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BUCKLE AND NECK WEAR BAND RETAINER.

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Fig. 1.

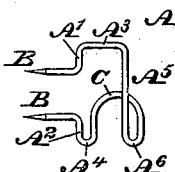


Fig. 2.

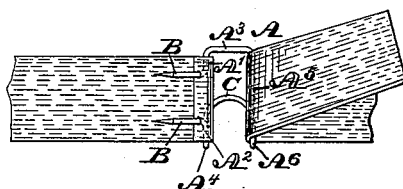


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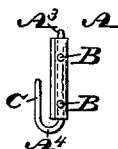
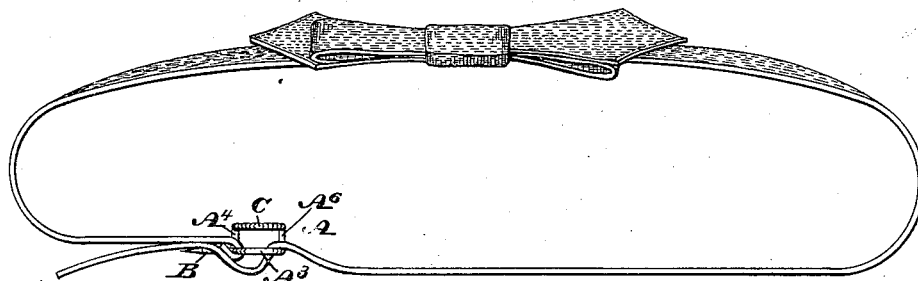


Fig. A.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. ALBERT ESHLEMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Buckles and Neck-Wear-Band Retainers, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a buckle and neck-wear retainer embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a view of the same in position. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation at a right angle to that shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 represents a top view thereof and a perspective view of the neck-tie to which it is attached.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

My invention consists of a buckle and retainer for an article of neck-wear, substantially as hereinafter fully described, whereby the band of said article may be readily connected with the buckle, and, when adjusted on the collar, prevented from rising.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the frame of a buckle, and B the prongs or tongues thereof. C represents a loop, which is formed on what may be termed the "lower portion" of the frame A, and is turned up therefrom from the back thereof, said parts being formed of a single piece of wire, though, as evident, may be constructed of a single piece of sheet metal without departing from my invention. The prongs constitute the ends of the piece of wire and extend laterally and outwardly from one side of the frame so as to be on the outside of said frame, said side of the frame consisting of the parts A' A², which are continuous of the inner ends of the prongs. The part A' joins the cross-piece A³, and the part A² joins the bend A⁴, of which one side of the loop C is continuous. The side A⁵, which is opposite to the parts A' A², joins the cross-piece A³, and joins the bend A⁶ of which the other side of the loop is continuous. One end of a neckband is passed under and around the parts A' A², and then stuck on the prongs B, thus connecting said end with the buckle. (See Fig. 2.) The other end of the band is

passed under the side A⁵ or between said side and the loop C, and when tightened, or the band is properly adjusted on the collar, is stuck on the prongs, thus buckling the band and holding the tie on the collar. The loop C is now hooked or caught under the collar or a slit or loop thereon, whereby the band is retained on the collar and prevented from rising.

In order to remove the tie, the end of the band last secured is drawn clear of the prongs and thus released, and said end may then be slipped out of the buckle, and thereby disconnected therefrom. The loop may also be unhooked or disengaged from the collar, and the tie is free. It will be seen that the first named end of the band is not sewed, stapled, riveted, or otherwise immovably fastened to the buckle, the prongs B, as disposed in relation to the frame A and the adjacent parts or side A' A², thereof constituting means for firmly connecting said end of the band with the buckle. The end of the band last secured may drop from the prongs, and thus be concealed by the vest or coat of the wearer.

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

1. A combined buckle and neck-wear retainer formed of a single piece of material, having a frame provided with prongs and a loop portion approximately parallel to said frame and connected thereto, substantially as described.

2. The frame A, having side parts, A⁵ A³ and A' A², the latter, A' A², being provided with prongs B B, the said frame A being bent at A⁴ A⁶, so as to form the loop C, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A frame formed of a single piece of material having prongs extending outward from its sides, and having a portion bent so that the plane thereof is approximately parallel with the main part, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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