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GRAVAT RETAINER.

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Fig. 1.

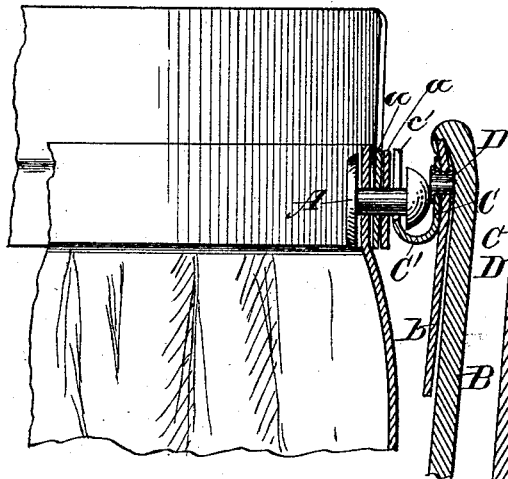


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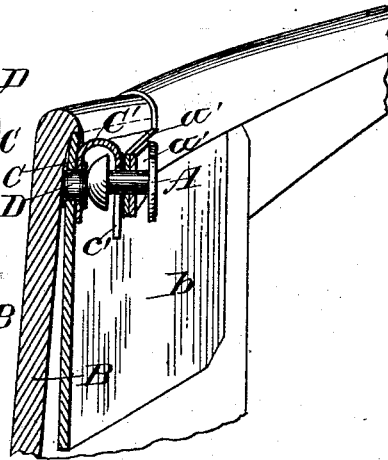


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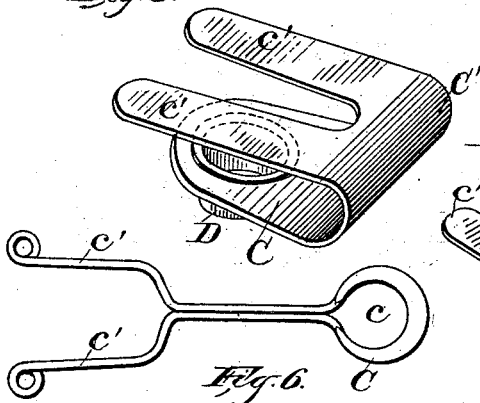


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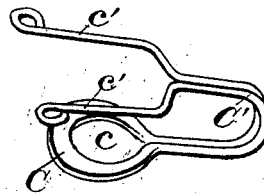


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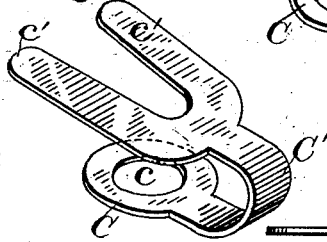


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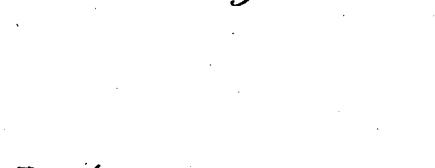
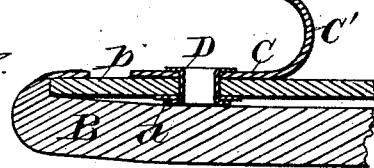


Fig. 7.



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CRAVAT-RETAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK W. THAL, of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee, and in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cravat-Retainers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to devices for retaining cravats, scarfs, bows, or similar articles of neck-wear in proper positions upon the collars of the wearers; and it consists in certain peculiarities of construction, as will be fully set forth hereinafter, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional view of one form of my device applied to the button of a standing collar. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same in connection with a turned-down collar. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 represent various forms of my device in perspective. Fig. 6 shows the same form of fastener as Fig. 4 before the final bending, and Fig. 7 is a sectional view of this form of device fastened to the necktie.

A represents a collar-button of any ordinary construction passing through the button-holes in the front ends of the standing collar *a*, or the button-holes in similar ends of the turned-down collar *a'*.

B represents a cravat, scarf, or similar style of necktie, having a shield, *b*, to which my device is attached in such manner as to be reversible, so that its forked end may embrace the shank of the collar-button from below or above, according as to whether a standing or turned-down collar is worn.

My device may be made from a strip of flattened metal or from wire, as preferred, and in either case consists of the inner portion, C, having an eye, *c*, for attachment to the necktie shield, a bent neck, C', and two tines, *c' c'*, forming the forked outer portion. The preferred form of attachment is by means of an eyelet, D, passed through the eye *c*, and through a corresponding hole in the shield *b*, and through one in the washer *d*, after which this end of the eyelet is upset, all as best shown in Fig. 7, and this washer *d* is important, as

otherwise, owing to the flimsy nature of the material (generally pasteboard) of which the shields are usually made, a few reversals of the device (in changing the position to adapt it to different styles of collars) would be apt to cause the device to wear loose and become detached from the shield.

As shown in Fig. 1, my device is turned so that the forked end *c' c'* points upward, and the head of the collar-button is received between said end and the end C, the bent neck C' preventing the necktie from rising above its proper position, while in Fig. 2 the device is turned so that the forked end points downward, and so that the necktie hangs, as it were, from the collar-button, because with this form of collar the ends of the top of the necktie will slip under the folds of the collar, and be thereby prevented from rising. With this form of collar, further, if desired, the forked end of the device may be slipped or hooked over the collar itself, so that the bent neck C' will rest on the collar instead of resting over the collar-button, if desired in any particular case.

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

1. An improved necktie-fastener consisting of a hook or U shaped body forked at one end to embrace the stem of a collar-button, and having an eye at the opposite end and an attaching-rivet loosely swiveled in its eye, substantially as described.

2. A necktie provided with a fastener consisting of a hook or U shaped body forked at one end and having an eye at its opposite end, and secured reversibly to the necktie by a rivet swiveled loosely in the eye of the fastener, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand, at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, in the presence of two witnesses.

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