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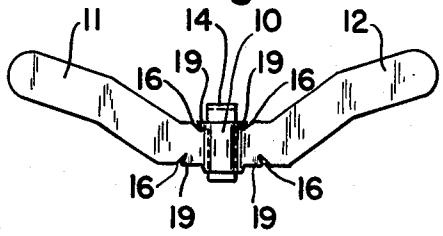


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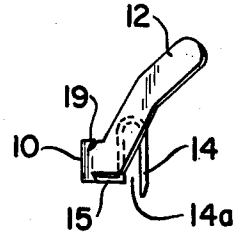


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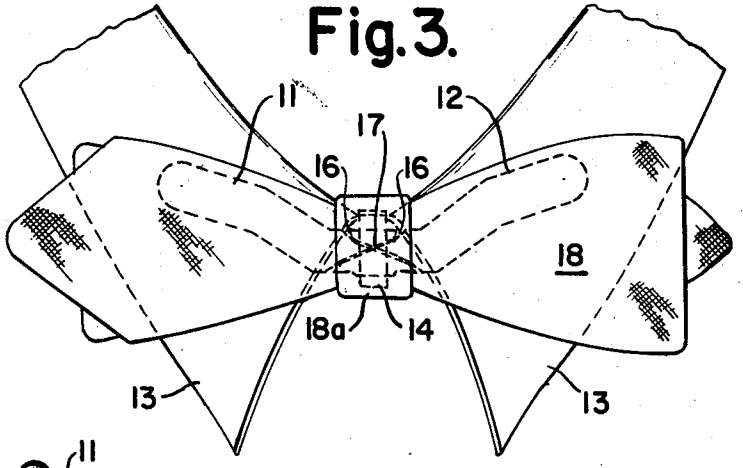
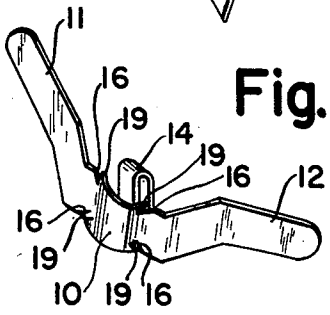


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to necktie holders and particularly to holders for use with pretied bow neckties. My holder is designed so that a bow tie may be firmly mounted on it and as such may be worn by hooking the holder over a shirt neckband with the wing-like extensions of the holders going under the collar along the band in such fashion that the tie is firmly held in a proper wearing position.

Many types of bow necktie holders have heretofore been used, none of which have been entirely satisfactory. Some types have clips that fasten onto the collar wings; these not only deform the collar but may slip and shift the tie into an askew position or even slip off entirely. Euch holders are, moreover, objectionable from the fact that it is obvious to the casual observer that the tie is clipped on rather than tied in the ordinary manner. Other types are pinned on or hooked over the collar button or have a band which goes around the neck and hooks in the back. These all are objectionable mainly because they are so susceptible to shifting to the side, twisting or tilting or otherwise going awry and also because their appearance does not conceal the fact that they are not tied in the manner of an ordinary tie and, therefore, are to the wearer a possible source of embarrassment. The present invention eliminates these problems, in that the tie is firmly mounted on my holder so that it may not slip on the holder and the construction and design of my holder is such that when put on by the wearer it cannot slip, shift, twist or fall off and it is completely concealed by the shirt collar and tie.

Preferably, I provide a necktie supporting element, a collar attachment element and a spacing member, said necktie supporting element being formed of planar formable material and having substantially parallel upper and lower generally horizontally disposed edges which are notched intermediate their ends whereby the necktie is anchored to the holder, a pair of oblique legs extending vertically from each end of the supporting element, the portion of the supporting element between said legs being bowed whereby the plane of the supporting element curves in a direction toward said collar attachment element, the spacing member being of planar configuration and having a first end portion joining the supporting element substantially at the lower edge thereof and at substantially a right angle thereto, said collar attachment element being a planar bracket of generally inverted U-shape, one leg of which is joined to said spacing member at a substantially right angle thereto and the other leg adapted to resiliently engage the neckband of a shirt.

Other details, objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the following description of a present preferred embodiment thereof proceeds. In the accompanying drawings, I have shown a present preferred embodiment of the invention wherein:

Figure 1 is a front view of the tie holder of my invention;

Figure 2 is a side view of the tie holder of my invention;

Figure 3 is a front view of the tie holder of Figure 1 with a tie assembled thereon and a shirt collar with the tie and holder of my invention in place; and

Figure 4 is an isometric perspective view of the tie holder of my invention.

Referring to the drawings, I have illustrated a tie holder having a pair of divergent wing portions 11 and 12 curved upwardly and outwardly in a generally V-shape connected by a curved body portion 10 whereby the planar configuration of said connected portions curves rearwardly to fit smoothly beneath the ends of a shirt collar 13. The collar attachment element 14 is a planar bracket of generally inverted U-shape made of a resilient material and adapted to slip over the neckband of a shirt whereby the neckband is snugly received within the inverted U-portion 14*a* thereof. The collar attachment element 14 is connected to the body portion 10 by a spacing member 15, the collar attachment element 14 being connected at substantially right angles near the end of one of its legs to spacing member 15. Body portion 10 is connected to spacing member 15 at substantially right angles substantially along the lower edge and at the approximate center on the inside of said curvature of body portion 10 whereby body portion 10 curves back toward the collar attachment element 14. In the present preferred embodiment body portion 10 is slit along its edges at 16 for the reception of threads 17 which are sewn onto the tie 18 assembled on the tie holder, which prevents any slippage of the tie 18 on the tie holder. In addition, the points 19 formed by the slits along the edges of body portion 10 tend to dig into and engage the material of tie wrap 18*a* and thus further prevent slippage of the tie on my holder.

The tie is placed on the wearer's neck simply by inserting the wing portions 11 and 12 under the collar 13 and sliding the resilient attachment member 14 over the neckband of the shirt at the throat. The curvature of the body portion 10 and wing portions 11 and 12 substantially follows the natural curvature of the neck of the wearer and the outward extensions of wing portions 11 and 12 substantially rest along the inside of the shirt collar 13 adjacent to the collar folds whereby the holder is prevented from slipping, shifting, sliding, twisting or otherwise going awry. Body portion 10 is sufficiently narrow between its upper and lower edges that it is completely concealed by the tie when assembled.

While I have shown and described a present preferred embodiment of the invention it is to be distinctly understood that the invention is not limited thereto but may be otherwise variously embodied within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A necktie holder for use with pretied neckties comprising a necktie supporting element, and a collar attachment element, said necktie supporting element being formed of planar formable material and having substantially parallel upper and lower generally horizontally disposed edges, a pair of oblique legs extending vertically from each end of said necktie supporting element, the portion of said necktie supporting element between said legs being bowed whereby the plane of the necktie supporting element curves in a direction toward said collar attachment element, said collar attachment element being a planar bracket of generally inverted U-shape, one leg of which is joined to the supporting element intermediate its ends to form a free lower edge portion on each side thereof, said free lower edge portion each being notched whereby a necktie is anchored thereto and the other leg of said U-shaped member being spaced from the supporting member and adapted to resiliently engage the neckband of a shirt.

2. A necktie holder for use with pretied neckties comprising a necktie supporting element formed of planar formable material having an arcuate planar center por-

tion with substantially parallel upper and lower generally horizontally disposed edges, the lower edge being longer than the upper edge, said supporting element having a pair of wing-like portions extending obliquely vertically from the ends of the center portion, a collar attachment element of resilient planar formable material of a generally inverted U-shape configuration connected to the supporting element intermediate the ends of said lower edge and spaced therefrom to form a free lower edge portion on each side of said collar attachment element, said free edge portion being notched intermediate their ends for the reception of arresting threads whereby slippage of the neckie on the holder is prevented, said U-shaped member being adapted to receive the neckband of a shirt in the U-shape portion thereof, and extending both above and below the center portion of the supporting element.

3. A necktie holder for use with pretied bow ties comprising a necktie supporting element, and a collar attachment element, said supporing element being formed of planar formable material and having a center portion with substantially parallel generally horizontally disposed upper and lower edges, the lower edge being longer than the upper edge, said supporting element having a pair of leg portions extending obliquely vertically from the ends of the center portion, said center portion being bowed from end to end whereby the plane of the supporting element curves in a direction toward said collar attachment element at said ends, said collar attachment element being a bracket of resilient planar formable material of generally inverted U-shape configuration adapted to resiliently engage the neckband of a shirt in the U-shape portion thereof and joined substantially near one end thereof to the supporting element intermediate the ends of said lower edge and spaced therefrom to form a free lower edge portion on each side of said collar attachment element, said free edge portions being notched intermediate their ends, corresponding notches in the upper edge, said notches engaging the necktie to hold it against slippage on the holder.

4. A pretied bow tie structure comprising a necktie supporting element, a collar attachment element and a bow of flexible material thereon, said supporting element being formed of planar formable material and having a center portion with substantially parallel generally horizontally disposed upper and lower edges, the lower edge being longer than the upper edge, said supporting element having a pair of leg portions extending obliquely vertically from the ends of the center portion, said center portion being bowed from end to end whereby the plane of the supporting element curves in a direction toward said collar attachment element, said collar attachment element being a bracket of resilient planar formable material of generally inverted U-shape configuration adapted to resiliently engage the neckband of a shirt in the U-shape portion thereof and joined substantially near one end thereof to the supporting element intermediate the ends of said lower edge and spaced thereon to form a free lower edge portion on each side of said collar attachment element, said free edge portion being notched intermediate their ends, said bow being laid on the supporting element and fixed thereto by a wrapped portion passing over the tie and supporting element and engaged in said notches, whereby said tie is prevented from slipping on the holder.

5. A pretied bow tie structure comprising a necktie supporting element, a collar attachment element and a decorative bow, said supporting element being formed of planar formable material and having a center portion with substantially parallel generally horizontally disposed upper and lower edges, the lower edge being longer than the upper edge, said supporting element having a pair of leg portions extending obliquely vertically from the ends of the center portion, said center portion being bowed from end to end whereby the plane of the supporting element curves in a direction toward said collar attachment element, said collar attachment element being a bracket of resilient planar formable material of generally inverted U-shape configuration adapted to resiliently engage the neckband of a shirt in the U-shape portion thereof and joined substantially near one end thereof to the supporting element intermediate the ends thereof to form a free lower edge portion on each side thereof, said free lower edge portion each containing an inwardly projecting slit forming tooth elements on the edge, corresponding slits on the upper edge forming like tooth elements, a wrapper surrounding the supporting element and the bow intermediate their ends to form the center of the bow, said wrapper engaging the tooth elements and notches whereby slippage of the bow on the supporting element is prevented.

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