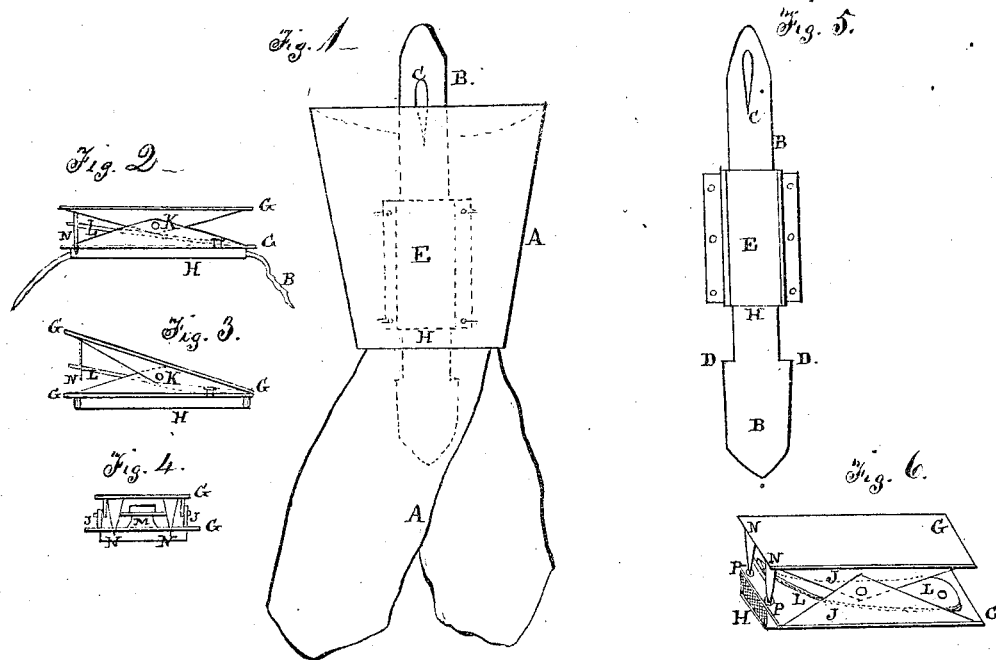


# W. A. Wicks' "Scarf Supporter."

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## IMPROVEMENT IN NECK-TIE SUPPORTERS.

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, WILLIAM A. WICKS, of the city of Baltimore, county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented new and useful Improvements in Neck-tie Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be an exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents the supporter as attached on the inside of a scarf.

Figure 2 shows a side view of the metallic device of the supporter.

Figure 3 shows how the same is moved back and forth on its pivot and spring.

Figure 4 exhibits an end view of the same, and how the tape is held by two teeth.

Figure 5 represents the back side of the device with the strap extending through it.

Figure 6 represents a perspective view of the metallic device.

My invention relates to the devices which secure a scarf or imitation tie upon the neck, and consists of a vertical supporting strap, fastened at one end to the shirt-button, upon which the scarf is adjustably secured by a retaining-clasp attached to the tie, through which the strap passes.

The object of my invention is to retain a neck-tie, bow, or scarf at any desirable point on the tape, which is made of any material, about five inches in length by a half inch in width, that passes through the hollow part of the metallic device formed to fit the tape so as to slide up and down thereon.

A represents a common bow or scarf as a neck-tie.

B is the strap or tape, adjustable on the inside of the loop or bow A.

This strap is rounding at top, with a button-hole, C, and wider at the lower ends, with shoulders D D to prevent the strap from sliding out of the metallic device or clasp E, and broader, that the fingers can

have an easy and firm hold on the strap when the clasp is required to be adjusted on the strap.

The metallic device or clasp E is formed of two plates, G G, with a hollow part, H, at one side, through which the tape passes.

Between the plates G G are side flanges J J, working on central pivots K K, that allow the ends of the plates to be moved back and forth on the pivots.

On the one end of the upper or outside plate G are two teeth, N, with sharp points at right angles with the plates G G.

A flat spring, L, in the inside, and attached permanently to one of the plates G, rests upon a cross-piece M, connecting the two teeth N N and two apertures P P in the lower plate G, through which the points of the teeth pass and enter the strap B, fastening the strap securely, while the spring holds the teeth down upon the tape or strap B, that is pierced by the points of the teeth.

A scarf with this attachment is easily adjusted to the neck of the wearer and securely held to its place. It is only necessary to pull out the upper or button-hole end of the strap B far enough to be easily slipped over the collar-button or stud, then with one hand release the teeth from the tape, while with the other hand is grasped the lower end thereof; the scarf may then be passed up to the collar. Release then the spring, and the teeth will pass through the holes into the tape, holding it fast.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A scarf-supporter, consisting of the flexible attaching-strap B and a suitable retaining-clasp secured to the scarf, through which the strap passes, and in which it is adjustable to fixed positions, as described.

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