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Fig. 1.

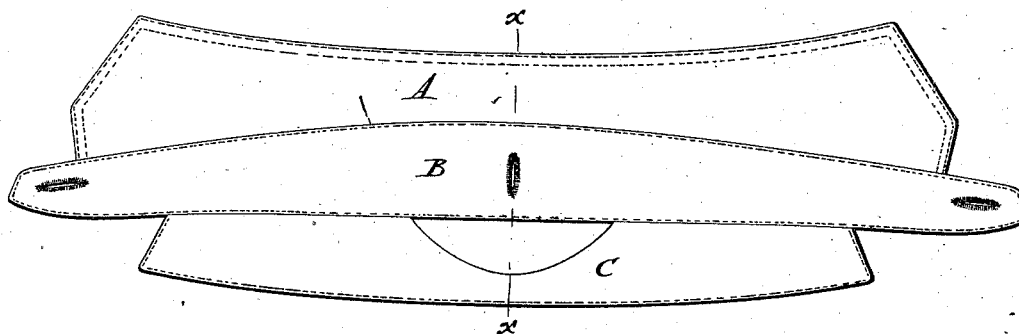


Fig. 2.

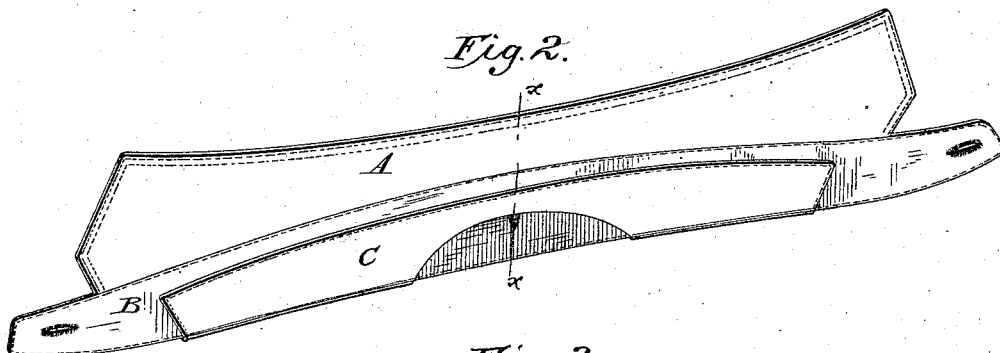
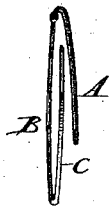


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. SHAFFER, of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Collars, of which the following is a specification.

The aim of this invention is to provide a collar by which the scarf or tie encircling the neck of the wearer may be conveniently retained in position, and at the same time access afforded to the stud or button by which the collar is attached at the back to the shirt.

To this end it consists in combining with the lower edge of the ordinary band a longitudinal flap extending continuously from a point near one end of the band to a corresponding point near the other, and having at the center an opening to expose the usual button-hole in the band.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a face view of the collar as it appears when unfolded. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same, showing the flap in its operative position, but the body of the collar turned upward to expose the portion thereunder. Fig. 3 is a vertical central cross-section on the line *x x*, Fig. 2.

The drawings illustrate what is commonly known in the art as a "turn-down" collar.

A represents the body of the collar, and B the band attached thereto, the latter being provided with button-holes at its center and ends. So far as the above described features are concerned the collar is of ordinary form and construction.

C represents my improved attachment, consisting of a continuous flap having one edge joined permanently to the lower edge of the band in such manner that it may be folded upward against the outside band beneath the body when the latter is in its usual position. At its center the flap C is cut away, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, forming an opening through which access may be had to the central button-hole. The enlarged central opening in the flap is an essential feature of my invention, and is important in that it affords free access to the stud or button at the back, while the scarf or tie is confined in position beneath the flap and the body of the collar.

In making use of the device the body is

turned upward, as in Fig. 2, the scarf or tie inserted between the band and the flap, and the body turned downward over the outside, as shown in Fig. 3, the scarf being thus applied either before or after the application of the collar to the stud or button hole at the rear. The flap constructed as above serves to hold the tie firmly in position within the collar, and also to hold the edge of the collar between the buttons down in proper position upon the shirt-band, so as to prevent it from riding or buckling upward at said points, as is commonly the case with those made in the ordinary manner.

I am aware that collars have been provided with flaps, tags, and incisions of various forms for the purpose of uniting the scarf therewith; but I am not aware that any one has hitherto applied a continuous flap, as shown in the drawings, provided with a central opening, to the edge of the collar-band.

As indicated in the drawings, the flap is attached directly to the edge of the collar-band in such manner that when extended the surfaces of the two will lie flush with each other, in order that the flap may be folded upon either surface, this construction rendering the collar reversible, so that it may be finished and worn either side out, as preferred.

The present invention is restricted to those matters and things which are hereinafter claimed, and as to all matters which may be described or shown, but which are not claimed, the right is reserved to make the same the subject of a separate application.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The improved collar, having the continuous flap C attached to the edge of its band, and provided with a central opening, as and for the purpose described.

2. The improved collar, consisting of the body portion A, the band B, provided with the button-hole, the flap C, provided with the large central opening, and adapted to be folded upon either surface of the band at will.

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