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PLASTIC TIE KNOT

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Fig. 1.

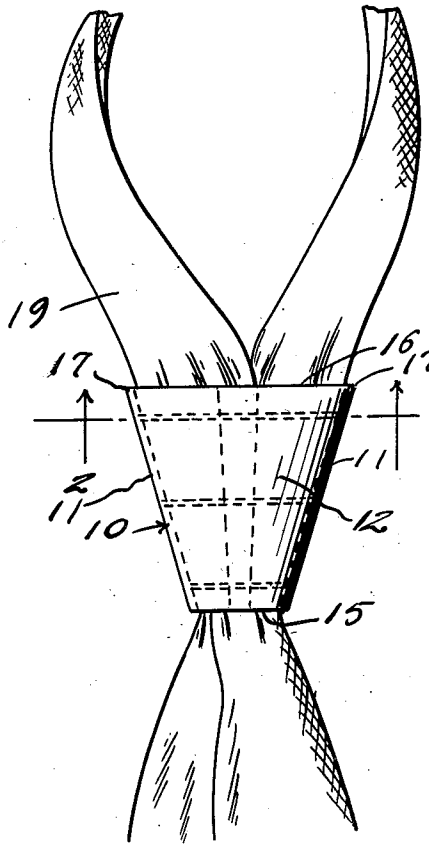


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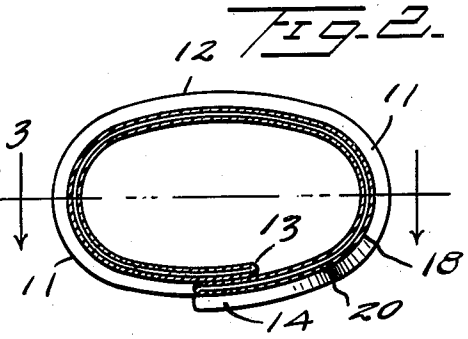


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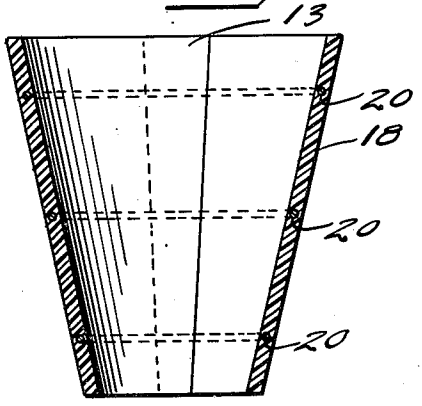
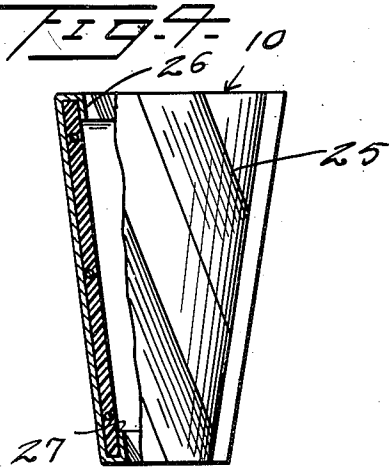


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The present invention relates to necktie holders and more particularly an improved preshaped self-securing holder formed of plastic material to simulate a regular hand tied knot. It is among the objects and purposes of the present invention to provide a necktie holder of plastic material reinforced and shaped for snap-on engagement around the superimposed layers of a conventional necktie.

A further object is to provide a cravat holder shaped to fit closely to a collar band of the wearer's shirt.

Still another object is to provide a necktie holder of sufficient clasping strength to effect secure holding of the necktie by frictional engagement therewith.

Still another object is to provide an economical long wearing tie holder and protector complementary to the material and design of the necktie held thereby.

Other objects and purposes than those stated will appear upon an understanding of the invention had from the following description taken in conjunction with the drawing in which like numerals refer to like parts in the different views.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front view of the present invention in position for use.

Figure 2 is a section taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is an elevation in partial section of a modified form of this invention wherein the holder is covered with fabric.

Referring now in detail to the drawing the necktie sleeve or holder of this invention is indicated generally by the numeral 10. The holder 10 is formed from a suitable strip of plastic material preferably of the thermoplastic type which is readily worked and formed to the desired shape for resiliently clasped engagement around the overlapped portions of a necktie fitted within the collar of a shirt. The shape of the formed holder is generally frusto conical and narrowed to provide oval sides 11 spaced at each side of an arched front portion 12. Extending vertically at the back of the holder 10 are overlapped edges 13 and 14 cut obliquely to effect the narrow bottom 15 relative to the wider top portion 16 both of which being proportioned to substantially the bottom and top dimensions of conventional four-in-hand knot. The top portion 16 is also dimensioned to fit closely to the collar band of a shirt having outer edges 17 ready for being positioned under the wings of a collar carried by the collar band. The thickness 18 of the plastic strip is sufficient to normally provide for clasping around a conventional knot of a tie 19, however I have found that to form the plastic with spaced C-shaped metallic members or wire springs 20 imbedded therein provides a holder having superior clasping characteristics.

The spring wires 20 are preferably imbedded

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in the holder 10 so as to provide a smooth interior surface however, it is apparent that the springs could be secured to the interior surface of the holder. A holder so reinforced is capable of tightly clasping the superimposed layers of necktie material sufficiently to remain in place without danger of slipping or becoming otherwise disarranged without the necessity of providing inwardly extending prongs, pins or the like as is customary in the conventional type of holder.

The holder 10 is normally formed from a plastic material of one color generally of a shade to match the background color of the tie 18 or a color complementary thereto. However, it is apparent that striped plastic material can be used if desired. The various colors and combinations possible provides the wearer of such a holder a wide choice of different color combinations according to his state in clothing.

In Figure 4 is shown a modified form of the holder 10 wherein a covering 25 of different material such as that of the tie 18, or any other material found suitable, is placed over the plastic sleeve of which the holder is formed. The covering 25 is overlapped over the edges of the plastic as at 26 and can be adhesively held in place as at 27 or sewed in position as desired.

Although I have described and shown my invention with one modified form in detail it will be appreciated that certain changes, alterations, modifications and substitutions can be made without departing from the spirit and the scope of the claim.

I claim:

A necktie holder comprising a composition split sleeve of generally inverted frustro-conical shape, said sleeve being substantially rigid longitudinally but resiliently flexible transversely due to the curvature thereof the split edges of said sleeve being disposed in overlapping position, upper and lower split rings embedded in the material of said sleeve, and an intermediate split ring embedded in said sleeve, said rings being inherently resilient and normally maintaining the split ends of said sleeve in overlapping relation.

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