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Neck-Tie.

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Fig. 1.

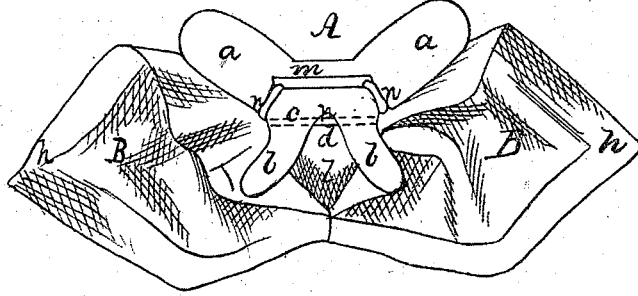
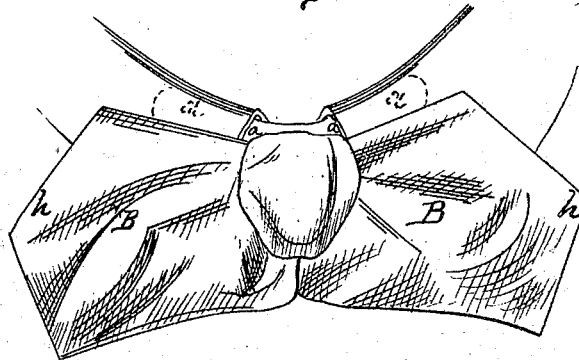


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN NECKTIES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HART, Jr., of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Cravat-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The present invention relates to a new and improved holder for cravats, neckties, scarfs, "butterflies," so called, and other similar articles of wearing-apparel, by means of which the cravat, necktie, or scarf, &c., can be readily secured in position upon the neck of the person; and removed therefrom without injuring or soiling the collar in the least degree, said holder being also so formed that it can be readily attached to or detached from the cravat, &c., at pleasure.

In accompanying plate of drawings my improved cravat-holder is illustrated, Figure 1 being a view of the back side of a necktie or cravat with it applied thereto, and Fig. 2 a front view of the necktie or cravat, showing it in position upon a collar.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

A in the drawings represents my improved cravat-holder, which is made of hammered sheet-brass, or other suitable sheet metal or material having similar characteristics—that is, stiffness with sufficient flexibility to allow it to be bent without breaking—which cravat-holder is made of the form shown in the drawings, Fig. 1, with a similar wing, *a*, upon each side at its upper portion, and with two similar projecting arms, *b*, from its lower edge, *e*, said arms forming an acute angle or crotch, *d*, with each other at their point of junction with the main or central portion, *f*, of the holder A.

The holder A, having the general form above specified, is bent in the direction of its length into the shape of a curve corresponding to the general curved shape of a person's neck, so that when placed thereon it will nicely and closely fit about the same throughout its whole length. To this holder A the cravat or necktie B, upon its back side, is to be secured by sewing, riveting, or in any

other proper manner, with its wings *a* slightly projecting above the upper edge of the cravat, and so that the crotch or angle *d* of its two arms *b* will be midway, or nearly so, between the two extreme ends *h* of the cravat, and a little above its center *l*, as plainly shown in the drawings, which holder, thus secured to the cravat or necktie, when the cravat is to be placed upon the neck of a person, is set by its crotch *d* upon the front button of the neck-binding of the shirt, between it and the ends of the collar buttoned thereon, when, slightly depressing one end of the cravat by turning it and its holder upon such button, one wing, *a*, of the holder is placed under the end of the turned-down portion of the collar next to the same, the other wing of the holder then being similarly placed under the other end of the collar, and the whole afterward adjusted so as to bring the cravat in proper position with reference to the collar and neck of the person wearing it, the holder A firmly retaining the cravat in position, as it is prevented from dropping out of its place by the resting of its crotch *d* upon the collar-button, and also from moving laterally or in any other possible direction, as is obvious without further explanation.

In order to render the holder A susceptible of being readily attached to and detached from the necktie or cravat at pleasure, and thus allow one holder to be used for several cravats, in lieu of securing it by rivets or sewing or other similar manner, as before explained, I make in the central portion of the holder, and extending in the direction of its length, a short slot, *m*, through which is passed an elastic loop, *n*, secured at each end to the necktie, and then around and over the angular arms of the holder, when, by the elasticity of such loop, the holder is tightly held in place upon the cravat, as plainly seen in Fig. 1, the elastic loop, if the holder is to be detached from the cravat, being simply drawn over the ends of its arms, when the holder is free to be removed, as is obvious.

The holder A may, if desired, be japanned, or otherwise suitably colored to correspond with the color of the cravat, &c., to which it is to be applied, so that such portions of it as are exposed to sight will not mar the appearance of the cravat, and I deem it best at least

to protect it, by some suitable coating, from the effects of exposure to the atmosphere; but I do not wish to limit myself to any particular surface-covering for the holder, as that will depend entirely upon the taste of the wearer or manufacturer.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A cravat-holder provided with wings *a a*,

arms *b b*, and slot *m*, constructed and operating substantially as described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 8th day of December, 1865.

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