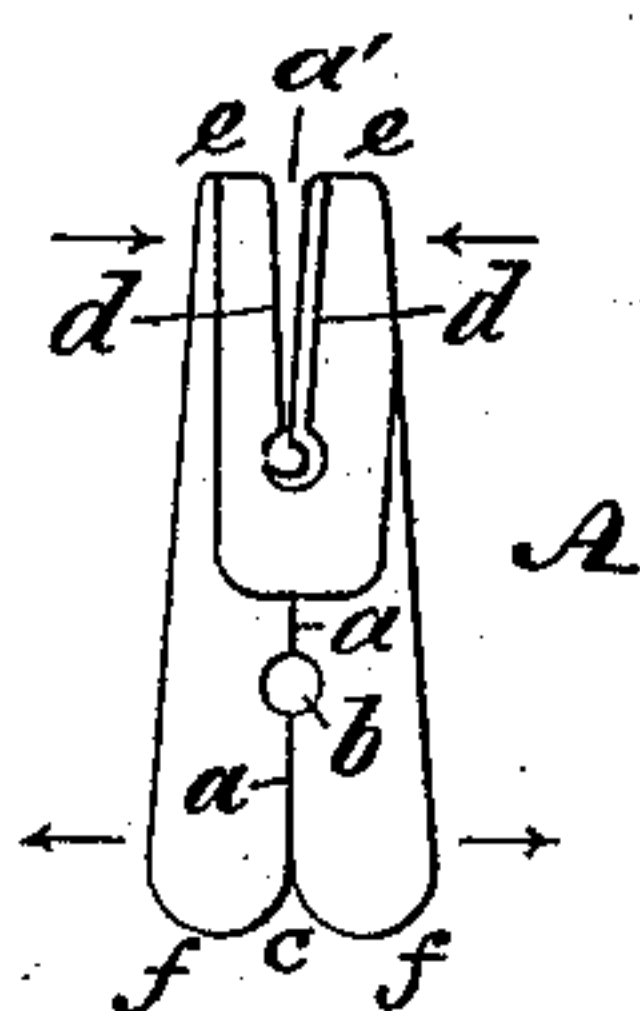


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. MINNICH, JR., a citizen of the United States, residing at Bedford, in the county of Bedford, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Necktie and Collar Stays, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which the figure is a face view of a necktie and collar stay embodying my invention, which consists in forming the stay of a part to be fitted to a collar-button, and a hook under which a necktie is to be retained, said part being readily opened by pressure on its sides, so that the button affords no obstacle, and its shank or sewing is not rubbed by the stay during the motions incident to its application and removal. The rear part of the stay has a notch, a recess, and a split or slit which forms spring clamping-jaws at bottom, and the front or hook part has a diverging split or slot, which is continuous of the diverging portion of the split or slit of the rear part, forming spring jaws or arms at top, which are adapted to be compressed to open the bottom jaws for the application to and removal from the collar-button.

Referring to the drawing, A represents the stay, consisting of a piece of rubber, celluloid, horn, wire, or other suitable material, formed into hook shape. The rear part is vertically split or divided, as at *a*, recessed along the edges of the split, as at *b*, and notched or flaring at the bottom, as at *c*, where the split *a* begins. The split *a* widens at its upper end, as at *a'*, and joins the split or division *d* of the front part, thus leaving at the top of the stay the separated jaws *e e*, formed of the front and back parts, and at bottom the closed jaws *f f*, formed of the rear part. The stay is fitted on the collar button or stud, if employed, the notch *c* serving to guide the stay thereon. The jaws *f* separate until the shank or sewing of the but-

ton enters the recesses *b*, when they resume their normal position and close around said shank or sewing, whereby the stay is securely held on the button. The necktie is now fitted under the hook or front portion, which presents itself on the outside of the stay, and is thereby retained in place and prevented from rising or displacement. Should the button-hole be too large or become worn, the stay will prevent the collar from leaving the button. When the stay is to be removed, the top jaws, *e*, are pressed together, the widening or flaring split *a'* readily permitting the same. This separates the lower jaws, *f*, so that the edges of the split *a* and recesses *b* are removed from the shank or sewing of the collar, and thus the stay may be displaced without interference of the button, or friction or rubbing on the shank or sewing thereof. This feature of separating the jaws *f* may also be availed of during the operation of fitting the stay to the collar-button, rendering the same much easier than pushing the stay over the button, and likewise preventing cutting or rubbing of the shank or sewing of the button.

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

A necktie and collar stay consisting of the rear part having the notch *c*, recess *b*, and the slit *a*, forming the spring clamping-jaws *f*, and the front or hook portion having a diverging slot, *d*, which is continuous of the diverging portion *a'* of the slit *a*, forming the spring-arms *e*, which are adapted to be compressed to open the jaws *f*, for the application to or removal from the collar-button, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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