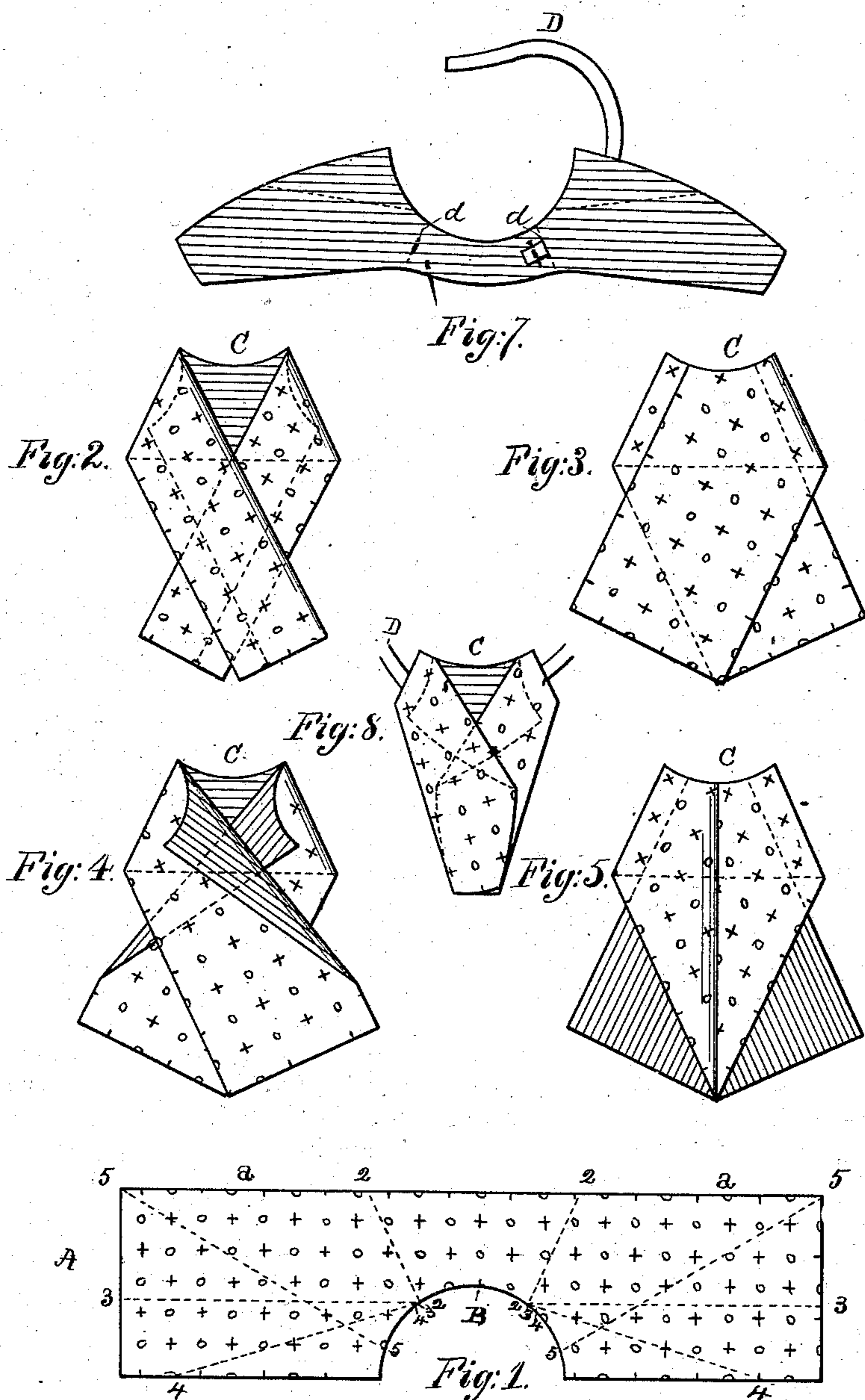


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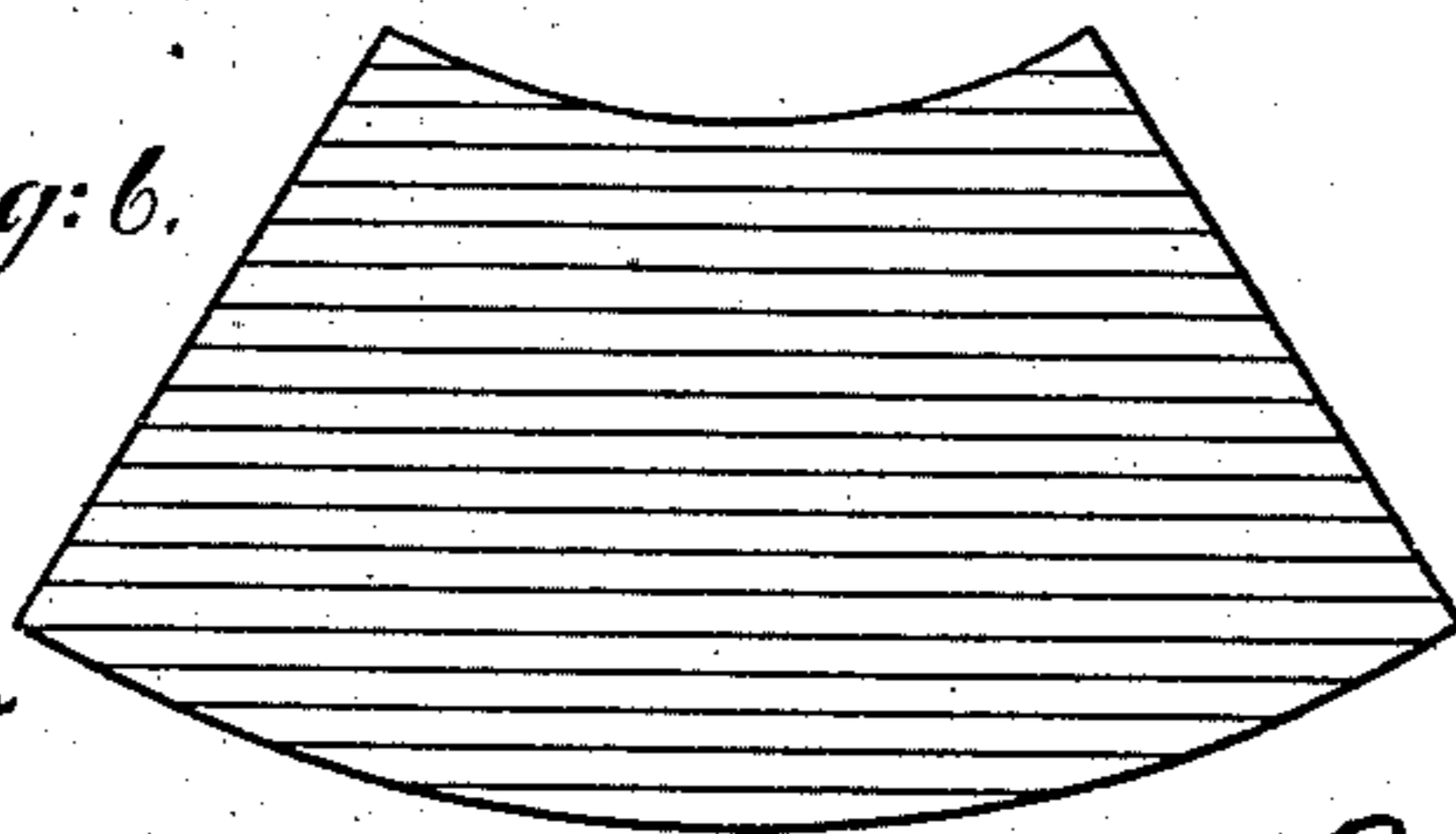
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMOS F. CHASE, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Neckties, of which the following is a specification.

Referring to the drawings forming part of this application, Figure 1 is a plan view illustrating the form of the single piece of cloth from which my tie is formed, and also indicating, by broken lines, the manner of folding. Fig. 2 is an elevation showing the tie formed by folding the fabric in the manner herein-after described. Fig. 3 is an elevation showing a different pattern of tie formed by folding the material in a different manner. Figs. 4 and 5 are elevations showing still other and different forms of folding the material. Fig. 6 is a detached view of a stiffening or foundation piece drawn upon twice the scale of the other figures. Fig. 7 is a plan view, showing a modification of the device illustrated in Fig. 1. Fig. 8 is an elevation of a tie folded from the modified piece or pattern shown in Fig. 7.

The object of my invention is to provide a tie which may be formed out of a single piece of fabric of any suitable kind, in such manner that it may be reversed or turned to present new surfaces to the eye in place of those which are worn or stained, and which is capable also of folding in such a way as to present a number of different patterns or styles and a variety of combinations of material.

My invention consists in a novel construction and combination of parts, which will first be fully described in the specification, and then more particularly defined in the claim annexed thereto.

A in the drawings indicates a strip of textile fabric of any suitable kind, and having any suitable color or figure. It is cut in the form shown in Fig. 1, with a neck-opening, B, formed in one side, having such a curve and depth as to cause the tie, when folded, to have an inwardly rounded or curved edge, C, adapted to lie against the front of the neck.

The piece A may be composed of a single unbroken strip of fabric; but for the purpose of economy I may insert a central portion of some cheaper material, to which the ends or

flaps *a a* are sewed. Moreover, the ends or the whole strip may be double, being composed on one side of material of one sort or pattern and upon the other of material of another sort. The ends or flaps *a a* may also be each made of differently-figured or differently-colored fabrics.

The piece A, as shown in Fig. 1, may be folded upon any of the lines indicated by the broken lines in said figure. By folding upon the lines 2 2 the parts are brought into the position shown in Fig. 3, in which they may be held by an ordinary scarf-pin, or by a common pin or any other suitable fastening device. By folding the ends *a a* in the lines 2 2 and laying their edges over in the lines 3 3, I form the style of tie seen in Fig. 2. By folding upon the lines 2 2, and then turning the points over in the lines 4 4, I form a vest-front tie. (Illustrated in Fig. 4.) By folding in lines 5 5 and then in lines 2 2 the parts are brought into the position shown in Fig. 5.

As the piece A may be used with either of its two surfaces outward, it will readily be seen that after the tie has been worn upon one side it may be reversed and the unworn surface turned outward, thereby giving a new series of combinations of differently figured or colored material. By a little experimenting, moreover, any person can fold the piece A into a number of forms not shown in the drawings.

The tie is fastened by means of a strap, D, which is passed through a cut, *d*, and pinned to the center, as indicated in Fig. 7. The other end of the strap is passed around the neck and enters a similar cut on the other side, where it is held by a spur or pin in the usual manner. When the tie is reversed this strap is removed, and again replaced when the reversal is effected.

One most important feature of my invention consists in the fact that, instead of using for the material of the tie figured or colored stuffs, I may make it wholly out of lawn, or from cambric, white or figured, or from both combined. When formed of this material it may be folded in exactly the same manner already described, and can be used as a shirt-front for either summer or winter wear. By reversal when worn or soiled, such a front may be worn

for a long time and still have a fresh and un-
soiled outer surface. Moreover, by forming
the two ends or flaps *a a* of lawn or cambric,
and the center piece being either made of silk
5 or covered with silk or some similar material,
a removable front for the shirt will be formed
with a necktie combined, the whole being in
a single piece. As the ends fold in the man-
ner shown in Figs. 2 and 4, the center will
10 show, and quite a number of other styles of
folding may be used with the same result.
When the center is made of different material
from the ends for this purpose, the same re-
versals may, of course, be made as when the
15 tie is made in the manner first above set forth.

The stiffening or foundation piece shown in
Fig. 6 may be attached to the central portion
of the tie in any suitable manner. This fast-
ening should be of such a kind that the piece
20 may be removed when the tie is washed, and
also when it is reversed to bring the under
surface outward. I do not, however, regard
this piece as essential, since the tie may easily
be folded and worn without it. In some cases,

however, especially where the fabric is very 25
light and unsubstantial, it may be desirable
to use the stiffening.

Having thus described my invention, what I
claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters
Patent of the United States, is— 30

The necktie herein shown and described, the
same consisting of a rectangular strip of fabric
having its central portion of a color or design
which contrasts with its ends, and provided in
one edge, at the center of its length, with a 35
curved recess forming a neck-opening, said
strip and its edges being adapted to be folded,
refolded, and brought to the different positions
shown, with the recessed neck-opening ar-
ranged at its upper portion, all as set forth. 40

In testimony whereof I have signed my name
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