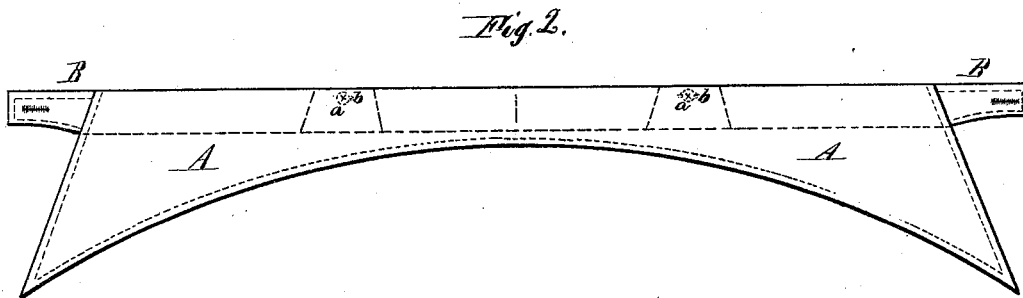
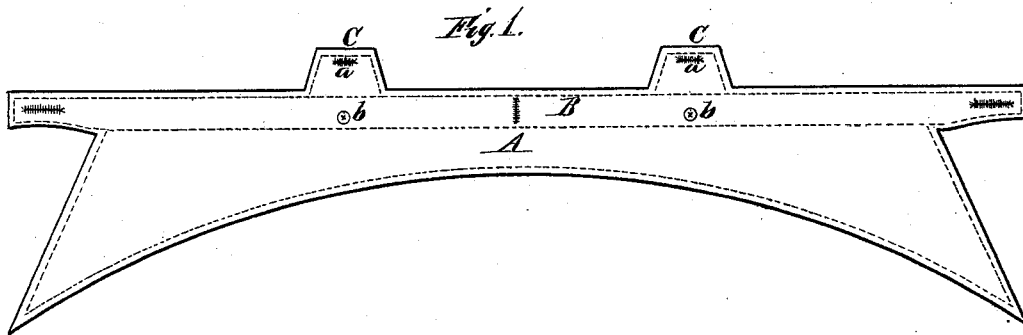


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IMPROVEMENT IN COLLARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. HOUSE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Collars for neck wear, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the collar unfolded, showing the band and button thereon and the guard attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the collar folded, showing by dotted lines the guards buttoned to the band.

My invention relates more particularly to that kind of collar known as "Byron" or "turn-down" collars, but may be applied to a standing collar; and consists in placing a guard on each side of the collar and a button on each side of the collar-band, to which one end of the guard is buttoned, for the purpose of holding the neck-tie or scarf-band in place.

I am aware that standing collars have been made with one or more guards, designed to prevent the neck-tie from slipping up over the collar, and that in some cases the guard has been buttoned to the vest-collar.

I am also aware that paper collars have been made with slits, and that other devices have been resorted to for the same purpose; but none are like my device.

A great difficulty has been experienced in keeping the neck-tie or scarf-band in proper position under the collar. A guard sewed in the collar-band for the purpose of holding the scarf-band or neck-tie by the rigidity or gripe of the guard, made by starching it, while it may, in some cases, prevent the scarf-band or tie from slipping above or below the collar-band, will not prevent the scarf-band or tie from slipping around on the collar-band and getting

out of position; besides, will not retain the scarf-band or tie in position on the collar after the collar has been removed from the neck.

Buttoning the guard on the vest-collar is not applicable to a Byron or turn-down collar, because it will not prevent the scarf-band from slipping down below the collar-band.

The object of my invention is to avoid these difficulties, and to provide a collar with a simple device for holding the scarf-band or tie in proper and secure position around the collar-band while the collar is being worn, also while the collar is being removed, so that the collar and scarf may be removed together and put on together without any readjustment of the scarf-band.

To accomplish this I attach to each side of the collar-band B, at its edge, a narrow piece of cloth, C, called a "guard." The opposite end of this guard is buttoned to a button, *b*, near the opposite edge of the collar-band. When the scarf-band or neck-tie is once adjusted around the collar, this guard is turned over the tie or band and buttoned to the button, thus securing it in its proper place so that it will not move in any direction, and need not be removed nor readjusted when the collar is being removed or replaced.

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

A collar provided with a button, *b*, and tab C, having the button-hole *a*, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this 31st day of December, 1877.

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