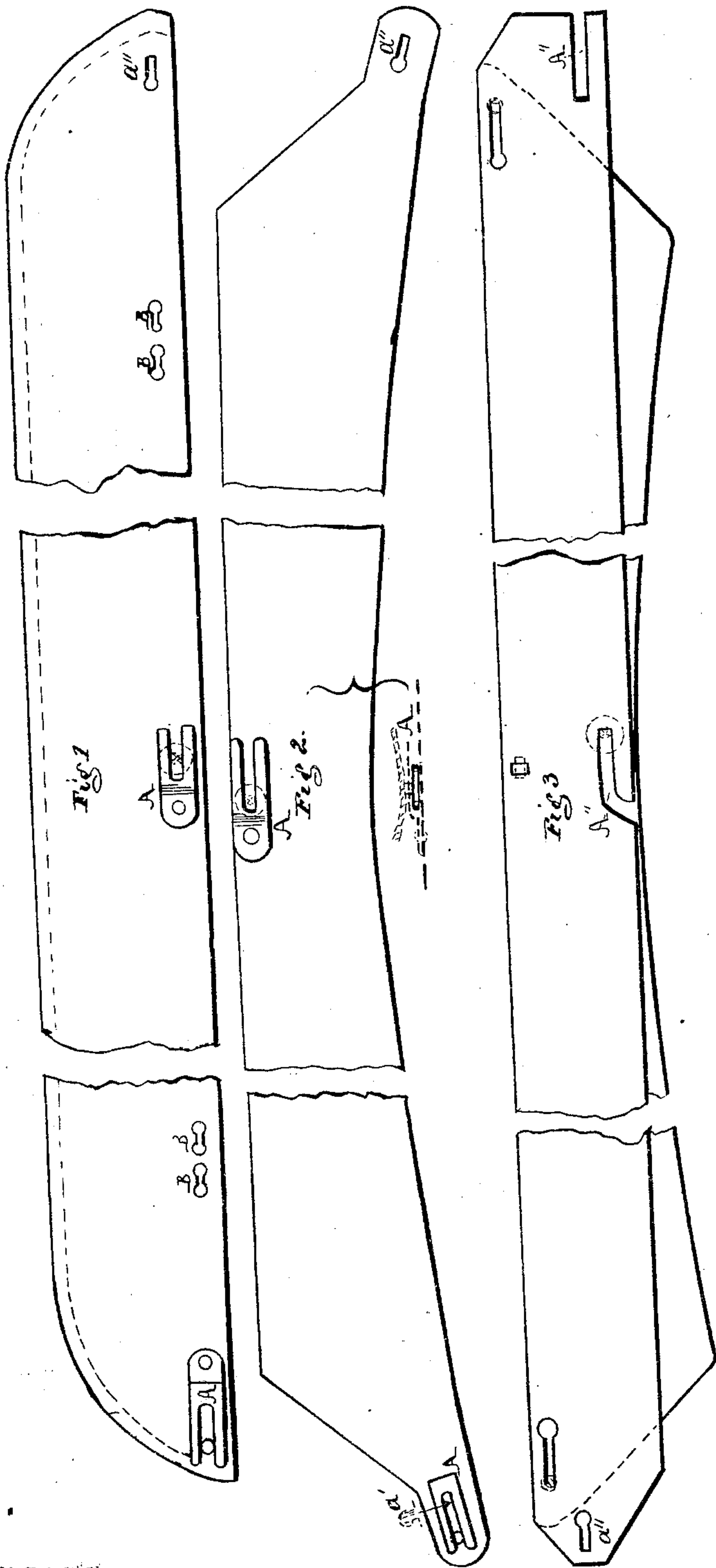


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IMPROVEMENT IN METALLIC COLLARS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS BILLON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Shirt-Collar; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists more particularly of an improved means of fastening the collar to the shirt-band, as also the necktie to the collar, and which also facilitates the reverse operation.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

In the drawings, Figures 1, 2, and 3 represent several styles of collars with my improved fastening device thereon, and it is shown by A in Figs. 1 and 2, being a bifurcated clip raised sufficiently to permit an ordinary shirt-button to pass underneath, the slot in it clearing the thread attaching such button to the shirt-band. This clip is intended to be applied more especially to enameled flexible steel collars, and as an improvement on my Patent No. 42,429, dated April 19, 1864. The operation of slipping this clip between the button and shirt-band is too obvious to need any explanation. I use one behind and one in front, the ends in

front being held together by means of a button, *a'*, on the front side of the collar hooking as a key into a slot, *a''*, on the other end, which also comes in front.

Instead of the bifurcated raised clip A to embrace the shirt-button, a mere slot, *A''*, Fig. 3, will perform the same function.

If it be desirable to attach the collar to the band still more closely, it can be done by means of ordinary pins passing through the holes B B B; but, considering this unnecessary, I prefer using said holes to pin the necktie to the collar before putting the latter on. To this end it can be pinned from the inside, the pin being entirely concealed from view.

In making the imitation stitching around the top part of the collar I at the same time give that part a slight flare or turn out from the neck—an imperceptible curve—which prevents the top edge of the collar from chafing the neck.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A collar adapted for attachment to the shirt-buttons by means of the auxiliary bifurcated piece A, substantially as shown and described.

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