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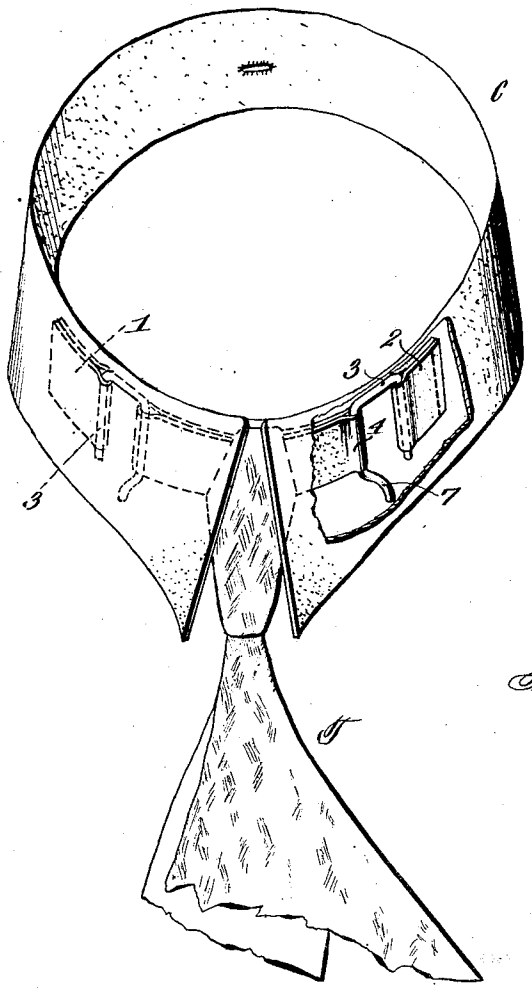


Fig. 1.

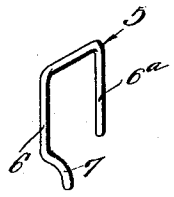


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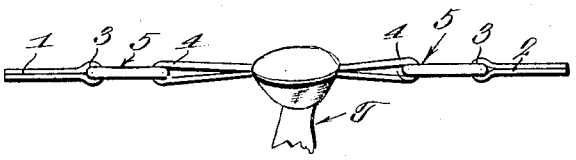


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to neck wear and more particularly to attaching means for connecting a neck tie with a collar.

A primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which provides for a tie being secured to a collar without tying or untying of the tie or cravat which not only facilitates the application of the tie but which greatly increases the life of the tie as well as its appearance to which the tying and untying of the ordinary four-in-hand or other tie is very detrimental.

Another object is to so construct a device of this character that a tie of much shorter length may be used thereby economizing in the material and which avoids the necessity of passing the tie around the neck of the wearer thus rendering it much cooler in hot weather.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which incorporates the above points without sacrificing appearance or adjustment and which is readily applicable to either stiff or soft collars.

In carrying out these objects, the invention is susceptible of a wide range of modification without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the claimed invention; there being shown in the drawings for illustrative purposes a preferred and practical form, in which

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a collar and neck tie with this improved connector shown applied,

Fig. 2 is an end view of the connector shown in conection with a tie, a portion of the latter being broken off; and

Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of one of the clips constituting a part of the invention.

In the embodiment illustrated a turn over collar C is shown with a tie T of the four-in-hand type used in connection therewith it being applied to the collar by means of the connector or attaching device constituting this invention. This attachment comprises two fabric loops 1 and 2 each formed by folding a strip of material transversely intermediate its ends and fixing said strip to the collar band on its outer face at points spaced inwardly from the ends of the collar as is shown clearly in Fig. 1. The loop portions 3 of these strips face each other and are stitched to the collar band adjacent the ends thereof so that the loops 3 will be permitted to swing laterally in relation to the collar band.

Detachably mounted in each of the loops 3 is a tie connecting clip 5 which is here shown made substantially inverted U-shaped in formation and composed of heavy wire which is preferably nickel plated or otherwise suitably finished. One leg of this clip is longer than the other and has its terminal curved inwardly at 7, said terminal being preferably offset at its junction with the leg so as to form a stop to prevent the loop 4 of the tie from slipping off the clip.

It is of course understood that one of the clips 5 is mounted in each of the loops 3 as shown in Fig. 1, the shorter leg 6*a* engaging said loop and the longer leg 6 extended toward the front end of the collar and adapted to engage the loop 4 of the tie. This tie T is shown in the form of a four-in-hand having the narrow portion which usually constitutes the neck encircling portion made much shorter than the ordinary tie so that when looped and tied as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the clips 5 may be readily inserted in the loop portions 4 and will securely hold the tie in operative position. To remove the tie it is loosened slightly to permit the legs 6 to slip out of loops 4. It is of course understood that while the tie may be kept permanently tied and the clips slipped into the loops 4 it may also be tied every time it is used if the wearer so desires.

It will be seen that this device is extremely simple all there is to it being the two strips which form the loops 1 and 2 and the two clips 5 made of heavy wire and which when the collar is to be laundered may be removed.

While the tie connector or attaching device is shown in use with a four-in-hand tie obviously it may be used with a bow tie as well.

Without further description it is thought that the features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and it will, of course, be understood that changes in the form, proportion

and minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention or its scope as claimed.

I claim:

1. In combination with a collar, loops on the band thereof near the ends, a tie connector having laterally spaced legs, one for engagement with the loops of the collar and the other for engagement with the tie, the tie engaging legs being spaced from the loop engaging legs in the direction of the ends of the collar and having an offset therein with a free end for insertion in the tie to operate as a stop to hold the tie from slipping over the connector, said offset extending backwardly relative to the ends of the said collar.

2. The combination with a collar, loops on the band thereof near the ends, a connector for fastening a neck tie within the collar comprising inverted U-shaped elements, each of which has a leg for engagement with a loop, another leg of greater extent than said first-named leg provided with an offset portion adjacent the terminal thereof, said latter named leg being adapted for engagement with the tie and being spaced from said first named leg in the direction of the end of the collar.

3. In combination with a collar, loops on the bands thereof near the ends, a tie connector having laterally spaced legs, one for engagement with a loop of the collar and the other for engagement with a tie, the tie engaging legs being spaced from the loop engaging legs in the direction of the ends of the collar and having an offset therein with a free end for insertion through the tie to operate as a stop to hold the tie from slipping off the connector.

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