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REVERSIBLE BOW TIE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR REINHART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Reversible Bow Tie, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in reversible bow ties, in which two individual bows are held freely together by a loop, the latter being attached to a neckband.

The objects of my invention are to produce a bow tie which will either wear four times as long as the ordinary tie, or otherwise enable the wearer to indulge in an extraordinary variety of colors.

Other objects and advantages are to be found in the construction and arrangement of parts as will be described in the specification and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

I attain these objects with the means illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a front view of the assembled tie.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the tie in Fig. 1, separated into its essential constituents.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one of the bows after sewing but before pleating.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Considering the result obtained, the manufacture of this bow tie is extremely simple. Two layers of fabric of suitable material, color and dimension are sewed together along the edges; usually a slot is left across the center of one layer, as indicated by the numeral 1 in Fig. 3, in order to turn the inside out and to hide the rough seam. By contracting or "pleating" the two layers at the center, as indicated by the numerals 2 in Fig. 2, the conventional bow shape is produced. A loop 3 of suitable material is carried around the pleated portion of the two bows 4 and 5 and then sewed to the conventional neckband 6. The completed tie is shown in Fig. 1.

Thus constructed, both bows can be turned jointly or severally in the loop, and it becomes possible, as soon as one side gets soiled or worn, to expose one of the remaining clean sides to view.

Another possibility is that the same necktie can be employed to match clothes of different hues. For instance, the owner of a black, a brown, a gray and a white suit selects a tie in accordance therewith and then turns the bows as occasion requires.

Another possibility is that one wing of a bow can be turned; the distortion of the pleated portion remains hidden by the loop and is therefore unnoticeable, also being held by the loop, the twisted wing will retain its given position indefinitely. Yet a further possibility is that the wings of one bow can be pulled up or down and thus form an attractive color combination with the exposed portions of the second bow. Also the two bows can be twisted to approach the outlines of a four-leaf clover. In all these last named cases, by selecting suitable colors, the effect becomes quite striking, or to use modern parlance, very "jazzy."

It is to be understood that minor changes in construction or details are considered to fall within the scope and purview of my invention, providing I do not violate the spirit and principle thereof.

I claim:

1. In a reversible bow tie, the means of combining four wearing surfaces in one tie, said means comprising a loop, and two bows jointly and severally rotatable in the loop.

2. In a reversible bow tie, the combination comprising a neckband, a loop, and a plurality of bows jointly and severally rotatable in the loop.

Signed by me at Portland, Oregon, this 9th day of May, 1923.

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