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Neck Tie.

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Fig. 1.

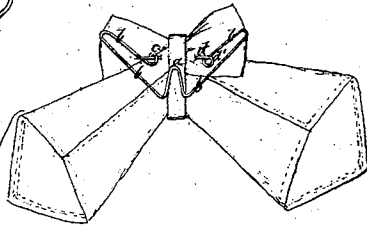
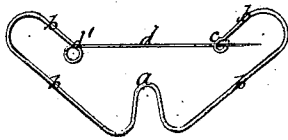


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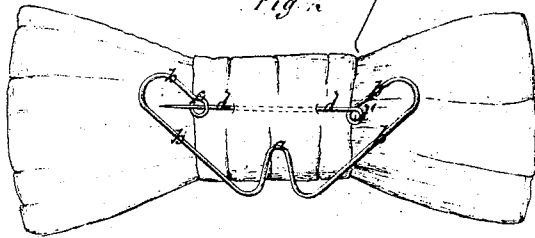
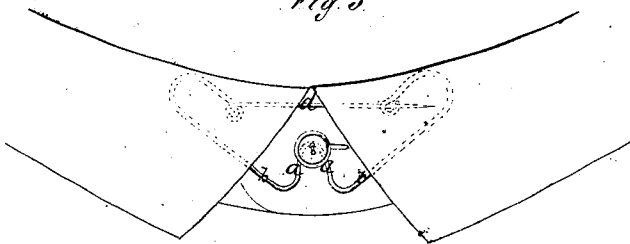


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR NECK-TIES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, WILLIAM J. COWING, of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain Improvements in Neck-Tie Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

Of the drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the fastener alone; Figure 2, a view of the same attached to a neck-tie; and

Figure 3, a view of the same in position on a shirt-front.

This invention relates to a device intended to be attached to a "butterfly" neck-tie, and provided with a pin and eye for that purpose, by means of which it may also be easily detached from the butterfly, and further intended to be the means of fastening the butterfly to its proper place on the shirt in front of the collar, and provided for this purpose with a rider that sits on the front button of the shirt-band, and with wings that extend to each side, between the outer and inner parts of the collar, by means of which the fastener with the butterfly may also be readily removed from the shirt, all the various parts of the device being made from one piece of elastic wire.

Referring to the drawing—

*a* is the rider for the shirt-band button, made in the usual form.

*b* are the wings, each consisting of two branches, whereof the lower extends from the nearest end of the rider *a* upward to a suitable distance, and is then bent backward and downward so as to form the upper branch.

*c* is an eye formed at the end of one of the upper branches.

*d* is a pin forming the prolongation of the opposite upper branch, a turn, *e*, of the wire serving to connect the pin and branch and to render the pin additionally elastic.

The pin is entered in the eye after being passed through the butterfly, and thus serves to secure the latter to the fastener in a detachable manner.

The butterfly is fastened to the shirt by placing the rider on the button and passing the wings under the collar. If the wings strike the top of the collar, as they are designed to do, they will yield laterally, thus adjusting the pin to the rider and the under folds of the collar.

The butterfly can be removed from the shirt as readily as it is fastened to it.

I am aware that the rider, wings, and pin are all old devices in neck-tie fasteners, and also that they have been combined in one fastener, that of J. B. Bishop, patented January 11, 1870; but I consider my invention superior to Bishop's, for the reason that it is so much simpler and cheaper of construction, being made all of one piece, either by hand on a pegged board or by a machine devised for the purpose.

I am also aware of the neck-tie supporter of George K. Snow, patented February 14, 1865, which is indeed made all in one piece, but is inferior to my invention in the respect that it does not possess that adaptability to collars of all sizes, that capacity for expansion when the space between the supporting button and the top of the collar is too narrow, and for contraction when the space is too wide, which is the distinguishing feature of my invention, and which causes the wings to always yield sufficiently to enable the fastener to be placed under the collar and to always retain the fastener firmly when once in place.

I claim as my invention—

The rider *a*, wings *b*, eye *c*, and pin *d*, all constructed and arranged to operate as specified.

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