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Fig. 1,

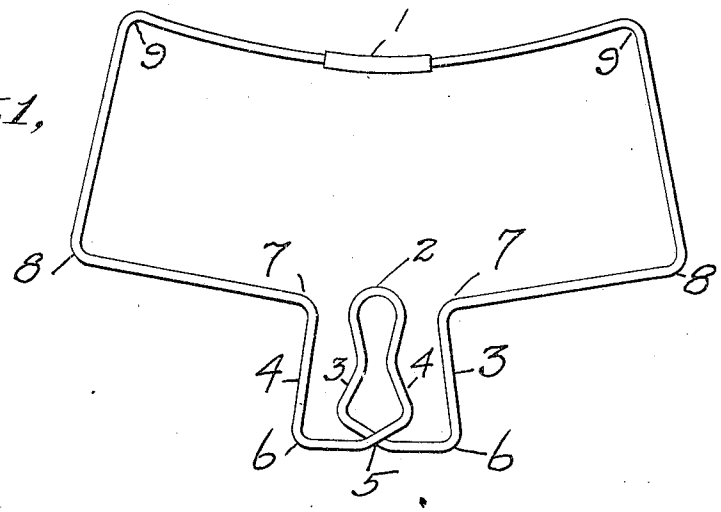


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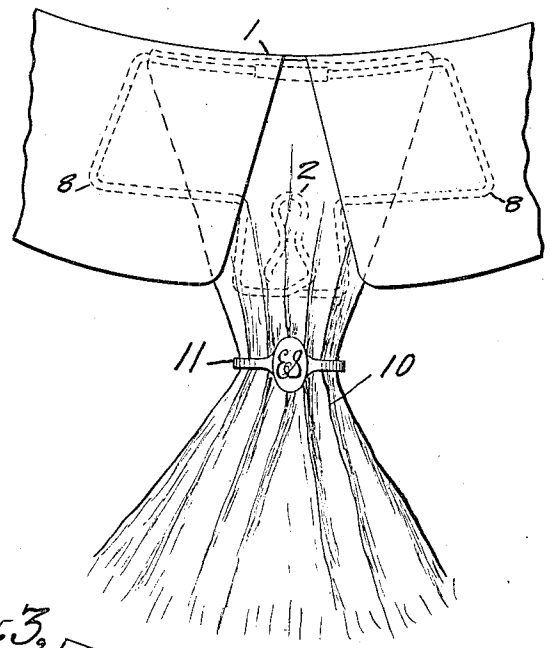
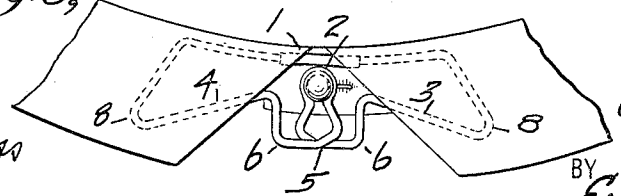


Fig. 3,



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ROSS KNOWLES, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to necktie-supporters used more particularly with the turn-down collar, and has for its objects to provide a device that will hold the tie tight up against the collar and prevent the same from working loose after once adjusted and to provide a means by which the tie may be conveniently adjusted and removed from the collar-button.

The foregoing and other features of my invention will now be described in connection with the accompanying one sheet of drawings, forming part of this specification, in which I have represented my necktie-supporter embodying the improvements in the preferred form, after which I shall point out more particularly in the claim those features which I believe to be new and of my own invention.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar characters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is an enlarged view of my necktie-supporter. Fig. 2 illustrates my necktie-supporter attached to a collar-button with a high turned-down collar. Fig. 3 illustrates my necktie-supporter in position on button, collar low type.

The necktie-supporter is made of a single piece of wire, preferably of tempered steel, the ends being soldered or fastened in any convenient manner at 1, which is curved laterally to follow the contour of the under side of the fold of the turn-over collar, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. 2 is a loop with ends 3 and 4 crossing at 5, where they bend upwardly at 6 and outwardly at 7 and thence upwardly at 8 and inwardly at 9, where they are joined together at 1, as previously explained.

The *modus operandi* is as follows: A piece of cloth or fabric 10 is folded over the longitudinal curved member 1 and the ends passed through a ring 11, or they may be tied in a knot at will. The supporter is then pressed up under the collar, and the loop 2 is opened by pressing the points 6 together and sprung over the collar-button. The supporter being constructed of spring-wire, pressure is brought to bear on the under side of the turn-over collar and the top of the collar-button. This is forcibly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. In the latter the supporter is illustrated attached to a collar-button, the collar being of a very low type. By this means the supporter is held securely in place, and it is impossible for it to come off the button.

There are many tie-supporters now in use; but they all have the same disadvantage—that is, they are not secured by proper means to the collar-button and held there by continual pressure. I do not claim any particular means for attaching my supporter to the collar-button.

I wish it distinctly understood that my necktie-supporter herein illustrated and described is in the form which I desire to construct it and that any changes or variations may be made as may be convenient or desirable without departing from the salient features of my invention, and I therefore intend the following claim to cover such modifications as naturally fall within the lines of invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a spring-wire necktie-supporter, in combination, a member adapted to engage a collar-button shank, with a longitudinal tie-supporting member curved laterally so as to conform to the contour of the under side of the fold in a turn-over collar and spring connections between the aforesaid button-engaging member and the tie-supporting member, said connections forming the sole connection between said button-engaging member and said tie-supporting member, whereby the tie is held tightly to, and to conform with, the under side of the fold in the turn-over collar.

This specification signed and witnessed this 27th day of October, A. D. 1905.

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