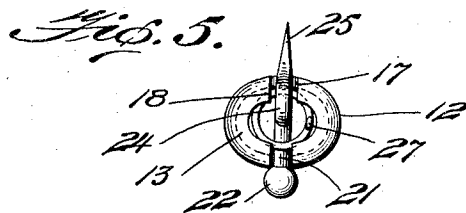
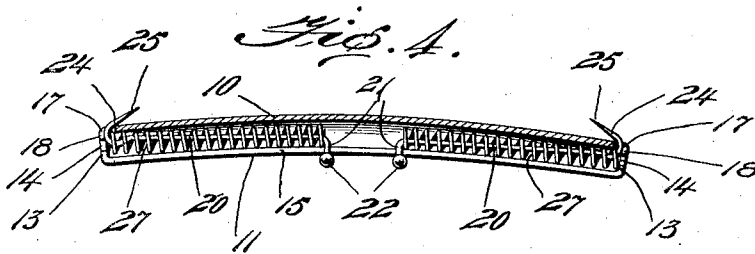
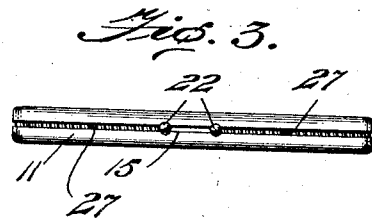
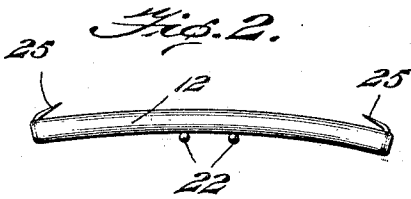
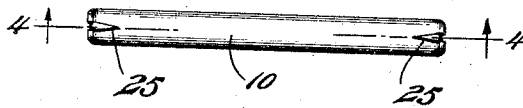


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES SILVERMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices purposed to retain the corners of soft collars and the like and has for its essential objects secure retention of the engaged corners without undue strain thereon; to facilitate the insertion and removal of the holder; to make it possible to leave the holder securely engaged with one corner for future use after one corner has been released; to conceal the operative parts of the structure; and to conceal the holder itself from view.

To the above ends essentially my invention consists in such parts and in such combinations of parts as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings which form a part of this invention,

Figures 1, 2, and 3 are a front elevation, a plan, and a rear elevation respectively of a holder embodying my invention.

Fig. 4, an enlarged section of the same on line 4-4 of Fig. 1, and

Fig. 5, an end elevation of the same.

Like reference characters indicate like parts throughout the views.

In the form of my invention illustrated the holder consists of a casing or shell, preferably circular or oval in transverse section, comprising a front wall 10, a rear wall 11, and side walls 12 and intumed end flanges or walls 13, having central holes 14. The rear wall is provided with a central longitudinal guide slot 15. The ends of the wall 10 are in this case provided with longitudinal slots or cavities 17 continuous with radial slots 18 in the flanges extending to the holes 14.

Mounted to operate in both ends of the casing are yielding engaging members similar to each other in every respect. In detail each engaging member consists of a rod 20 extending longitudinally within the casing having its inner end bent to form a finger 21

extending loosely through the slot 15 and having the portion 22 thereof extending exteriorly of the casing preferably rounded. The outer end of the rod is bent and reduced to form an inclined prong consisting of a beak or hook 24 and a point 25. A helical spring 27 surrounds each rod 20 having one end bearing against the finger 21, and its other end engaging the flange 13. This compression spring serves to impel the prong 24 toward the casing, and when a cavity 17 is present, into such cavity or seat. The casing is preferably longitudinally curved.

To attach my holder one of the forwardly projecting prongs is inserted in the fabric of one collar corner from the rear thereof. The holder is then moved in the direction of its length until the other prong is in position to enter the opposite collar corner where the prong is inserted. This movement withdraws from the casing a sufficient length of the first attached rod 20 to extend the holder the desired length. After insertion of the second prong one or both the rods 20 are returned to original position by the expansion of the springs 27. The prongs may be disengaged if desired by manually moving the members 22 longitudinally outward.

I claim:—

1. In a collar holder, an oblong casing provided with slots in its ends, rods yieldingly mounted in the casing, and prongs on the rods registerable in the slots.

2. In a collar holder, an oblong casing provided with openings and with slots extending from the openings, rods slidably mounted in the casing through the openings, prongs on the rods extending into the slots, and springs in the casing engaging the rods.

3. In a collar holder, an oblong casing provided with a longitudinal guide slot, rods slidably mounted in the casing, projections on the inner ends of the rods registering in the slot, prongs on the outer ends of the rods, and springs supported by the casing engaging the rods.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

CHARLES SILVERMAN.