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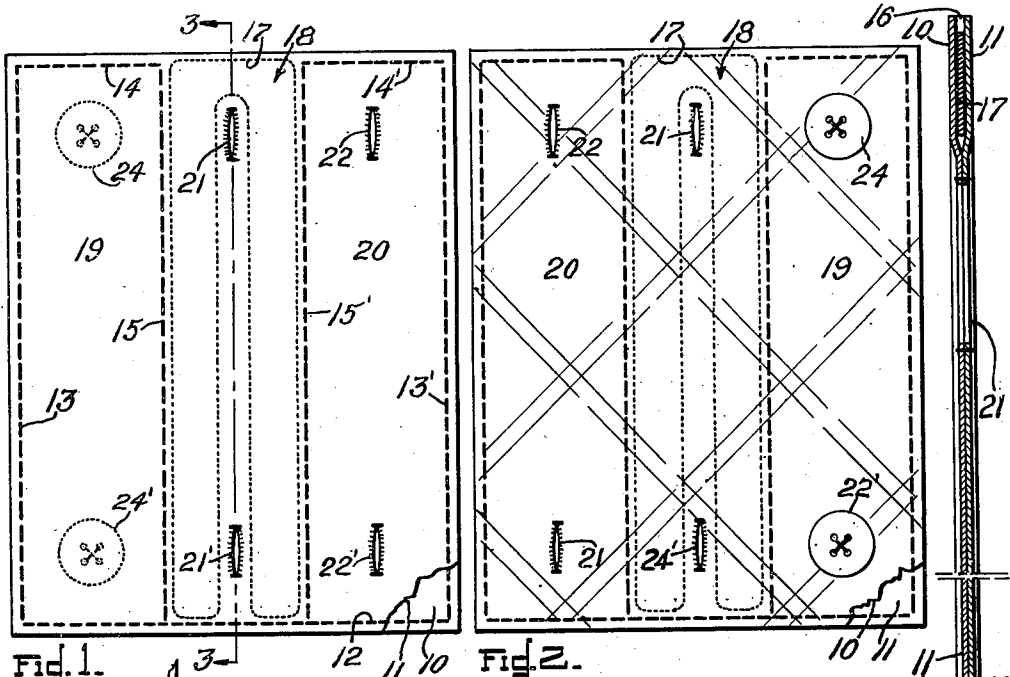


Fig. 1.

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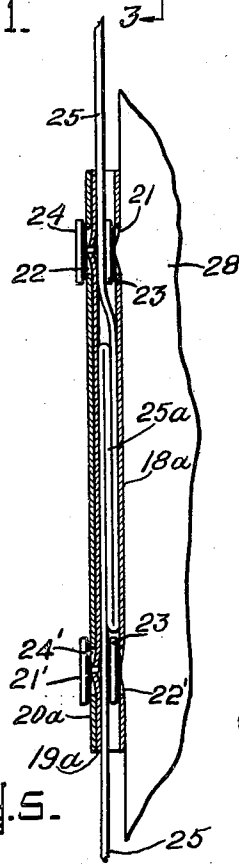


Fig. 3.

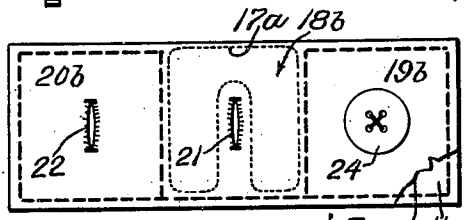


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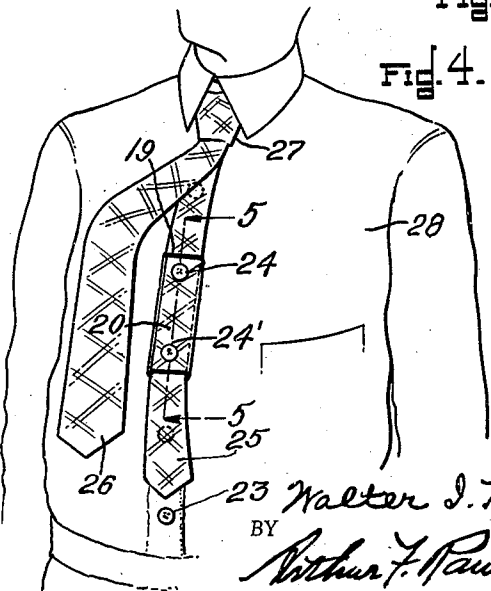


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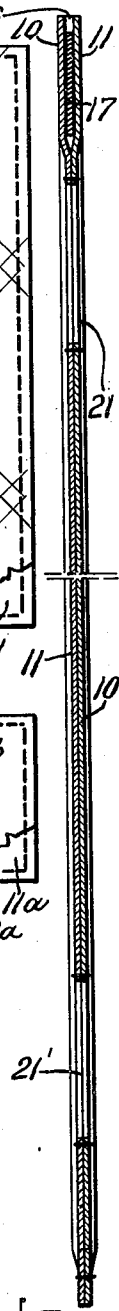


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My invention relates to improvements in tie-holding attachments for application to shirts and the like and it has for its object to provide an attachment of the class indicated adapted to hold in place the end or ends of a four-in-hand tie and which will be of simple and inexpensive construction.

To these ends I have provided an improved tie-holding attachment for shirts and the like which, in its preferred form, may be constructed and function as set forth in the following description, the several novel features of the invention being particularly pointed out and defined in the claims at the close of said description.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevation, full size, of the inner side or face of a tie-holding attachment constructed in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is an elevation of the outer side or face of the attachment shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Figure 4 shows my new attachment in use.

Figure 5 is a section on line 5—5 of Fig. 4 illustrating an alternative construction.

Figure 6 also illustrates a third form of the invention.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 comprises two superposed rectangular swatch-like plies of cloth or other suitable flexible sheet material including an outer face ply 10 and a lining ply 11. The lower marginal portions of these two plies are fastened together by a transverse line of stitches 12 extending from side to side thereof and their opposite side marginal portions are fastened together by lines of stitches 13 and 13', respectively, extending from top to bottom thereof. The top marginal portions of said plies are fastened together by two lines of stitches 14 and 14' whose inner ends are spaced apart as shown.

Two relatively parallel spaced apart lines of stitches 15 and 15' fasten together the intermediate portions of the two plies of cloth 10 and 11, said stitches extending longitudinally from the inner ends of stitches 14 and 14' to the lower transverse line of stitches 12 so as to provide between them a longitudinal pocket 16 (Fig. 3) which is open at its upper end and within which is disposed a U-shaped stiffener 17.

This stiffener is preferably made from suitable sheet material such, for example, as cardboard, Celluloid, "Lucite," or metal, and is inserted in the pocket 16 through the upper open end of the latter.

Thus, when the stiffener is in position within

the pocket 16 the device is characterized by an intermediate relatively stiff longitudinal panel 18 provided at opposite sides thereof with two flexible longitudinal flaps 19 and 20.

The plies 10 and 11 are assembled and sewed together as above described to form a unitary structure after which the intermediate panel 18 is formed with two buttonholes 21 and 21' one near the top of the device and the other near the lower end thereof, while the flap 20 is likewise formed with two longitudinally aligned buttonholes 22 and 22', one near the top of the device and the other near the lower end thereof. The buttonholes 21 and 21' are disposed upon the longitudinal medial line of panel 18 and likewise the buttonholes 22 and 22' are disposed upon the longitudinal medial line of flexible panel 20. The distance between the two buttonholes 21 and 21' from center to center, is approximately the same as the distance between two proximate buttons 23 (Fig. 4) as found upon men's shirts which are practically alike in this respect, viz., about three and one-quarter inches apart, the lengths of the buttonholes themselves affording some latitude in either direction. The buttonholes 22 and 22' are preferably disposed the same distance apart but this is not essential.

Sewed or otherwise secured upon the outer face ply 10 of panel 19 are two buttons 24 and 24' disposed upon the longitudinal medial line of said panel in positions to cooperate with the buttonholes 22.

In using the above described attachment the outer face ply 10 is placed against the shirt of the wearer and the device attached to said shirt by engaging the two buttonholes 21 and 21' with two of the buttons 23 of the shirt 28. Then, after placing the leg 25 of the tie (Fig. 4), or both legs 25 and 26, over the middle panel 18 of the attachment, the flap 19 is folded over on to the same, after which the flap 20 is folded over on to said flap 19 and buttoned to the same. As will be clear, the part or parts of the tie thus confined are held at the middle of the shirt and against sidewise displacement in any direction or manner and also to a substantial extent against upward displacement.

Sometimes the tie is knotted as at 27 with the leg 25 objectionably longer than the outer leg 26 in which case a tuck 25a may be formed in said leg 25 and confined within the attachment as shown in Fig. 5.

In Fig. 5 of the drawing the attachment is shown in central longitudinal section after application to the shirt 28 and to the leg 25 of the

tie and as shown this form of the invention is made from a single rectangular ply of cloth or the like similar to the ply 10 of Figs. 1 and 2 and like the latter is formed with buttonholes and provided with buttons as described in connection with said Figs. 1 and 2. In this case the stitches and stiffener of Figs. 1 and 2 are omitted.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated in Fig. 6 comprises two rectangular oblong plies of flexible sheet material 10a and 11a of cloth or the like sewed together and provided with a stiffener 17a substantially as described in connection with Figs. 1 and 2. In this case, however, the panel 19b is provided with a single centrally disposed button 24 while the panels 18b and 20b are provided with centrally disposed buttonholes 21 and 22, respectively.

What I claim is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a tie-holding attachment for shirts comprising a swatch-like body of cloth provided with a medially disposed buttonhole for the reception of a button of the shirt at the front of the latter by which the attachment is held in position thereon, and having flaps at the opposite sides of said buttonhole to be folded inwardly around an existing tie, and means to fasten said flaps together in superposed relationship to confine the tie within the attachment while the latter is held against up and down and sidewise displacement by the button of the shirt, said means comprising a button secured in position upon the exterior of one of said flaps and a buttonhole formed in the other flap for the reception of said last-mentioned button.

2. A tie-holding attachment for shirts and the like comprising a two-ply swatch-like body of flexible sheet material provided adjacent to its middle with means for separably engaging the shirt or the like thereby to secure the device flatwise in position thereon; stitches securing the two plies of said body together and forming a pocket adjacent to the middle of said body with flexible flaps at opposite sides of said pocket to be

folded inwardly toward each other over the tie; means for separably fastening said flaps together in their in-folded positions, and a stiffener within said pocket.

3. A tie-holding attachment for shirts and the like comprising a two-ply swatch-like body of flexible sheet material provided adjacent to its middle with a buttonhole for separably engaging a button of the shirt or the like thereby to secure the device flatwise in position upon the latter; stitches securing the two plies of said body together and forming a pocket adjacent to the middle of the latter with flexible flaps at opposite sides of said pocket to be folded inwardly toward each other over the tie; means for separably fastening said flaps together in their in-folded positions, and a stiffener within said pocket.

4. A tie-holding attachment for shirts and the like comprising a two-ply swatch-like body of flexible sheet material provided adjacent to its middle with means for separably engaging the shirt or the like thereby to secure the device flatwise in position thereon; stitches securing the two plies of said body together and forming a pocket adjacent to the middle of the latter with flexible flaps at opposite sides of said pocket to be folded inwardly toward each other over the tie and into overlapping relationship, one of said flaps being made with a buttonhole and the other flap being provided with a button engageable with said hole to separably fasten said flaps together in their in-folded positions, and a stiffener within said pocket.

5. A tie-holding attachment for shirts and the like constructed in accordance with claim 2 and wherein the means for separably engaging the shirt or the like consists of a pair of buttonholes disposed one above the other adjacent to the longitudinal medial line of said body, said buttonholes being spaced apart a distance approximating the distance between two proximate front buttons of an existing shirt.

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