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NECKTIE CLASP.
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Fig. 1.

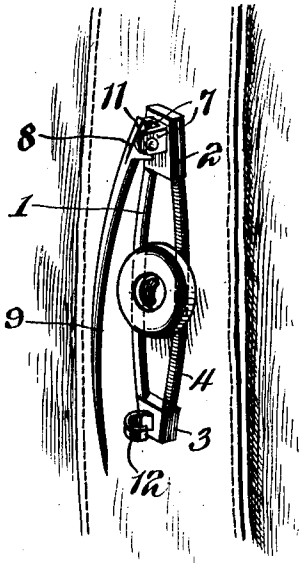


Fig. 4.

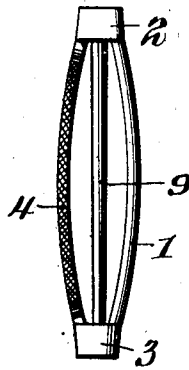


Fig. 2.

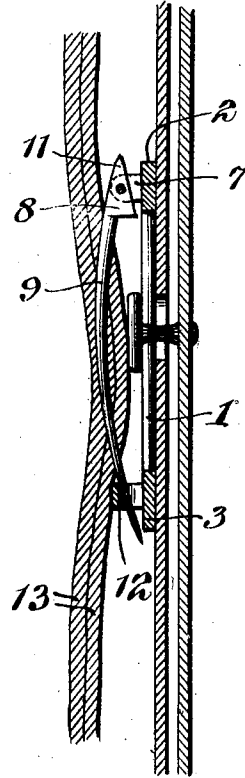
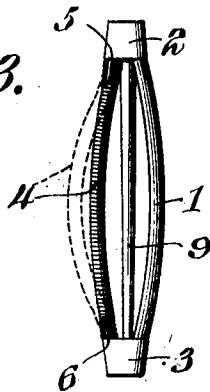


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT WALTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Racine, in the county of Racine and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Necktie-Clasp, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for holding neckties in their proper position upon the wearer.

The object is to provide a simple device for holding neckties that may be applied to the buttons of a soft bosom shirt or to the studs of a stiff bosom shirt, and which will not soil or puncture the bosom of the shirt, and may be instantly applied and as readily removed therefrom without the trouble and annoyance usually encountered in using other devices of this character.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a device that will permit of considerable up and down movement of the necktie, due to the movements of the head and neck of the wearer, and still maintain its engagement with the head of the stud or the button of the shirt.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the claim hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction, within the scope of the appended claim, may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing, forming part of this specification, and in which similar reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device applied to the shirt button and ready to be engaged with the lower end of a necktie. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the device in position on the shirt button and engaged with the end of a necktie. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the device. Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of a modified form.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention as shown in the drawing, a base or frame is provided, consisting of the rigid side bar 1, and top and bottom end bars 2 and 3, respectively, formed integral therewith. The rigid side bar is slightly bowed outwardly, as shown, and is adapted to lie

to one side of the fastening threads of the button on the shirt, while on the opposite side of said fastening threads, the flexible clamping side bar 4 is adapted to lie so as to coact with the rigid bar 1 in clamping the fastening threads and thus maintain the necktie holder in proper position behind the button. By reason of the elongated opening or space separating the two side bars and extending between the two end members, considerable vertical play of the device is allowed when secured to the depending end of a necktie.

The flexible clamping side bar or member 4, as shown in the drawing, is formed of a suitable length of tightly coiled fine wire of sufficient strength to withstand the strain of repeated stretching while being placed over the button to put the device in use and in being removed therefrom. The coils of said wire must be tightly wound and lie close together in order to avoid the possibility of their opening sufficiently and catching the threads that fasten the button to the shirt.

Formed on the end bars 2 and 3 are inwardly directed pins 5 and 6, to which the open ends of the flexible coiled wire clamping member or side bar 4 are secured by inserting said pins therein and then soldering, brazing or otherwise securing the pins in place. While a coiled wire clamping member or side bar is the preferred construction, it is to be understood that any other flexible means may be employed, such as a stout rubber suitably fastened at its ends to the aforesaid end bars 2 and 3. This is shown in Fig. 4.

The upper end bar 2 is provided with outstanding ears 7 between which the upper end or head 8 of a sharpened pin 9 is pivoted. The rear face of the head 8 of the pin is flat and inclined upwardly and outwardly forming an extension 11 which is adapted, when the pin is opened or drawn outwardly from the bar 2, to strike between the ears 7 and prevent a too great outward movement of the pin. An outstanding hook-shaped keeper 12, formed on the lower end bar 3 is adapted to engage and hold the lower or sharpened end of the pin, after the same has been suitably engaged with the depending ends 13 of an ordinary four-in-hand tie.

The device is placed upon the button in a vertical position, by springing the flexible

member or side bar 4 over the edge of the same, after the rigid bar 1 has been positioned. The pin 9 is then inserted in the ends of the necktie in a manner to conceal the pin, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing, and the free end of the pin 9 is then pressed under the hook-shaped keeper 12 to maintain its engagement with the tie. It will thus be seen that by reason of the elongated opening between the rigid side bar 1 and the flexible side bar 4, considerable vertical movement of the device upon the button is permitted, due to the movements of the head and neck of the wearer, without the danger of damaging the necktie or causing discomfort to the wearer, or effecting the separation of the tie from the shirt.

The device may be made of any desired metal and is susceptible of being highly ornamented and made an attractive article of jewelry.

What is claimed is:—

A necktie clasp adapted to be mounted in a vertical position along the outside of a shirt and engage a button or stud thereon, said clasp consisting of a safety pin having its frame or body formed of two longitudinal members spaced apart to provide an elongated opening for the reception of the button or stud and permit said frame or body to slide along the latter without detachment, one of the two members of said frame or body being made flexible for the purpose described.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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