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Neck-Tie.

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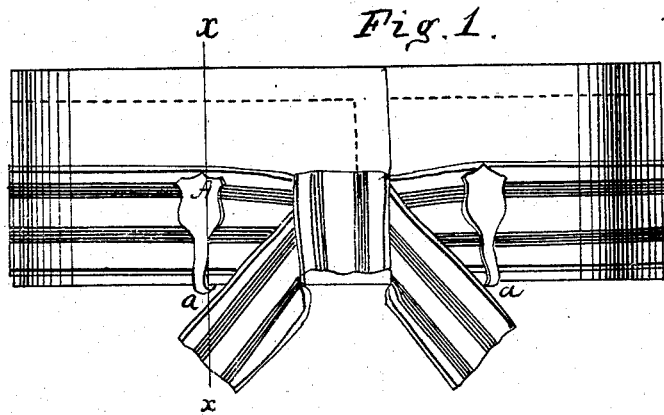
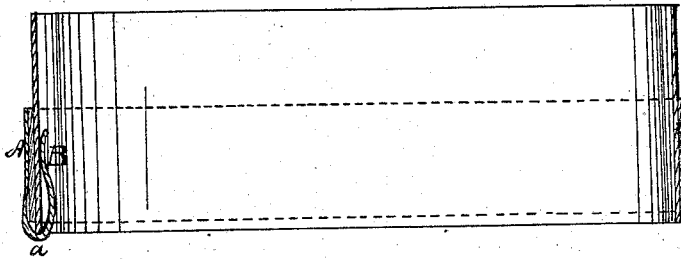


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR HOLDING NECKTIES AND SHIRT-COLLARS TOGETHER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 48,356, dated June 27, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. BARNES, of Watertown, in the county of Jefferson and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Device or Clasp for Holding Together the Neck-Tie and Collar; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my invention, showing its application. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same, taken in the line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention consists in the production of a neat little article, made of gold, silver, or other metal or material, intended for holding a gentleman's or lady's neck tie or scarf in proper place on the collar, and it answers also for a new ornament for both ladies and gentlemen.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it.

A, Fig. 1, represents the front of the clasp, or that part which is intended to be seen, and it is made with its upper part nearly in the form of the Union breast-plate or shield.

B represents the back part of the clasp, or that next the neck of the wearer, and it is also made with its upper portion sufficiently large to afford a suitable bearing on the inside of the collar. A neck or smaller portion, *a*, connects the two parts A B. The neck *a* is so bent as to afford a spring sufficient to throw the two parts A and B closely together, so that they shall hold tightly anything placed between them, as shown clearly in Fig. 2.

I have represented the clasp as formed of one piece of metal, stamped out and bent up into shape; but they may be made of two materials. For instance, the visible part may be of gold and the inner part of some less valuable metal, and the two joined together in any suitable way.

I propose making these clasps of many different varieties and styles and of different mate-

rials, and I intend to adorn the plates A with ornamental designs of various descriptions and to set them with precious stones, so that the clasp shall not only answer a useful purpose—that of keeping the neck tie or scarf and collar tightly together—but, when worn near the bow or tie, form a new and beautiful article of ornament.

Neckties, when worn on “choker” or “stand-up” collars, are continually working up on the neck, much to the annoyance of the wearer, unless they are sewed or pinned to the collar, which latter mode of fastening is far inferior to mine, for the reason that the pins will show unless placed too far back to be of much use in keeping the tie in an exact position in front, and besides this they are continually coming out, and it requires as much time, and more, to pin the necktie in place as to adjust my clasps. The clasps are adjustable, and may therefore be moved into or out of sight, as may suit the pleasure of the wearer.

These clasps will greatly facilitate the putting on and removal of ladies’ “garrote” collars, which at present are applied by sewing or pinning them inside the neckband of the dress-waist, and the necktie or ribbon is then placed outside the band and also pinned. With my device it is only necessary to button or pin the collar on the neckband of the dress-waist, and the necktie or ribbon is fastened to the collar, either before or after the same has been placed upon the neck, by my clasp, and there is no liability of accidental derangement of either the necktie or ribbon.

I do not confine myself to any particular form of clasp or to any particular metal or material of which to make them.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, as a new article of manufacture, is—

A clasp for holding the necktie in place on the collar, substantially as described.

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Witnesses:

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