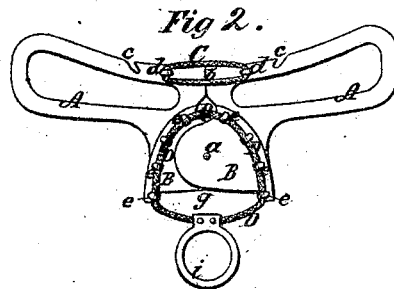
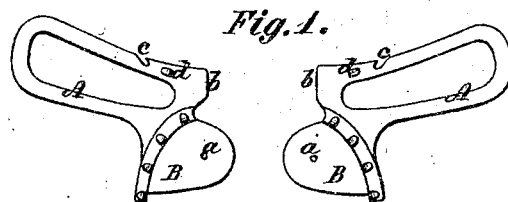


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## IMPROVEMENT IN NECK-TIE RETAINERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY LAURENCE, of the city of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cravat or Neck-Tie Retainers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing of the same, which makes a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents the parts of the neck-tie retainer before being connected.

Figure 2 represents the parts of the retainer connected and in a position ready for use.

My invention relates to the formation of cravat or neck-tie retainers for turn-down collars; and

It consists in constructing the tuck-piece or retainer of two separate parts or plates hinged or pivoted together and provided with an elastic connection, so that the wings which underlie the turned-down portion of the collar will flex and thus be more easily manipulated in applying it, reducing the strain on the button of the neck-band of the shirt while adjusting the retainer.

In the accompanying drawing the foundation or tuck-piece is composed of two separate plates, of any suitable material.

Each part has a skeleton wing, A A, made to fit the curve of the collar, and a tongue, B, which laps over the other, and pivoted together so as to form a hinge, *a*, upon which each part or wing, A, is free to flex so as to bring the inner upper ends *b* of the wings together and allow of their separation.

The parts thus connected have the proper shape upon which to form the cravat or neck-tie.

The inner ends *b* of the wings are made to abut against each other, and are held in such position by an elastic connection, C, secured to each by grooves, *c*, or tongues, *d*, so as to admit the wings to open to facilitate their adjustment under the turned-down portion of the collar, and be drawn and held together when so adjusted, as shown in fig. 2.

To the inner side of the hinged ears B of the re-

tainer, I attach, by means of hooks *e*, or other device, an elastic cord or band, D, so as to leave a space, *g*, between its lower portion and the ears B, and thus form a loop through which the fabric of the ornamental bow is passed in forming it into any desired tasteful style around the retainer, and thus hold it in place.

This holding loop or cord D also forms the means of attachment for a ring or loop, *i*, by which the retainer is fastened to the button of the shirt-neck band.

This button-ring or loop *i*, may be of any suitable material, and the elastic loop D, for securing the fabric to the retainer, is widened by its connection with the ears B to readily insert through it the material for the bow.

The elastic bands or cords are so attached as to allow them to be easily removed and replaced by others when necessary.

Neck-tie retainers, as heretofore constructed, have been found more or less defective in not affording a proper degree of elasticity to the parts which underlie the collar and facility for opening the supporting and holding wings to apply them under the collar; and in these and other respects my improvements differ essentially from the neck-tie retainers heretofore patented.

Having thus described my invention,  
I claim—

1. A cravat or neck-tie retainer made of separate plates, A B A B, hinged together and connected by an elastic loop, C, so as to admit of flexion in the manner and for the purpose herein described.

2. A cravat or neck-tie retainer hinged as described, in combination with the elastic loop D, which secures the bow fabric and forms a support for the button-ring *i*, as herein shown and described.

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