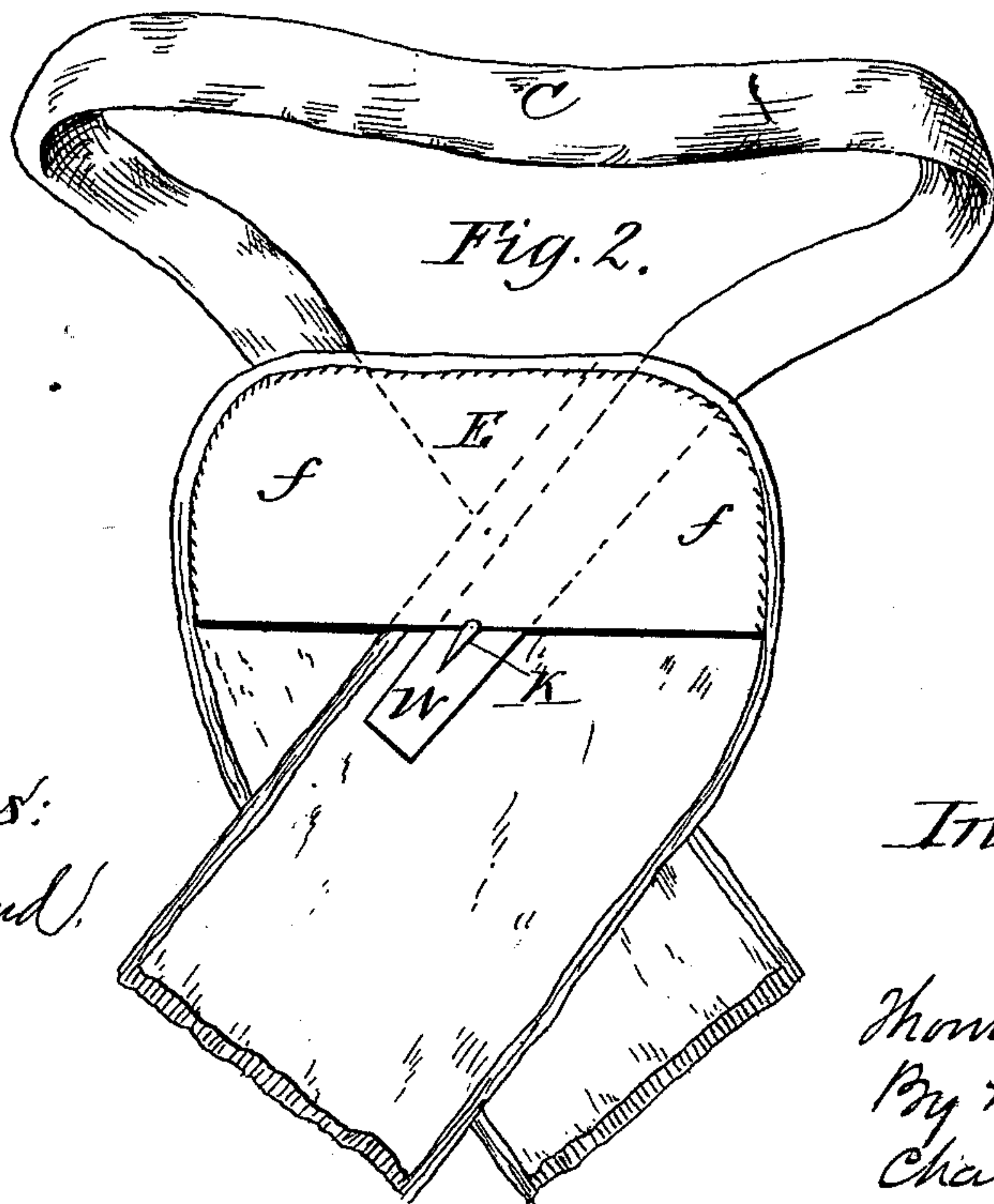
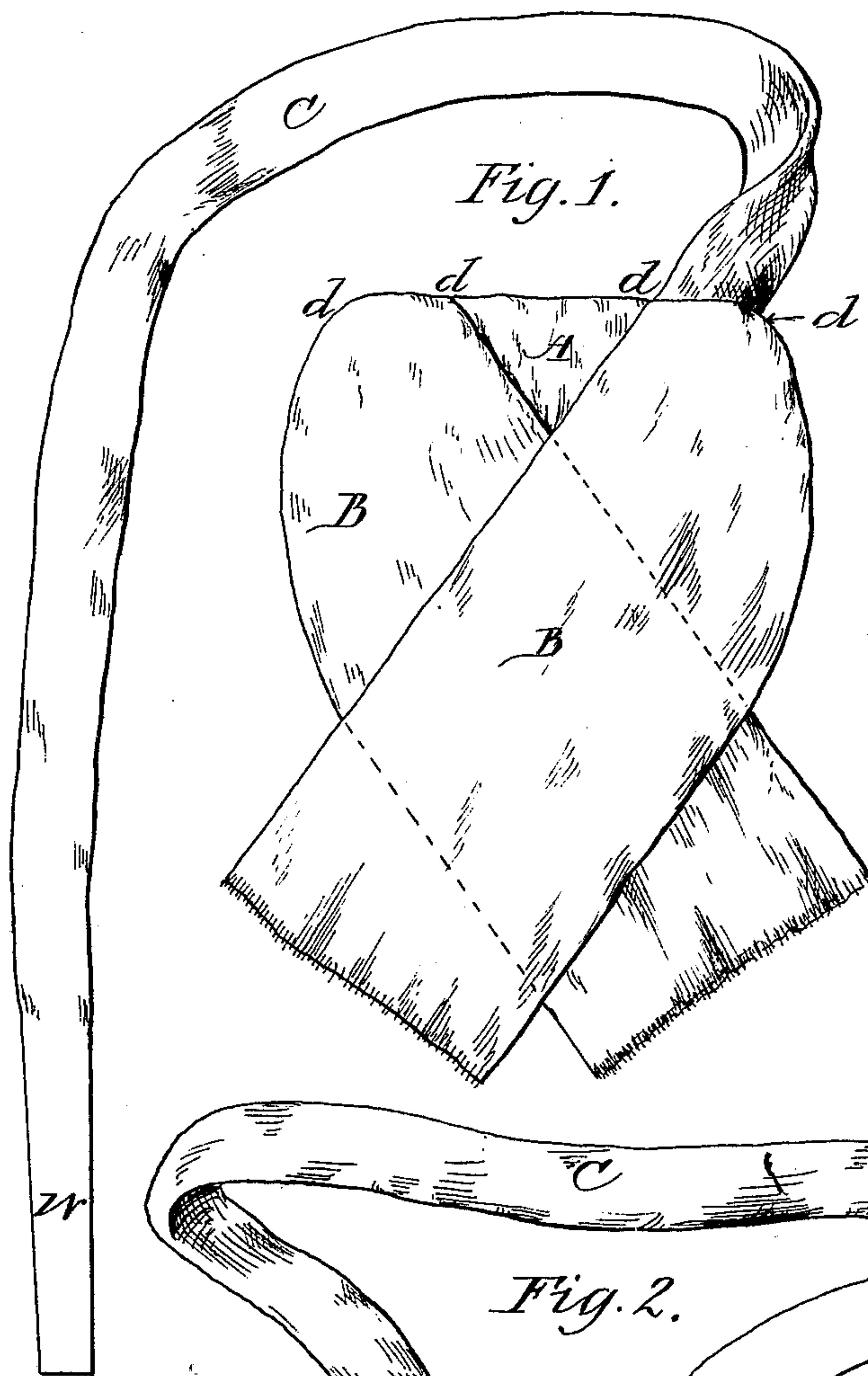


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IMPROVEMENT IN SCARFS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS JEFFERSON FLAGG, of the city of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Scarfs for Gentlemen's Wear, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of scarfs for gentlemen's wear known in the trade as "flat" scarfs.

Heretofore the aprons used in combination with the center-piece in the construction of this style of scarfs have been made each in the general form of a parallelogram, the upper edge being cut or folded over in a right line at right angles to the length of the piece, and parallel, or nearly so, to the lower edge thereof, leaving the upper outer corners of the aprons, after the aprons are crossed and adjusted in place upon the center-piece, projecting outward in a sharp angle liable to catch in the vest of the wearer, to work out and become exposed, and to operate oftentimes as a means for disarranging the whole scarf. I have found likewise the combination of a flat scarf with an ordinary shield, tapering more or less from a comparatively wide center to narrow ends, disadvantageous, in that the upper outer edges of the scarf are left unprotected by the shield and measurably unconfined by the neck-band, resulting in an ill fit of the upper portion of the scarf upon the wearer.

The object of my invention is to remedy these defects in the old style of flat scarfs, and to so improve and perfect the same as to obtain a neater and more comfortable fit of the upper part of the scarf about the neck of the wearer, and give a handsomer finish thereto when properly secured in place by the neck-band.

It consists in combining with the center-piece of a flat scarf two aprons, each of which has the upper portion of its outer edge cut or folded to form an elliptical curve, said curve commencing at or near the point crossed by the neck-band, and extending thence to a point below the widest part of the scarf, from whence the edge is left to extend in a right line parallel to the inner edge.

It consists, likewise, in the combination, with

a flat scarf, of a shield conforming in length to the entire width of the upper portion of the scarf, so as to support and stiffen the outer edges of the scarf, and so constructed as that the length of its upper edge shall equal or exceed that of its lower edge, and the outline of its outer ends conform substantially with the corresponding edges of the scarf.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view, and Fig. 2 an elevation, of the reverse or under side of my improved flat scarf.

A, Fig. 1, is the center-piece, B B the aprons, and C the neck-band, of the scarf. The aprons are arranged to cross, the one over the other, (see Fig. 1,) and the upper corners of the inner edges thereof are secured to the outer ends of the center-piece in the usual manner.

The upper corner of the outer edge of each apron is cut away and turned under to present an elliptical curve, beginning at the upper corner, *d*, of the inner edge of the apron, and extending thence to a point about midway the length of the scarf, as shown in Fig. 1. The effect of combining this form of apron with the center-piece, as described, is to narrow somewhat the upper portion of the scarf, and to obviate the projecting angular corners found in such scarfs, as heretofore made.

E, Fig. 2, is an improved shield for stiffening the upper portion of the flat scarf and improving the fit thereof. The length of the shield E equals the width of the upper portion of the scarf, the ends of the shield being made to extend out to the outer edge of the aprons of the scarf, with which they are made to conform in outline, and to which they are secured, as shown in Fig. 2. The ends *ff* of the shield correspond substantially in width with the central portion thereof. The shield is made of card-board, thin metal, or other suitable material.

The neck-band C is secured to the scarf at the upper end of one of the aprons, and its tip *w* is left free to pass under the shield through a suitable opening at the top of the other apron, (see dotted lines, Fig. 2,) and passing out from the lower edge of the shield is properly secured, as desired, by means of the needle K or other equivalent device.

When the neck-band is passed around the neck and through under the shield, and drawn up to be fastened by the needle K, the tension upon the ends *ff* of the long shield E will operate to impart such a curve to the shield and scarf as will produce a graceful easy fit, the upper outer edges of the scarf being so stiffened and supported by the extended ends of the shield as to be constantly maintained thereby in proper adjustment, while the elliptical curve of these edges prevents them from catching and engaging in the clothing, and imparts a neat and ornamental finish to the entire scarf.

It is evident that the lower edge of the shield may be partially indented or cut away, either in the center or at the ends, without departing from my invention, in the which I contemplate such a relative proportion of the ends with regard to the center as that the former shall approximate the width of the latter and impart firm support to the upper end of each apron along its outer edge.

I do not claim, broadly, a scarf composed of a center-piece and crossed aprons with the upper portions rounded, as shown in English Patent No. 3,851 for the year 1873; but

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with the center-piece A

and neck-band C, of a flat scarf, and with each other of crossed aprons B B, each cut or folded to form an elliptical curve, beginning at the point crossed by the neck-band, and terminating at a point below the widest portion of the scarf, substantially as herein set forth, for the purpose described.

2. The combination, with the upper portion of a flat scarf and with its attached neck-band, of a shield or stiffening-piece covering the entire width of the upper end of the scarf, and the length of whose upper edge equals or exceeds that of its lower edge, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

3. A flat scarf having its upper edge extended in a right line to bend upon the neck of the wearer, in combination with a stiffening-piece or shield projecting to the extremities of said upper edge, and with a neck-band so intersecting and engaging said upper edge at or near its extremities as to produce, when properly secured, a flexion of the shield and scarf, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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