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FIG. 1.

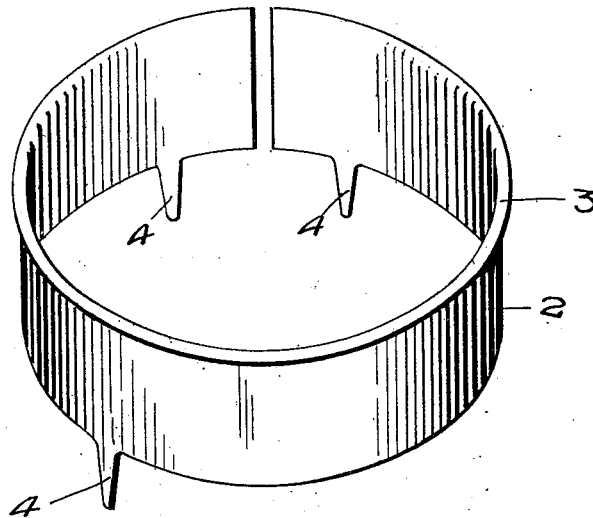
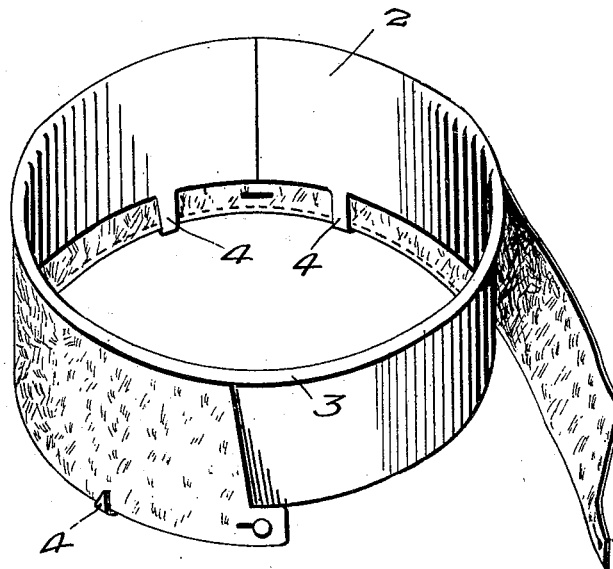


FIG. 2.



WITNESSES

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## APPAREL-APRON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. MEMMINGER, of Rosemount, Dakota county, Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Shields, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to devices for protecting the collar against moisture; and the objects of the invention are, first, to provide means for protecting a starched collar from perspiration, and, second, to provide a protector or shield for a starched collar which can be easily placed in position after the collar is put on, if preferred, and as readily removed.

The invention consists generally in a moisture-proof band or belt adapted to fit between the collar and the neck of the wearer.

Further, the invention consists in means for securing the band or belt in position inside the collar.

Further, the invention consists in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved collar-shield. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the shield attached to a collar.

In the drawings, 2 represents the band or belt, preferably of celluloid, having at its upper edge the outwardly-turned flange 3 and on its lower edge a series of points or projections 4, that are shown in the drawings integral with the main portion of the band, but may, if preferred, be formed independently thereof and secured thereto in any suitable manner. The band is preferably open at the back and is slipped down inside the collar, so that the upper edge of the collar will engage the flange 3 and the points 4 will extend down below the collar, and upon being turned out around its lower edge, as shown in Fig. 2, will hold the shield securely in position.

The shield when placed in position inside a collar will effectually protect it from perspiration, and as the device can be quickly placed in position and removed it is especially desir-

able for any one walking or riding a wheel or for those who perspire freely in warm weather.

While I have shown the device made of celluloid, I do not confine myself to this material, as any substance that is light, flexible, and moisture-proof will answer the purpose as well; nor do I wish to confine myself to the particular means shown and described for attaching the device to a collar, as equally efficient means may be devised to accomplish this result without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a collar-shield comprising a moisture-proof band or belt adapted to be inserted between the collar and neck of the wearer, and a series of flexible points provided at intervals on the lower edge of said band and adapted to be bent under the lower edge of the collar, and forming hooks to hold the shield in place.

2. A collar-shield, comprising a moisture-proof band or belt adapted to be inserted between the collar and the neck of the wearer and having at its upper edge an outwardly-turned flange to rest upon the top of the collar, and means for securing the lower edge of said band to the collar, substantially as described.

3. As a new article of manufacture a moisture-proof band or belt fitting inside the collar, a flange provided upon the upper edge of said band, and a series of flexible points provided at the lower edge thereof, for the purpose specified.

4. A collar-shield, comprising a band or belt 2, having at its upper edge an outwardly-turned flange 3 and at its lower edge a series of flexible points or projections 4, for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29th day of July, 1899.

WILLIAM M. MEMMINGER.

In presence of—

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