

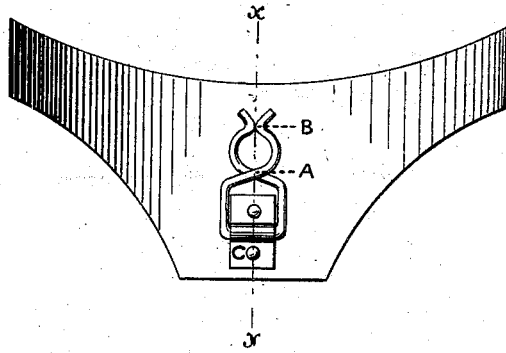
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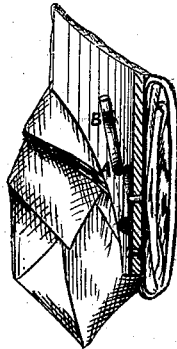
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR HOLDING NECK-TIES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALVIN H. DODD, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Bow-Fastener, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to a new and useful device for fastening made-up bows to the collar-button; and consists, mainly, in a cross-wire spring which is permanently fastened to the bow-shield by a metal plate, in which it swings loosely, the construction and operation of my invention being described as follows:

Figure 1 represents a plan of my invention as applied to the bow-shield. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same through the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the case here presented, the bow-fastener is made of wire, bent in form, as shown in Fig. 1. It will here be observed that the wire crosses at the point indicated by A, forming a spring, which keeps the neck ends together, as shown at B.

This device is attached to the bow-shield by means of a thin metal plate, C, which is riveted to the shield, or, if desired, the said device may be secured to the shield by stitching thereto.

The portion above the neck B is spread in the form of a V, so as to allow it to be adjusted to the neck of the collar-button with ease, and by a gentle upward pressure the springs will spread and the neck of the collar-button will be confined in the space between A and B. The bow is removed by a reverse or downward pull, which also causes the springs to spread.

The above-described bow-fastener is bent inward, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to cause the shield to be held snugly against the shirt-bosom when worn.

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

The neck-tie or bow fastener herein described, consisting of a spring-clasp formed from a single piece of wire, bent into loop-shape, to receive an attaching-plate, having an eye for the reception of the collar-button, and provided with outwardly-branching ends, to facilitate the entrance and removal of said button, as and for the purpose set forth.

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