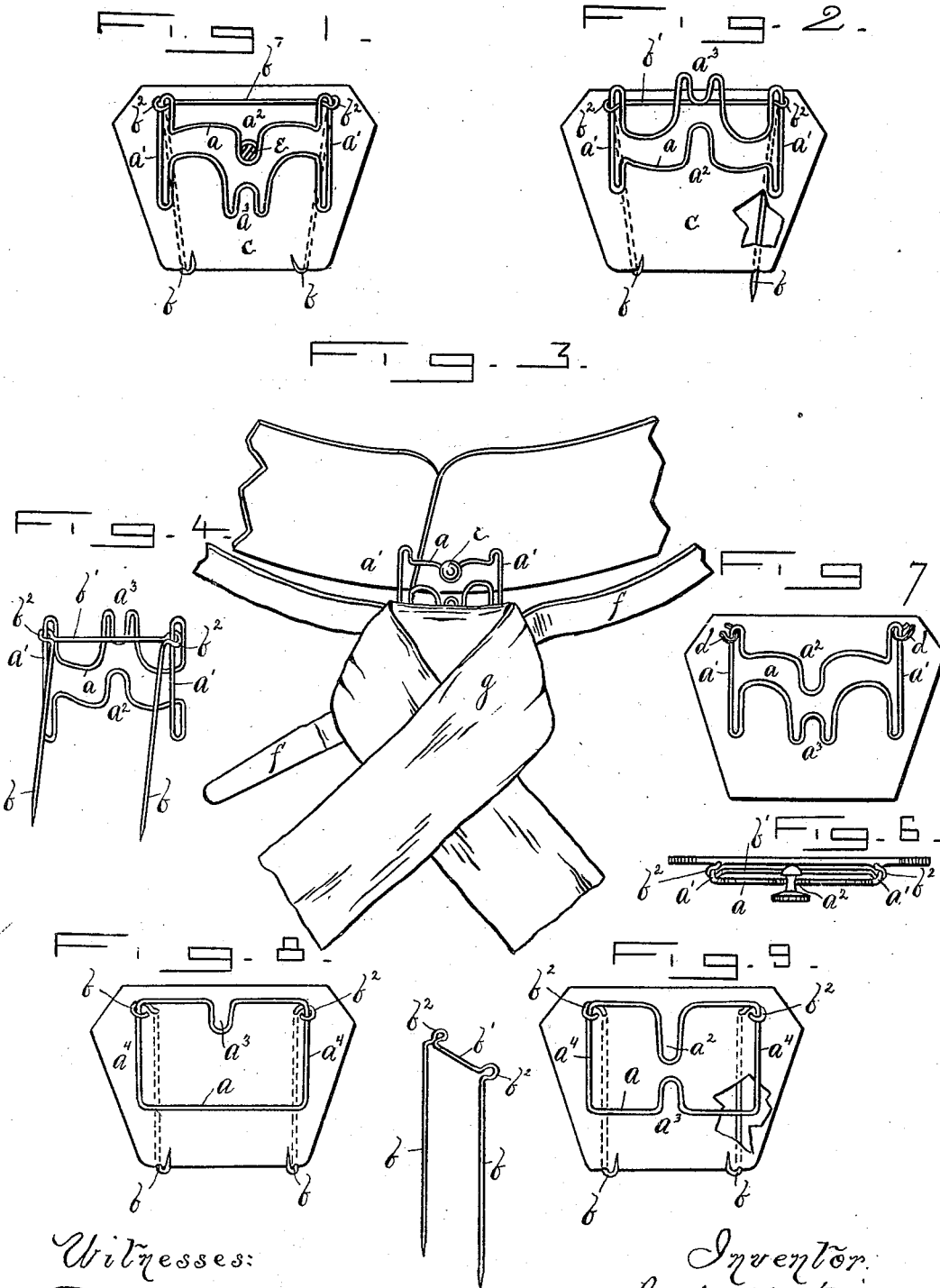


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BURTON M. FISH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates particularly to the application to a necktie of a fastener; and it consists in so combining them that the fastener is adjustably secured to the back of the necktie, but is not removable therefrom, the fastener becoming a permanent part of the necktie.

My invention is carried out in a manner which I will now proceed to definitely describe and claim.

In the drawings, Figures 1 and 2 show my improvement in two different positions. Fig. 3 illustrates its application. Figs. 4 and 5 show detached detail views. Fig. 6 is a plan view, showing the engagement of the fastener with a collar-button, and Figs. 7, 8, and 9 are views of modifications.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the form of the fastener which I preferably use consists of the frame *a*, either of wire or sheet metal, having the end loops or bars, *a'* *a'*, the central collar-button slot, *a''*, and the raised collar-button slot *a'''*—a form of fastener for which Letters Patent were issued to me on the 23d day of March, 1886. This fastener I secure to the necktie as follows: I take the device clearly shown in Fig. 5, consisting of the pointed prongs *b b*, connected by the cross-piece *b'*, and having the eyes *b'' b''* at the corners, and secure such device adjustably to the fastener *a* by engaging the eyes *b'' b''* loosely with the loops *a' a'* of the fastener, as clearly shown in Fig. 4. I then secure the pointed prongs *b b* to the fabric covering the back plate, *c*, of the necktie by passing them down between the plate and covering fabric, and turning over the exposed ends of such

prongs against the fabric, by means of which arrangement the fastener *a* is permanently but adjustably secured to the necktie, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In Fig. 7 I have shown the fastener secured to the necktie by small loops *d d*, elastic or otherwise; but I prefer the first construction as being more quickly secured, besides being much more permanent.

It will be noted that in Fig. 1 the fastener *a* is adjusted so as to bring into play the central collar-button slot, *a''*, in which case the collar-button is hid from sight, and in Fig. 2 the raised collar-button slot is brought into play so as to expose the whole or a part of the collar-button when the cravat is adjusted.

The fastener *a*, by means of its arrangement upon the cravat, is permitted to slide up and down in the fastening-loops *b'' b''* or *d d*, and in Fig. 3 the advantage of such improved construction and combination is apparent, as it will be seen that in the act of securing the fastener to the shank of the collar-button *e* such fastener is pushed up as far as the side loops or bars, *a' a'*, will permit, and in such raised position either of the collar-button slots *a''* or *a'''* can be handily and quickly adjusted upon the collar-button, as shown in Fig. 3, and when the band *f* of the cravat *g* is tightened the fastening-eyes *b'' b''* ride up the loops *a' a'* to their top, and the cravat covers such fastener, and is securely held in such position and prevented from rising upon the collar through the engagement of parts, as shown.

In Figs. 8 and 9 modified forms of the fastener *a* are shown, in which the side bars, *a'*, of the frame take the place of the loops or bars *a' a'*, the adjustment, however, remaining the same. The securing device is also slightly modified, the prongs *b b* being separate with the eyes *b'' b''* at their ends, the connecting-piece *b'* having been omitted.

I claim—

1. The combination, with a necktie provided on its rear face with securing-loops, of a fastener having a collar-button slot or slots, and elongated end loops loosely engaged with the securing-loops of the necktie, whereby the fastener can be vertically adjusted upon the securing-loops, substantially as and for the purpose stated.

2. The combination, with the back plate, *c*,  
of the necktie provided with the eyes *b*<sup>2</sup> *b*<sup>3</sup>,  
secured thereto, of a fastener having either  
one or both of the collar-button slots *a*<sup>2</sup> *a*<sup>3</sup> and  
5 the end loops or bars, *a'* *a'*, the loops or bars  
being adjustable upon the eyes, substantially  
as and for the purpose stated.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name  
to this specification in the presence of two sub-  
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