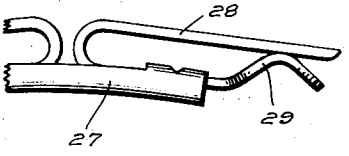
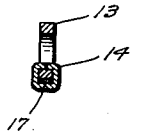


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My present invention relates to the manufacture of men's jewelry and has particular reference to the construction of collar holders.

It is the principal object of my invention to provide a collar holder which may be adjusted to accommodate collars having different spacings between the tabs.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a construction for a collar holder which presents a pleasing appearance whether in extended or contracted relation.

With the above and other objects and advantageous features in view, my invention consists of a novel arrangement of parts, more fully disclosed in the detailed description following in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, and more specifically defined in the claims appended thereto.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a view showing the novel collar holder as mounted on the tabs of a collar;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged side elevation thereof;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, the central body portion being shown in section;

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2, partly broken away, showing a modified construction;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5; and

Fig. 7 is a view, partly broken away, of a further modified construction.

It has been found desirable to provide a collar holder which may be adjusted in length so as to accommodate different spacings of collar tabs, thus insuring the mounting of the collar holder in ornamental relation to the collar tabs. To this end, I have devised a novel collar holder which includes a central body portion and two tab engaging jaws, the jaws being slidably mounted in the central body portion so as to permit an extension or a contraction of the collar holder; and I have provided a simple construction which utilizes a small number of easily manufactured parts which may be readily assembled together.

Referring to the drawing:

The novel collar holder 10 includes a central body portion 11 and two end jaws 12, 13, the central body portion having its ends rolled as indicated at 14, to form a passageway for receiving the lower portions 15 of the jaws 12, 13. The ends of the central body portion 11 are flanged upwardly as indicated at 16, whereby two slightly bowed springs 17, see Fig. 3, may be mounted so as to yieldingly engage the lower surface portions 15, the springs being of a length to abut and thus be maintained in the central body after assembly. The upper portions 18 of the jaws 12, 13 in the modification shown in Figs. 2 and 3 each include a rolled end 19 which resiliently engages the enlarged end 20 of the corresponding lower portion 15, the ends 20 being bent downwardly as illustrated to permit ready insertion of the collar tabs within the jaws.

The use of the spring 17 which resiliently presses against the lower surface of the portions 15, provides a friction retention means for holding the jaws in extended or contracted relation relative to the central body member, whereby the collar holder may be adjusted to accommodate different widths between collar tabs by merely pulling the jaws outwardly or moving them inwardly against the resilient friction action of the springs.

If desired, a modified construction may be provided to adjustably set the jaws in relation to the central body member, as illustrated in Figs. 5 and 6, in which figures the central body member 21 has its end rolled portions 22 each provided with a lock notch or groove 23, the lower portions 24 of the tab gripping jaws 25 having corresponding depressions or detents 26, the number of depressions being illustrated as three in number although any number may be used, whereby sliding movement of the jaws with respect to the body member selectively engages a notch 26 with the corresponding detent so as to releasively retain each paw in selected set relation to the body member. Although a particular type of body construction is illustrated in Figs. 2 to 6 inclusive, the novel adjusting and setting arrangement may be adapted for use with other types of jaws, an example of another type of jaw being shown in Fig. 7, in which the body member 27 slidingly accommodates to jaws 28, the upper portion being of a single straight length of wire, and the lower portion being bent or humped upwardly at its end, as indicated at 29, the end 29 being preferably flattened or formed by folding back a length of wire upon itself so as to form a wide area with a central spacing of the type indicated at 20 in Fig. 1, but bent or humped, as illustrated in Fig. 7.

The essential features of the invention as disclosed supra thus include a central body member in which slidable end bodies are mounted, so as to be moved lengthwise in relation to the body member to provide a predetermined total length of collar holder, whereby different types of col-

lars, having different tab spacings, may be readily accommodated by one and the same collar holder.

All the parts are preferably made of stamped metal; but the material used, the size, shape and relative arrangement of the parts, the setting and holding arrangements for the parts, and the means for releasably retaining the parts in adjusted selected length relationship, may be varied to accommodate different designs for collar holders, without departing from the spirit and the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A collar holder comprising a base, and two jaw members associated therewith, each of said jaw members comprising a U-shaped frame having one arm slidably secured to said base, said jaw members being adjustably movable to vary the length of the collar holder, and means resiliently engaging said members for retaining said members in adjusted engagement with said base.

2. A collar holder comprising a base, and two jaw members associated therewith, each of said jaw members comprising a U-shaped frame having one arm slidably secured to said base, said jaw members being adjustably movable to vary the length of the collar holder and two flat springs for retaining said movable jaw members in adjusted position.

3. A collar holder comprising a base having detents, and two jaw members associated therewith each of said jaw members comprising a U-shaped frame having one arm slidably secured to said base and having notched portions engageable with said detents, said jaw members being adjustably movable to vary the length of the collar holder and means resiliently engaging said members for retaining said notched portions in engagement with said detents.

4. A collar holder comprising a base having detents, and two jaw members associated therewith, each of said jaw members comprising a U-shaped frame having one arm slidably secured to said base and having notched portions engageable with said detents, said jaw members being adjustably movable to vary the length of the collar holder and spring means resiliently engaging said members for retaining said notched portions in engagement with said detents.

5. A collar holder comprising a base having detents, and two jaw members associated therewith, each of said jaw members comprising a U-shaped frame having one arm slidably secured to said base and having notched portions engageable with said detents, said jaw members being adjustably movable to vary the length of the collar holder and two flat springs resiliently engaging said members for retaining said notched portions in engagement with said detents.

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