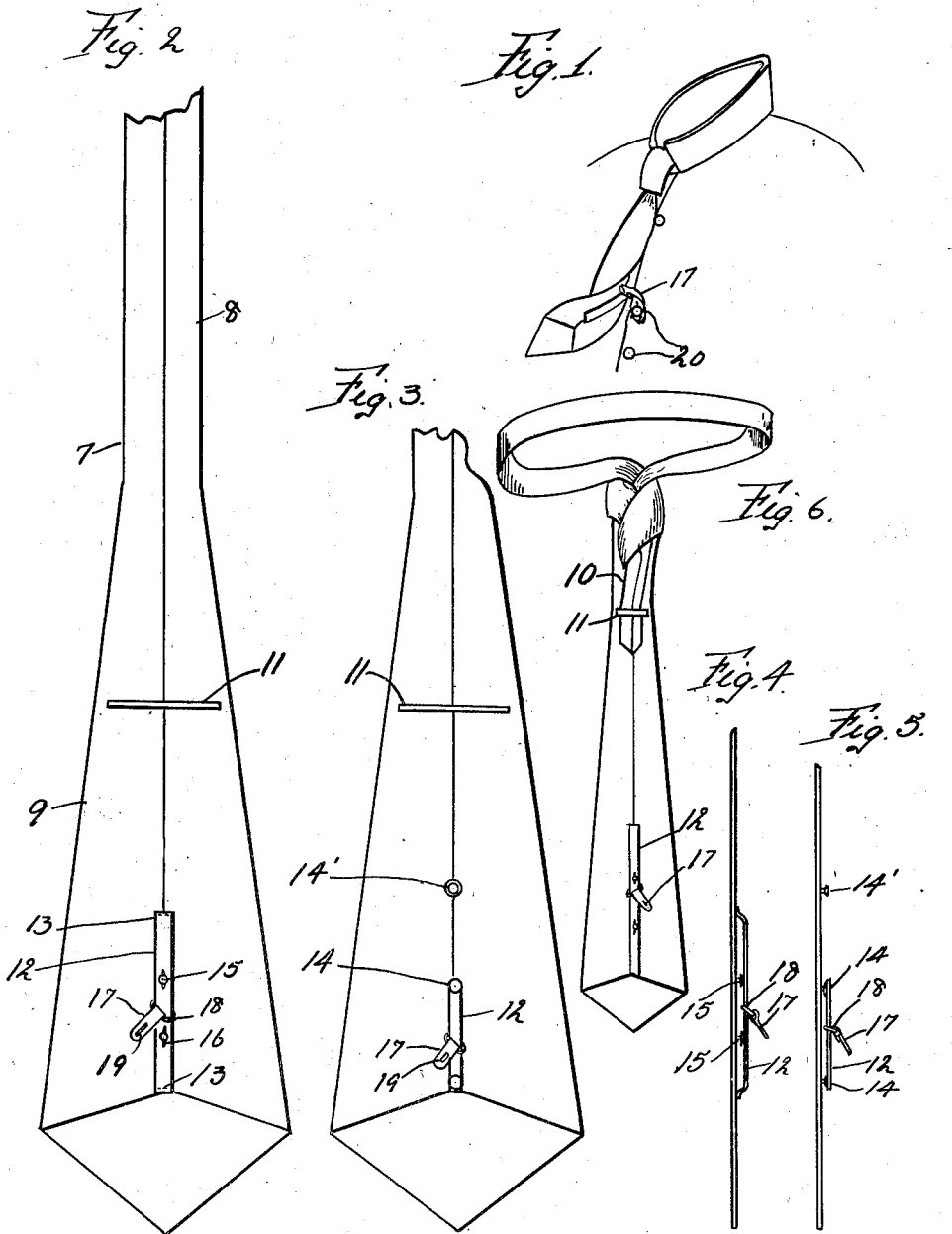


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My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a necktie holder and has for one of its objects to improve the construction of an article of neckwear generally known as a four-in-hand necktie whereby the loose ends may be united to the wearer's shirt to prevent the same from blowing about, getting into the line of vision of the wearer when stooping over.

Another object of the invention is to provide a necktie holder, the tab of which is adjustable so that it may be properly positioned for co-operation with a button on the wearer's shirt.

A further object of my invention is to provide a necktie holder which may be detachably mounted on the back of the larger end of the tie and adjusted longitudinally thereof.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a flexible strip of suitable material such as textile fabric in the form of ribbon or tape for attachment to an article of neckwear by suitable fastening means such as lines of stitching, buttons or button holes or snap fasteners with a tab slidably mounted thereon and adjustable relative to the adjacent end of the tie by sliding the tab lengthwise of the strip or by selectively positioning the strip and also sliding the tab lengthwise thereof.

With these ends in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to use and make the same, I will describe its construction in detail, referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application, in which:—

Fig. 1, is a picture of a portion of a shirt, a collar and necktie connected therewith illustrating the appearance of the device when in use.

Fig. 2, is an enlarged fragmentary rear face view of an article of neckwear illustrating one embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 3, is a similar view illustrating another embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 4, is an edge view of the lower end of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5, is an edge view of a lower end of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6, is a perspective view on a reduced scale of the necktie after being tied and looking from the rear.

In carrying out my invention as herein embodied, 7 represents an article of neckwear of the four-in-hand type, generally including a neck band portion 8 having a flaring or large end 9 and a small end 10 which, when the necktie is tied, may be inserted in back of a retaining strip 11 suitably mounted on the larger end of the necktie cross-wise and at the rear thereof. The strip 11 may be a narrow piece of fabric such as tape or ribbon, the ends of which are fixed to the tie by stitching or otherwise.

On the back of the larger end of the tie at or adjacent its terminal is mounted a longitudinal strip 12 of suitable or desirable material such as textile fabric in the form of tape or ribbon and the ends thereof are secured in place in any desirable manner as by lines of stitching 13, Fig. 2, or by snap fasteners 14, Fig. 3, or other equivalent means.

The strip 12 may be relatively long as shown in Fig. 2, or it may be relatively short as shown in Fig. 3, and when a long strip is used, the portion intermediate its ends may be temporarily or detachably connected to the tie at one or several points by means of a button or buttons 15 secured to the tie and button holes 16 formed in the strip or by other equivalent attaching means such as snap fasteners similar to those illustrated in Fig. 3 wherein one member of each fastener is secured to the tie to the companion member to the strip.

On the strip 12 is slidably mounted a tab 17 by means of a metal loop link 18 which encircles the strip 12 and has one end of the tab 17 folded over one of the bars thereof. Said tab may be of any desirable material such as textile fabric, cord, or leather with the button hole 19 for coaction with any

desirable button 20 of a wearer's shirt which may be in the region of the tab after the article of neckwear is tied and in place.

As the buttons on all shirts are not located in the same relative positions and since a tie which is made up by the wearer is not always knotted at the same place, the position of the larger end of the tie relative to the shirt buttons varies considerably so that by making the tab 17 adjustable, it may be selectively fastened to any one of the buttons on the wearer's shirt and where the strip 12 is relatively long, it may be temporarily attached to the tie at points intermediate its ends to prevent undue separation of the strip from the tie intermediate its ends, but the attaching means being such that the strip may be unfastened, the tab 17 may be moved to different locations on the strip and the latter then can be fastened in place.

By providing a relatively short strip 12 as shown in Fig. 3 and providing the strip and tie with co-operating members of snap fasteners 14 or their equivalent such as buttons and button holes and spacing the means on the tie the same distance apart as the members at the ends of the strip, said strips may be detached and selectively positioned on the tie in accordance with the members thereon or as shown in Fig. 3, the lower end of the strip might be detached and said strip swung around until the unattached end can be attached to the companion member 14' on the tie and with the strip in either position, the tab can be moved lengthwise thereof so that it can be fastened to an adjacent shirt button.

In actual practice, the neck tie is tied in the usual manner and the small end thereof inserted in back of the cross strip 11 after which the tab 17 may be connected with one of the buttons of the wearer's shirt by properly adjusting the tab along its strip or if necessary, by first adjusting the strip to a desired position and then moving the tab lengthwise thereof until it is in proximity to a shirt button on which it may then be buttoned.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction as herein shown as these may be varied within the limits of the appended claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is:—

1. A necktie holder comprising a strip of flexible material detachably connected in a longitudinal position on the end of a necktie and a tab having a button hole therein carried by the strip and adjustable lengthwise thereof.

2. The combination with a necktie, of a strip, co-operating means on the necktie and said strip whereby the latter may be selec-

tively and temporarily mounted on the tie in different longitudinal positions and an apertured tab slidably mounted on said strip.

3. In a device of the character stated, a necktie, a strip of material positioned on the rear of the tie longitudinally thereof adjacent one end, a metal loop slidably mounted on the strip for adjustment lengthwise thereof to position it adjacent a selected button on a shirt with which said tie is worn, and an apertured tab carried by the loop for coaction with said selected button.

4. A necktie holder comprising a strip for attachment to the rear face of an end of a necktie longitudinally thereof, and a member slidably mounted on said strip and having means for connection to a shirt button.

5. In combination with a necktie, of a strip attached at its ends to the rear of an end of a necktie longitudinally of said necktie, a loop slidably mounted on the strip, and a member carried by said loop for connection to a shirt button.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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