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FIG. 1

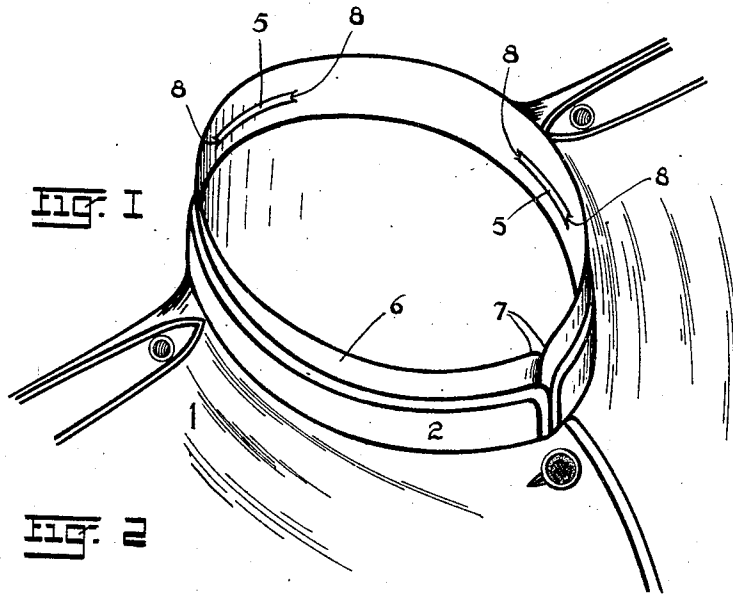


FIG. 2

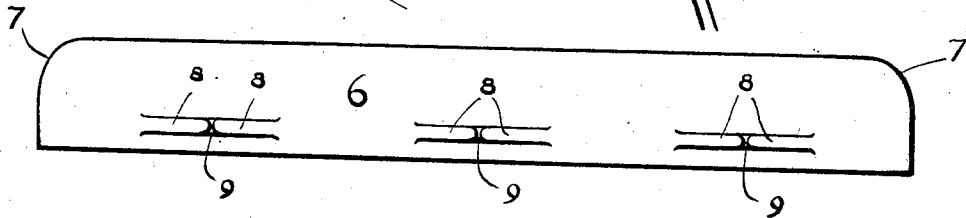


FIG. 3

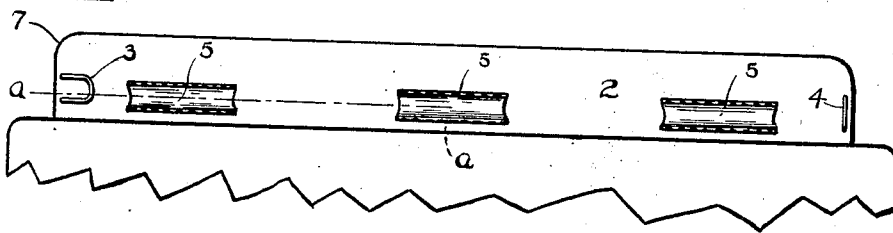
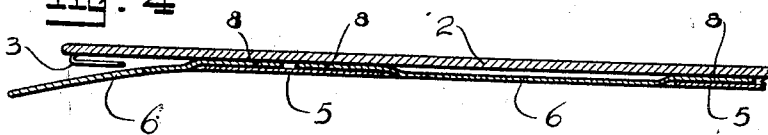


FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED CRADDOCK, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Newport, in the county of Campbell and State of Kentucky, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Collar-Fastenings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparel collars, or, more particularly, to the means of fastening removable collars to the neck-bands of coats, waists or other similar garments.

The object of the invention is to provide tongue and pocket devices in connection with a standing-collar and the neck-band of a coat or the like, whereby said collar can be readily and securely attached in place for use and, also, whereby said collar can be just as readily detached when it is desired to remove it, as required.

The novel features of the invention will be carefully described hereinafter and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view showing my invention as it appears in use on a military or like coat having an upright neck-band; Fig. 2, a longitudinal elevation of the collar embodying part of my invention herein; Fig. 3, a longitudinal elevation showing the inner face of the neck-band of the coat embodying the companion part of my invention herein and, also, showing a fragmentary portion of the upper part of the coat to which said neck-band is attached and forms a part; and Fig. 4, a longitudinal section taken through the dotted-line *a, a*, of Fig. 3, but showing, in addition to the neck-band seen in said Fig. 3, a fragmentary portion of the collar embodying the companion portion of my invention herein in attached position.

In said views, 1 indicates the upper part of the coat or other garment especially adapted to the use of my invention, 2 being the upright neck-band projecting, as customary, from said part 1; 3 a hook at one end of said neck-band; and 4 an eye at the opposite end of said neck-band, such hook and eye forming the ordinary fastening means at the throat of the wearer. The throat fastening means for the neck-band can be varied at will and needs no further enlargement here, as it really forms no essential part of the invention.

5 indicates each one of a number of short-strips of goods sewed or otherwise suitably attached at intervals apart to the inner face of the neck-band 2, as best seen in Fig. 3. Ordinarily but three of these strips 5 are provided, one at the rear central portion of the band and the other two at either side, about mid-way to the throat. These strips 5 are each sewed along their upper and lower edges only, leaving passage-ways between the stitches, such passage-ways forming suitable pockets under the strips for the purpose that I will now describe.

6 indicates the ordinary standing-collar, made of linen or other suitable material to give a dress-finish to the neck. The collar shown is that of the ordinary flat military or uniform style with rounded corners 7 at either end but without any button-holes.

8 indicates each one of a series of tongues formed in said collar, preferably in pairs directed or pointing toward each other and located in positions along the lower longitudinal edge of said collar to coincide or register with the strips 5 on the neck-band. The said tongues are formed by simply slitting the collar the desired lengths that the pairs of tongues are to assume, and a vertical slit is made in the goods intermediate the opposite ends of the horizontal slits. The free approaching or adjacent ends of the said tongues are all rounded as shown at 9 to provide for the more ready insertion of said tongues in the passage-ways or pockets provided under the strips 5 on the neck-band. Said tongues can be turned outwardly from either face of the collar, the latter being preferably the same on both sides thereof so as to be worn with either side facing outwardly and, when said tongues are tucked into place in the pockets provided by said strips 5 the collar is securely held in position within the neck-band, free to be readily removed, when desired, by first drawing the opposite ends of the collar inwardly away from the neck-band, whereby the first or outermost tongues are released from the pockets at the opposite ends of the neck-band, then the opposite ends of the collar are still further drawn inwardly, thereby releasing the second tongue at each end from its pocket and then the tongues at the middle of the collar can be released by first drawing inwardly on one-half of the collar, thereby releasing one

tongue and then the remaining tongue readily releases from the center pocket by drawing on the other half of the collar. The collar is attached in place in the reverse manner, by first inserting one of the center tongues until it is fully seated, then turning its companion tongue outwardly until its tip can be inserted under the opposite end of the said strip 5, then inserting one of the second of the side tongues under the inner end of one of the side strips 5, then turning the first of the companion side tongues under the outer end of said side strip, then taking the second of the tongues at the other end of the collar and inserting it within the inner end of the adjacent strip 5 and finally inserting the first or outermost companion tongue in the outer part of the pocket under said last-named strip. It will be seen that the said tongues when seated within the pockets formed by the strips 5 firmly hold the collar in position within the neck-band, readily attached and detached in the manner stated and with the upper edge of the collar projecting beyond the upper edge of the neck-band to suit the varied purposes of the wearers of such collars. It is obvious that the said fastening means is adapted for use in connection with the same class of collars used by clergymen on their coats and vestments and, also, that the same fastening means can be used in connection with similar collars used on the waists of women and children and, for that matter, it could be used successfully, but in a lesser desired degree, on the neck-bands of men's shirts, thereby doing away with metal

bands that have been used in military uniforms that become corroded and break in use and are stiff and clumsy and, also, said fastenings that embody my invention herein replace the use of collar-buttons and button-holes except at the throat of the neck-band.

A collar provided with the tongue-formations such as are shown herein will not shift longitudinally or vertically and is extremely comfortable on the person of the wearer.

I claim:—

1. A collar-fastening comprising a removable collar having a series of pairs of horizontal tongues integrally made therein along its entire lower edge, with the tongues of each pair directed toward each other and a garment neck-band having a series of horizontal open-ended receptacles or pockets provided along its entire inner face and registering with said tongues whereby they are adapted to receive and seat said tongues.

2. An apparel collar having formed therein a pair of integral horizontal tongues directed toward each other at the central rear portion thereof and a pair of similarly directed horizontal tongues constructed at either side substantially mid-way between said rear tongues and the respective opposite ends of the collar, and all said tongues lying parallel and adjacent to the lower edge of said collar.

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