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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A necktie comprises a single piece of necktie fabric shaped to form a narrow elongated neckband and a pair of integral, diamond shaped tailpieces. The tie is foldable along its longitudinal center line in a single reverse fold. When the folded neckband is inserted beneath the shirt collar, the depending folded tailpieces hang freely in conforming relation to both the shirt collar and coat lapels of the wearer. A snap fastener or other retainer may releasably fasten the ends of the tailpieces to each other.

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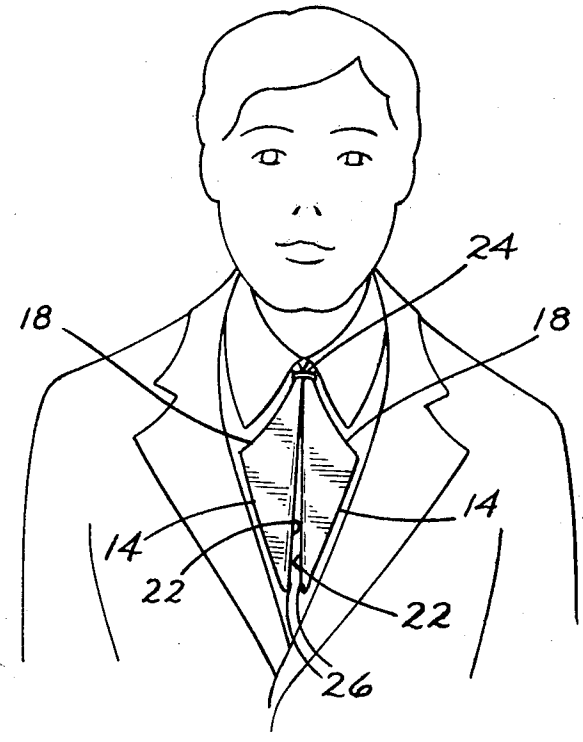


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.

NECKPIECE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This application is a continuation-in-part of the patent application of John R. Hirschbeck, Ser. No. **410,189** filed **10/26/73** for Necktie, now abandoned.

This invention relates to neckties.

In the necktie art there is need for a necktie which does not require a knot, which is smart and dressy in appearance, which may be worn either with or without a coat, and which when worn with a coat and a shirt conforms to the contour of the collar of the latter and the lapels of the former.

It is the general purpose of the present invention to provide such a tie which in addition is simply made, simply put on and off, and easily storable flat and without wrinkling in a drawer or other confined space.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a necktie of attractive appearance which may be worn either by men or by women.

Still further objects of the present invention are the provision of a one piece necktie which when worn has a full flowing appearance, which may be worn either beneath or outside the shirt collar, which may be made from a diversity of attractive necktie materials, which is not bulky in appearance, which is easily cleanable, and which may be ironed without creeping of the material of which it is made.

Still a further object of the present invention is the provision of a necktie which requires a minimum of material for a maximum of effect and is of correspondingly low cost.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE INVENTION

The presently described necktie comprises a single piece of foldable necktie fabric shaped to form a narrow elongated neckband and integral therewith a pair of substantially diamond shaped tailpieces positioned one on each end of the neckband and merging therewith.

The necktie is substantially symmetrical along its longitudinal center line and foldable thereon in a single reverse fold. In the folded condition of the necktie, the neckband is flat and dimensioned to lie beneath the collar of the shirt. The tailpieces in the folded condition of the necktie assume a triangular outline and hang freely downwardly with the bases of the triangles opposed and substantially parallel to each other. The sides of the triangles then lie in conforming contour to the outline of the shirt collar and coat lapels of the wearer, if such garments are being worn by him.

A ring or other suitable retainer retains the tailpieces in the wearing position of the tie and lodges in the area where the tailpieces merge with the neckband.

THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

FIG. **1** is a plan view of the necktie of my invention in its unfolded condition.

FIG. **2** is a plan view of the necktie in its folded condition preparatory to being worn.

FIG. **3** is a perspective view of the folded necktie illustrating the manner of its application, and

FIG. **4** is a front elevation illustrating the necktie as it is worn by an individual and illustrating further the manner in which in the worn condition its contours conform to the shirt collar and coat lapel of the wearer.

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

As indicated above, the necktie of my invention may be worn by either a man or a woman. Furthermore, it may be worn by a man or woman with or without a jacket. It is a particular feature of the invention, however, that when worn with a shirt and jacket it fits the contours of these garments and imparts a smart and dressy appearance to the ensemble of the wearer.

My necktie may be made of any suitable necktie fabric in a wide variety of colors and patterns. Plain or patterned material may be used, either hemmed or unhemmed. When hemmed, the width of the hem will depend in some instances upon the material used. Additional decoration may be used with stitching variations, contrasting edging or stitching,, the application of sequins, etc. A marginal zig-zag stitching is particularly effective.

The overall length of the tie may vary substantially in accordance with the style preferences of the wearer, his age and size, and the supplemental garments with which the ties are to be worn. However, the overall length of the finished tie may vary from a length of **28''** to a length of **42''**. In general, it is the length of the neckband which will vary, the size of the tailpieces remaining substantially constant.

As illustrated in FIGS. **1** and **2,** the necktie essentially comprises a neckband **10** and integral therewith a pair of substantially diamond shaped tailpieces **12.** The tie thus may be simply tailored from a single piece of fabric having a single thickness.

Neckband **10** is generally rectangular in outline with substantially parallel side edges. It has a length conforming to the neck size of the wearer.

Integral tailpieces **12** are substantially diamond shaped in outline and preferably merge with neckband **10** in continuous flowing lines.

The tailpieces are defined by terminal side edges **14,** 16 and merging side edges **18, 20.**

The necktie is converted to its use condition by folding along its longitudinal center line **21.** This reduces the neckband to half its width and at the same time converts the diamond shaped tailpieces to triangular tailpieces defined by bases **22** and sides indicated at **14,** 18 of FIG. **2.**

Where the necktie is to be worn beneath the collar of a shirt, it is preferred to iron the folded neckband so that it lies substantially flat. The reversely folded tailpieces, however, are permitted to lie in their unironed, draped condition.

Associated with the necktie are necktie retaining means designed to receive the folded tie and to maintain it neatly in its wearing position.

Although various types of ties and fasteners may be used for this purpose, it is preferred to use a simple ring **24** having a diameter sufficient to receive the reversely folded length of material comprising the tie.

The manner of application of the tie is illustrated in FIG. **3.**

First one tailpiece is slipped entirely through ring **24** until the ring lies at the merging area between the neckband and tailpiece. Next the tie is placed around the neck, with the neckband lying flat beneath the collar of the shirt. Next the other tailpiece is inserted through ring **24** and pulled until the ring lies in the merging area between the tailpiece and neckband. The ring is then slipped upwardly until it lies snugly against the collar.

The finished effect is illustrated in FIG. **4.** It is to be noted that when the tie is worn with a collar-fitted shirt and a lapel-fitted jacket, lapped side edges **18, 20** lie adjacent to the shirt collar, parallel to, or at least conforming to, its general contour. Lapped edges **14, 16** lie adjacent to the coat lapel, generally conforming to its contour. Sides **22** of the folded tailpieces lie closely adjacent and substantially parallel to each other. If desired, they may be maintained in this position by the provision of snaps **26** at their terminal portions.

Ring **24** lies snugly against the collar. The tailpieces hang downwardly from the ring, draped, open and flowing. They are given their proper hang and distinctive appearance by the particular cut of the pattern to which they conform.

The overall effect is to impart a smart and tailored appearance to the ensemble, whether worn with or without a coat.

Having thus described my invention in the preferred embodiment, I claim:

1. A necktie which may be worn by a person wearing a collarfitted shirt and a lapel-fitted coat, the necktie comprising:

a. a single piece of foldable necktie fabric shaped to form

1. a narrow elongated neckband, and

2. integral therewith a pair of substantially diamond shaped tailpieces positioned one on each end of the neckband and merging therewith, and

b. necktie retaining means adapted to receive and retain the necktie in its worn position at the merging areas of the neckband and tailpieces,

c. the necktie being substantially symmetrical along its longitudinal center line and foldable thereon in a single reverse fold,

d. the neckband in its folded condition being flat and dimensioned to lie beneath the shirt collar,

e. the tailpieces in their folded condition assuming a triangular configuration and being proportioned and dimensioned to lie with their bases substantially adjacent and parallel to each other, with one side adjacent and substantially following the contour of the shirt collar, and the other side substantially adjacent and substantially following the contour of the coat lapel of the wearer.

2. The necktie of claim **1** wherein the necktie retaining means comprises a ring dimensioned to slip over the tailpieces of the tie.

3. The necktie of claim **1** including two part fastening means one part being affixed to the end of one of the tailpieces and the other being affixed to the end of the other of the tailpieces.

4. The necktie of claim **3** wherein the fastening means comprises snap fastening means.

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