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Fig: 1.

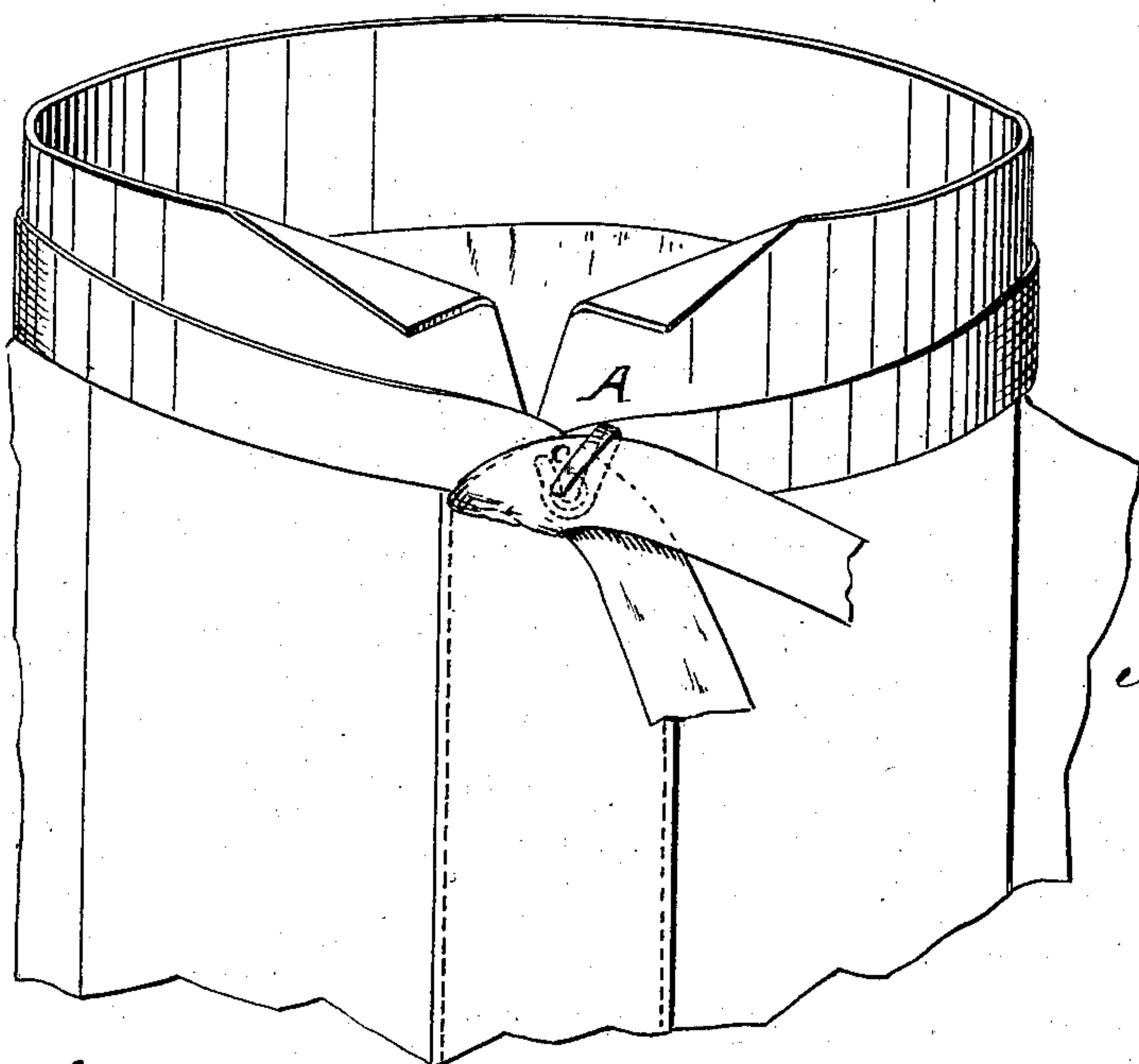


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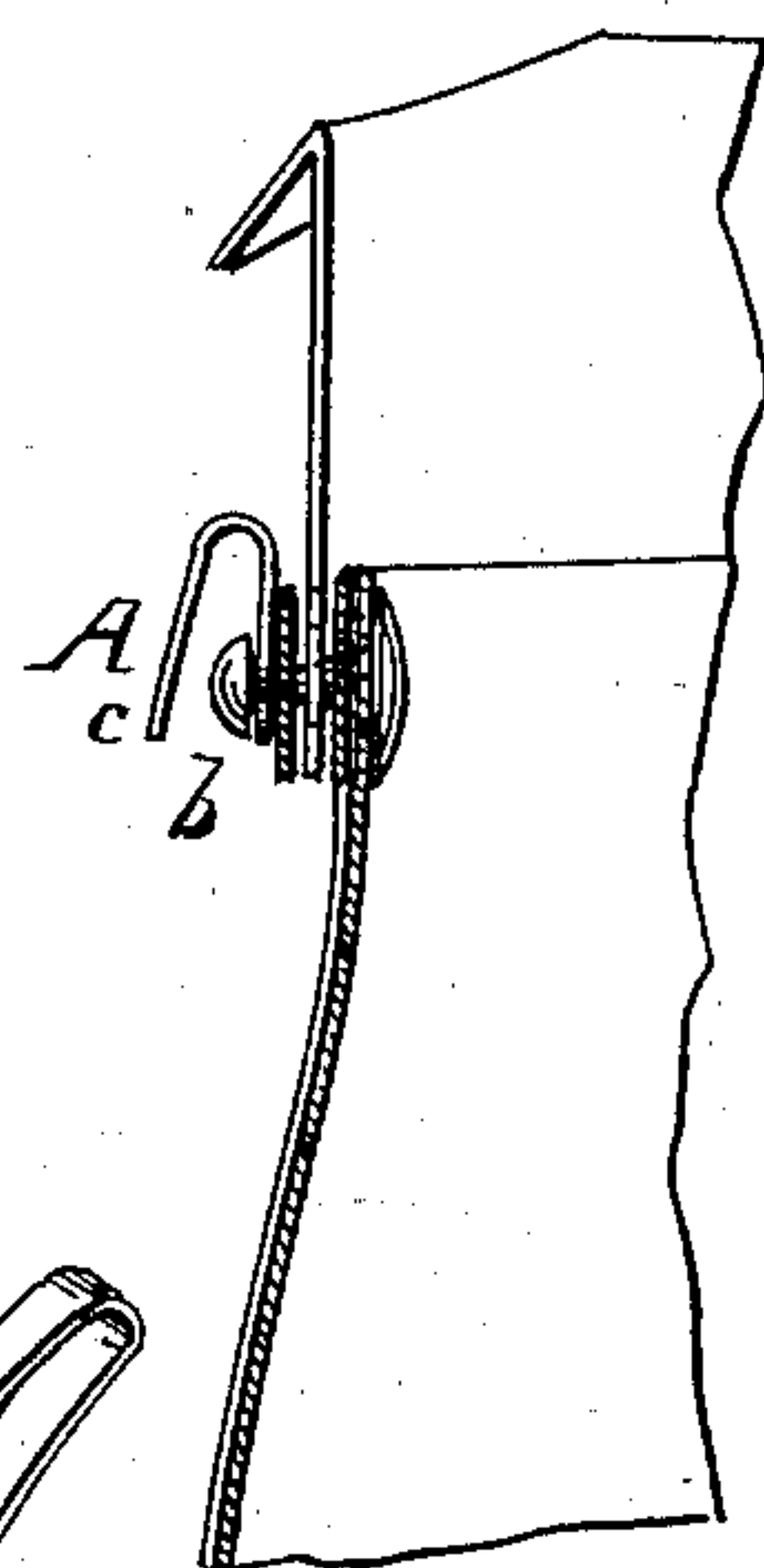


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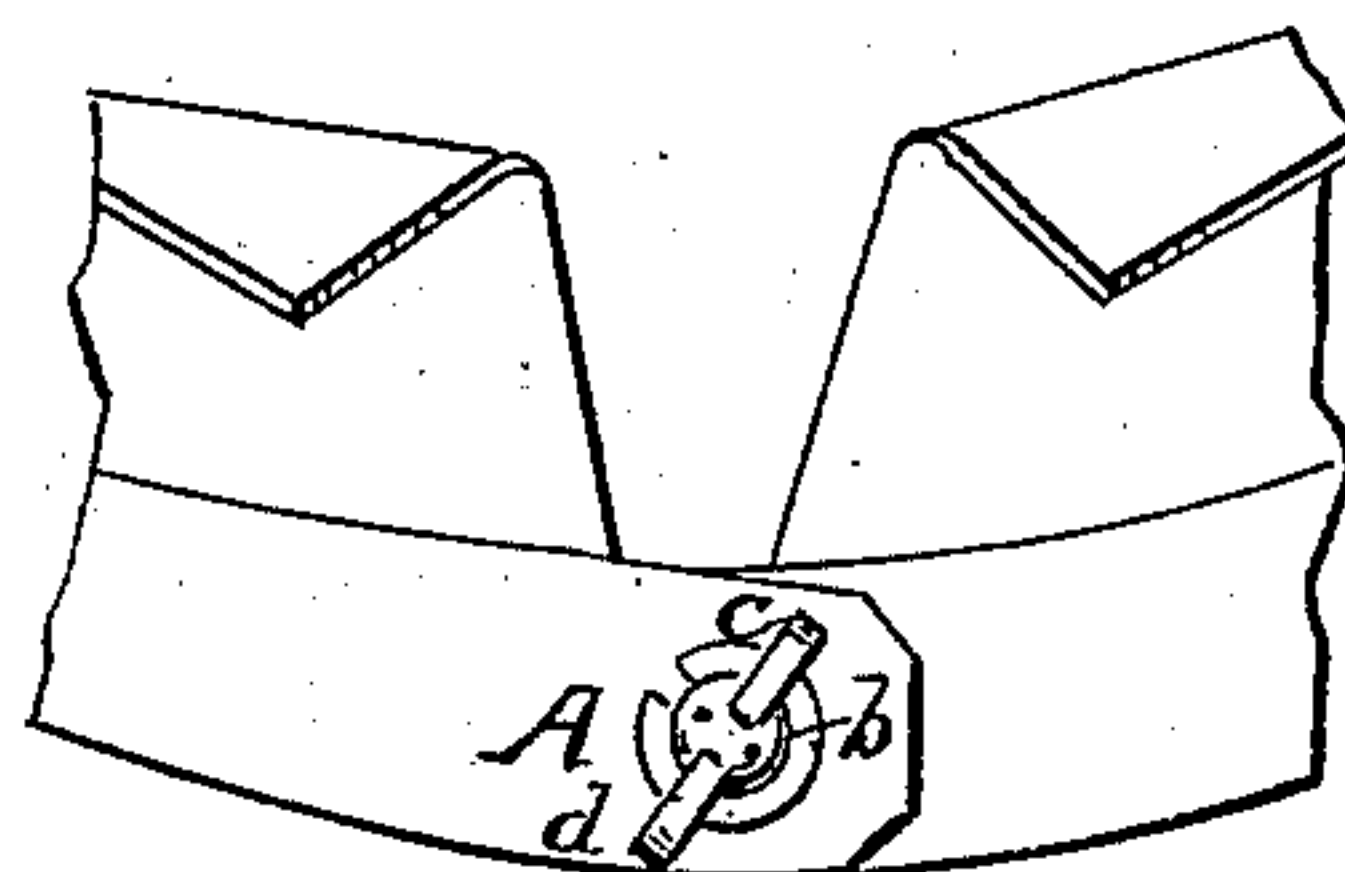


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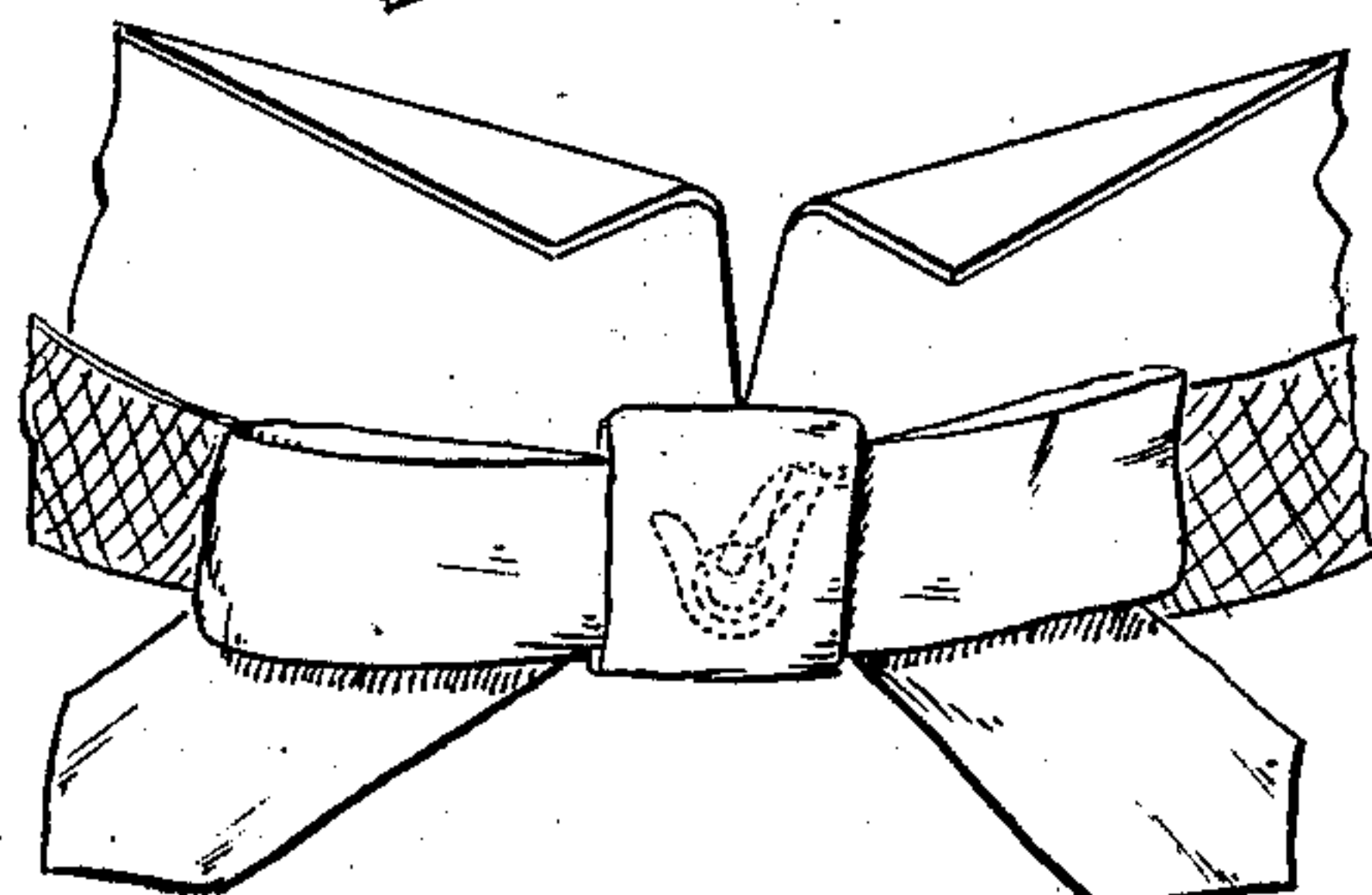


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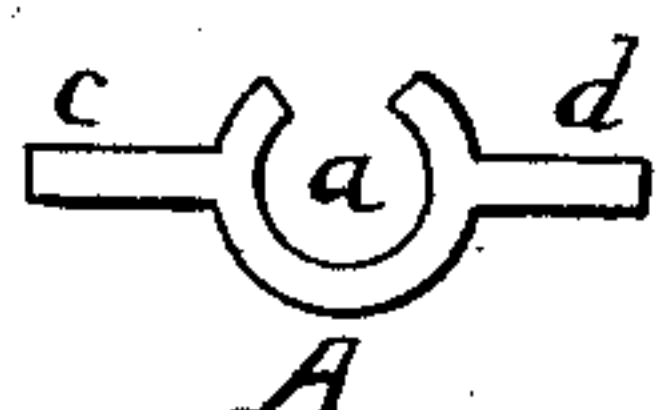
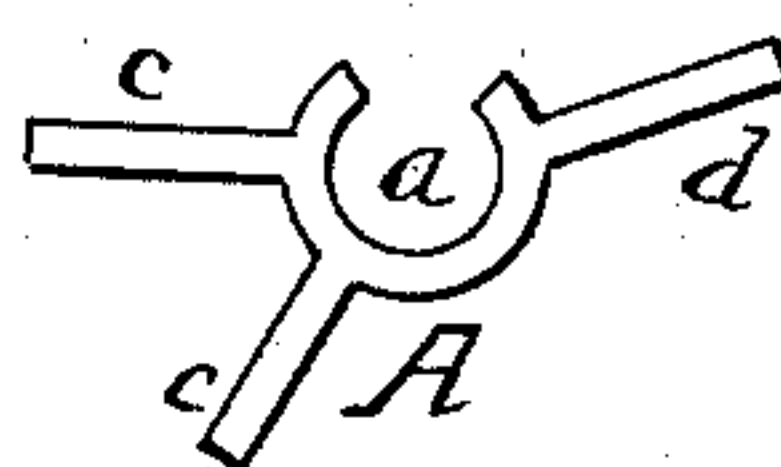


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM A. KEYS and JARED LOCKWOOD, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Necktie-Holders; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying sheet of drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention is in the nature of an improvement in devices for keeping in place neckties; and the invention consists in a device for keeping ties in place about the neck of the wearer, constructed with a flexible or elastic eye surrounding the collar-button, and provided with one or more laterally-projecting clamping-fingers to confine the knot and keep it from loosening and untying.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a front view showing the tie with the knot clamped by one finger of the device. Fig. 2 is a side view of device attached to collar-button. Fig. 3 is a front view showing the device covered by the knot. Fig. 4 is a detail view of device in perspective. Fig. 5 is a front view of device with two fingers fixed to shirt-button. Fig. 6 is a plan view of same. Fig. 7 is plan view, showing device with three clamping-fingers.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures.

It is well known by all who wear neckties or cravats that are tied about the neck with a bow that notwithstanding the greatest care the tied knots will loosen to such an extent as will permit the tie or cravat to work around the collar, putting the bow (that should be in front) out of place, and not infrequently become entirely unfastened. To obviate this inconvenience we construct a holder, A, of sheet metal or any suitable material. This holder is provided with an eye, *a*, of sufficient elasticity to bind around the collar-button *b*, and in that way be firmly held in place. To this eye *a* is fastened one or more clamping-fingers, *c*. These fingers may be made to bend easily, or they may be provided with a hinge-joint.

Now, when our holder is constructed sub-

stantially as described it is employed by inserting the collar-button *b* through the eye *a*. The surrounding sides of the eye will then bind about the neck of the button, and the holder thereby kept firmly in place. The necktie then being placed around the neck of the wearer, the first knot, as in Fig. 1, is made, the clamping-fingers *c* being now bent down tightly over and against the knot in the tie, as in Fig. 1, thereby clamping and holding the crossed or knotted portions of the tie together, preventing them from becoming loosened or slipping apart. The free ends of the tie then being formed into the ordinary double-bow knot, the holder and its clamping-fingers are hidden by the bow and kept out of sight, as in Fig. 3.

As before stated, the holder may have two or more or even a single clamping-finger to hold the first knot together, for when once clamped by either one or two fingers the bow cannot work loose, nor the cravat or tie become untied.

Another advantage derived from the use of our device is that the tie is kept snugly and well up against the collar in front.

Before our invention a necktie-retainer existed consisting of a hook and loop to engage the collar-button, coils to impart elasticity to the retainer, which was of wire, and arms provided with hooks to engage the necktie-shield to hold the shield and tie to the button; but we are not aware that a necktie-holder has heretofore been constructed as we have shown and herein claimed.

Having now described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The necktie-holder A, consisting of a piece of metal formed as described and provided with the elastic eye *a* to engage the collar-button, and one or more laterally-projecting flexing fingers *c*, constructed and arranged to operate substantially as set forth.

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