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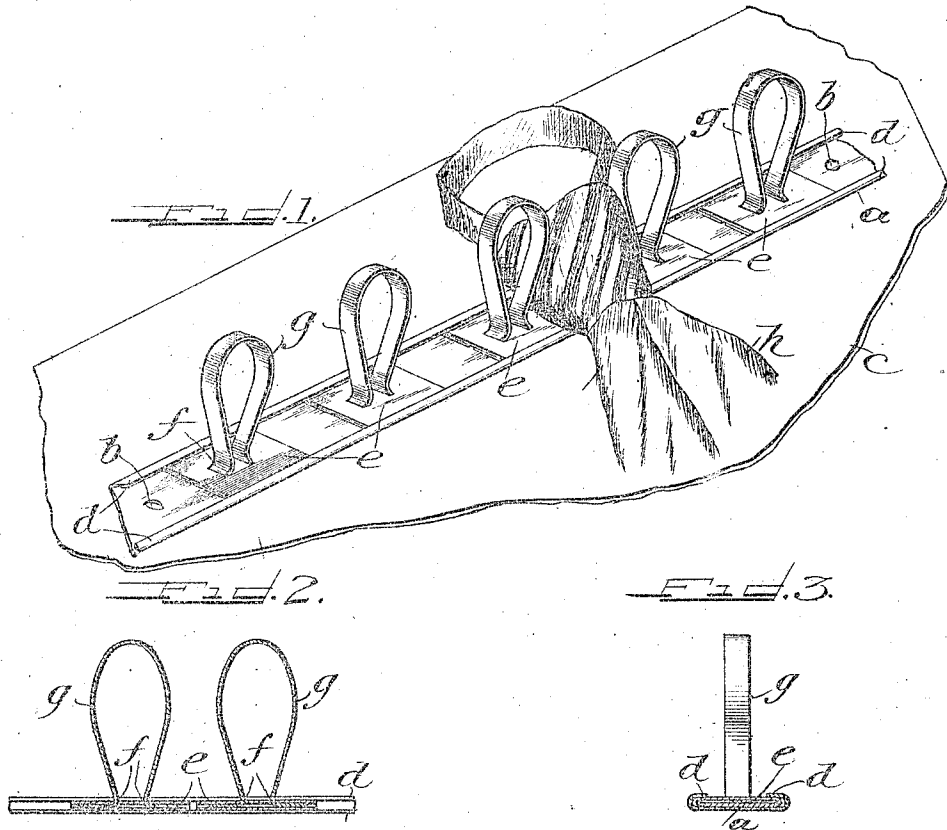
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DISPLAY DEVICE FOR NECKTIES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY RUNTZ, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Devices for Neckties, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which corresponding letters of reference in the different figures indicate like parts.

The object of my invention is to provide a display-holder for neckties by which the latter may be held and retained in position to display them to the best advantage either in a packing-box or upon a display-card for windows, show-cases, and the like, all of which is hereinafter more particularly described, and definitely pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying the features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal vertical sectional view of a portion thereof, and Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view thereof.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents a strip of sheet metal, preferably tin, of any desired length, usually about ten inches, in which perforations are formed for the reception of fastening-staples *b*, by which said strip may be secured to a base or support *c*, Fig. 1, of cardboard or other suitable material. The metal strip is provided with flanges *d*, beneath which is inserted a series of sheet-metal slides *e*, having transverse slots or openings *f* therein for the reception of loops *g*, which are formed, substantially in the manner indicated, from strips or ribbons of thin elastic sheet metal—such, for example, as spring-steel or spring-brass, but preferably the former—said strips being bent or clenched beneath the slides *e* in the manner substantially as shown in Fig. 2 in order to hold the loops in place. The slides *e* are held in the guideways with sufficient frictional contact to enable them to be moved therein, thereby enabling the distance between the loops to be adjusted as desired. The strips are arranged near to and parallel with the upper

edge of the card *c*, as shown in Fig. 1, and the loops *g* are so disposed that neckties *h*, one of which is shown in Fig. 1, may be placed between them, the placing of said ties therein causing the elastic loops to yield laterally to permit the ties to be inserted, said ties being retained in place side by side as a result of the elastic pressure of the loops thereon.

It is obvious that the strips *a* may be either fastened to a card *c* or to the bottom of a box and that the slides, being adjustable, as stated, may be moved laterally to fit ties of different sizes and to display them to the best advantage.

The loops are preferably made, as stated, of very light spring-steel ribbon, which may be covered with paper or cloth of any desired color or tint, and when a number of ties, usually six, are displayed therein they present a very attractive appearance, coupled with the advantage that any given tie may be readily inserted in place or removed therefrom without disturbing the others.

While I prefer in making the same to connect it with a card or box, it is obvious that the part *a*, with the loops or holders, may be manufactured and sold to box-makers and attached to the boxes or cards by them. The construction is cheap and offers advantages to merchants not attained, so far as I am aware, by any construction heretofore employed.

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

The combination in a necktie-display device, of an elongated supporting-base or guideway, a series of yielding resilient loops located within said guideway, and laterally-adjustable slides for supporting said loops in position, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 24th day of February, 1900.

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