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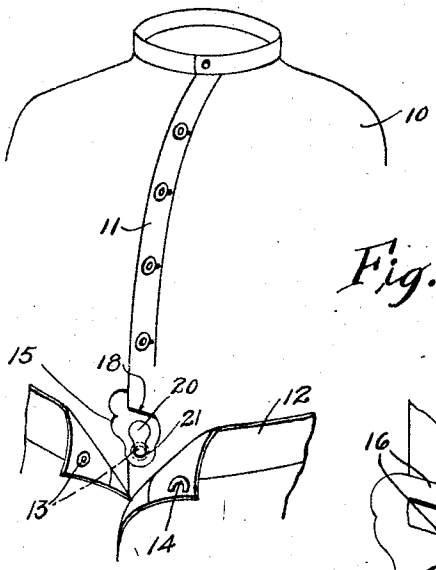


Fig. 1

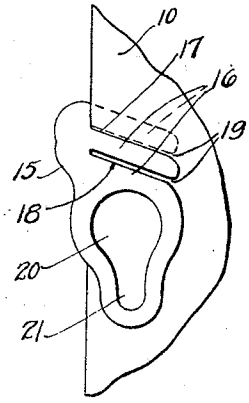


Fig. 3

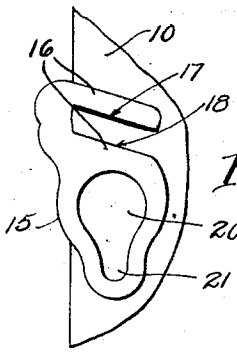


Fig. 2

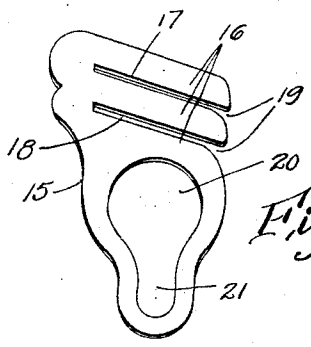


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP PHOEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Dorp, Staten Island, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shirt-Front Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to garment holders and more particularly to devices of that character adapted to grip a fabric or the like irrespective of the thickness of the fabric.

Among the objects of the invention is to provide a garment holder which is adapted to grip a garment or other fabric article in a simple and efficient manner without injury to the fabric.

Another object of this invention is to provide a holder for garments and other articles of a thin or fabric material which is adapted to grip said articles in a simple and efficient manner and arranged for engaging articles made of materials of different thicknesses.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and claimed, and while the invention is not restricted to the exact details of construction disclosed or suggested herein, still for the purpose of illustrating a practical embodiment thereof, reference is had to the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters designate the same parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a typical use of my garment holder.

Fig. 2 is a front view showing the garment holder gripping an article of very fine texture.

Fig 3 is a front view showing the holder gripping an article of relatively fine texture.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged perspective of the garment holder.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings 10 represents a shirt the front edge 11 whereof it is desired to retain with some degree of closeness to the body of the wearer and generally under tension as by being secured to the trousers 12. For this purpose any suitable device or engagement means may be employed as for instance a button 13 upon the trousers which is normally used for engagement with an eyelet or clasp 14 to hold the trousers closed. To secure such co-operation between the shirt and the trousers of the wearer, I employ a clasp or holder 15 which is arranged to grip the shirt with ease and efficiency along the front edge thereof and to lock behind the button 13 as shown in dot-dash lines in Fig. 1. Said holder comprises a plurality of jaws 16 forming a narrow opening therebetween within which opening a fabric can be secured and retained against movement through the frictional contact of the fabric and the jaws. Said jaws are arranged to be of suitable form for this purpose and to co-operate as desired for holding fabrics of different thicknesses. Preferably, however, I form said holder of thin sheet material and cut slots 17 and 18 therein, the former of which is sufficiently narrow to permit the adjacent jaws to reliably engage a fabric of relatively fine texture as shown in Fig. 3, while the latter is somewhat wider than the slot 17 to permit the holder to receive a thicker fabric as shown in Fig. 1. When, however, a fabric of very fine texture is to be received, both slots may be used as shown in Fig. 2. The slots are inclined at an angle to the vertical axis of the holder and upwardly toward the closed ends thereof, thus insuring that the fabric will not accidentally leave the holder but will rather tend to work its way more snugly thereinto when the tension is exerted thereon, and in order to increase this tendency for the fabric or article to be self-retained in or toward the closed end of the slots, the body of the device is offset from the main vertical axis beyond the said closed ends of the slots. Flared entrances 19 are formed at the slot openings to facilitate admission of the fabric. While the specific arrangement of the slot and jaw construction is used as shown herein for the sake of maximum simplicity of operation of the device and for the sake of cheapness of manufacture, it will be understood that the device is but an illustration of the general principle of the invention which permits of numerous and more expensive modifications.

I contemplate my invention as being applicable for a great variety of uses, and generally when a relatively thin, pliable article is to be secured in position to some object as desired. Thus the device with perhaps some slight changes in form can be used as a necktie holder in an obvious manner. And similarly its use will be directly seen

as not being confined to garments but as stated to any article made of thin pliant material. In the arrangement herein disclosed, it will be observed that by retaining the front edge of the shirt under some degree of tension the collar of the wearer is secured more neatly in position upon the body.

The device may embody such means for engaging a relatively fixed article to which the garment and the like is to be secured as may be desired. For the sake of simplicity, however, I show a keyhole 20 within the lower portion 21 of which a button and the like will be retained in a manner heretofore described.

I claim:

1. The herein described garment holder having a plurality of open-ended slots at one end thereof, and means for engaging an article to which said holder is to be fixed at the other end thereof, one of said slots being wider than the other whereby a relatively fine material can be engaged in the narrow slot, and a coarser material in the wider slot.

2. A device as set forth in claim 1 wherein said slots are inclined at an angle to the axis of the device and toward the closed ends thereof away from said means.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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