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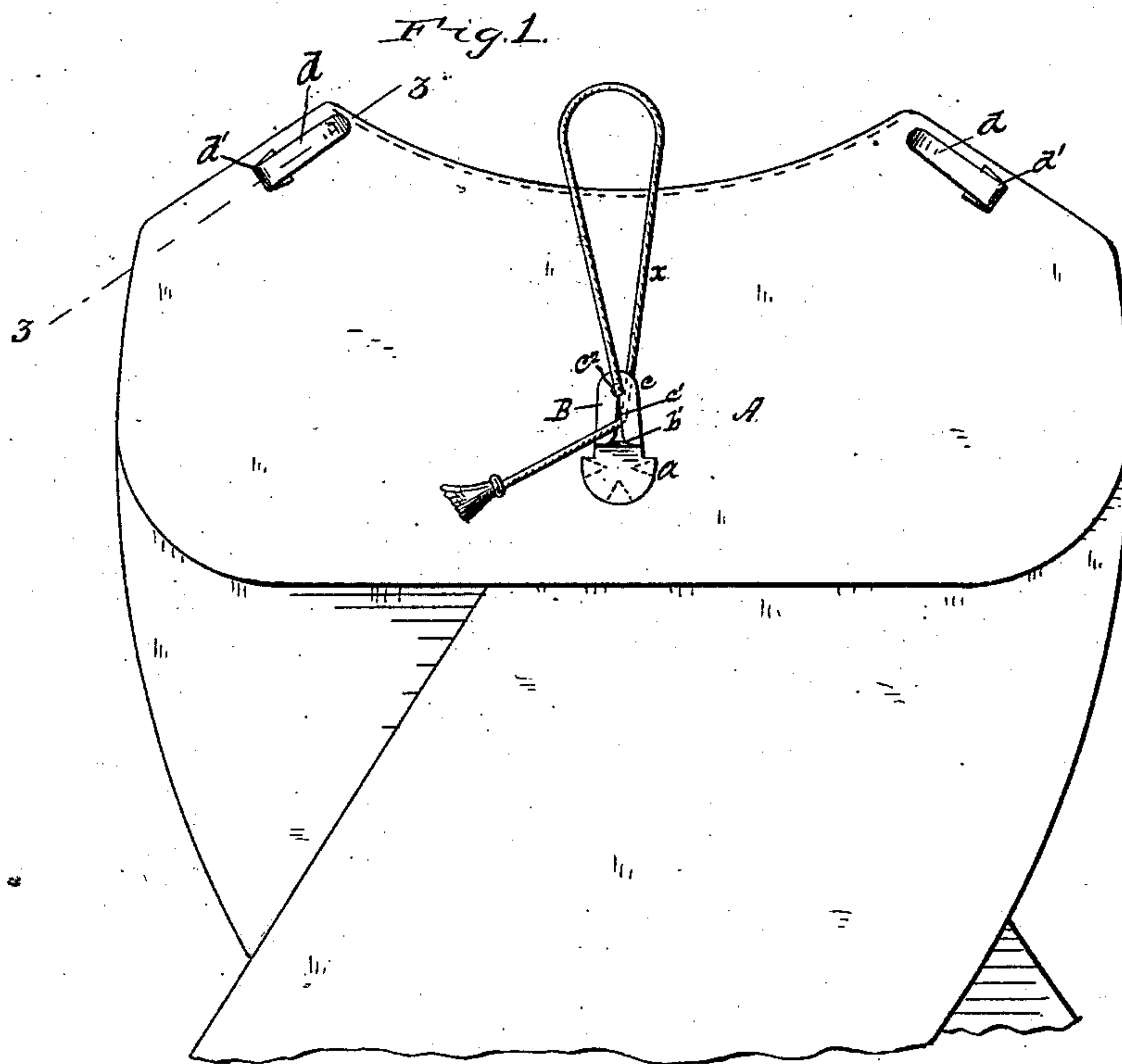


Fig. 2.

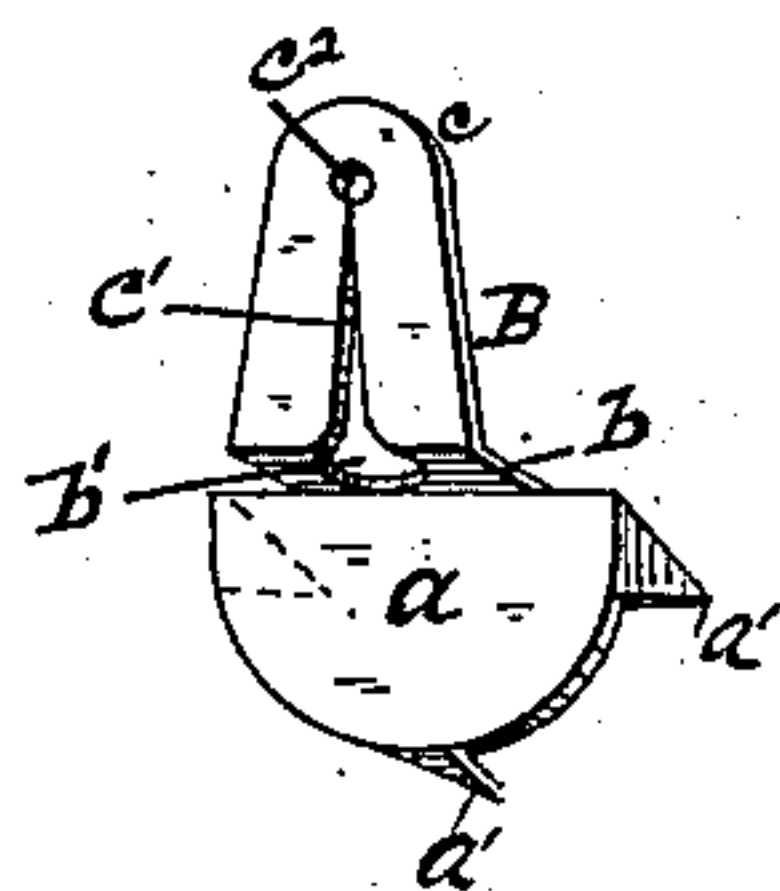
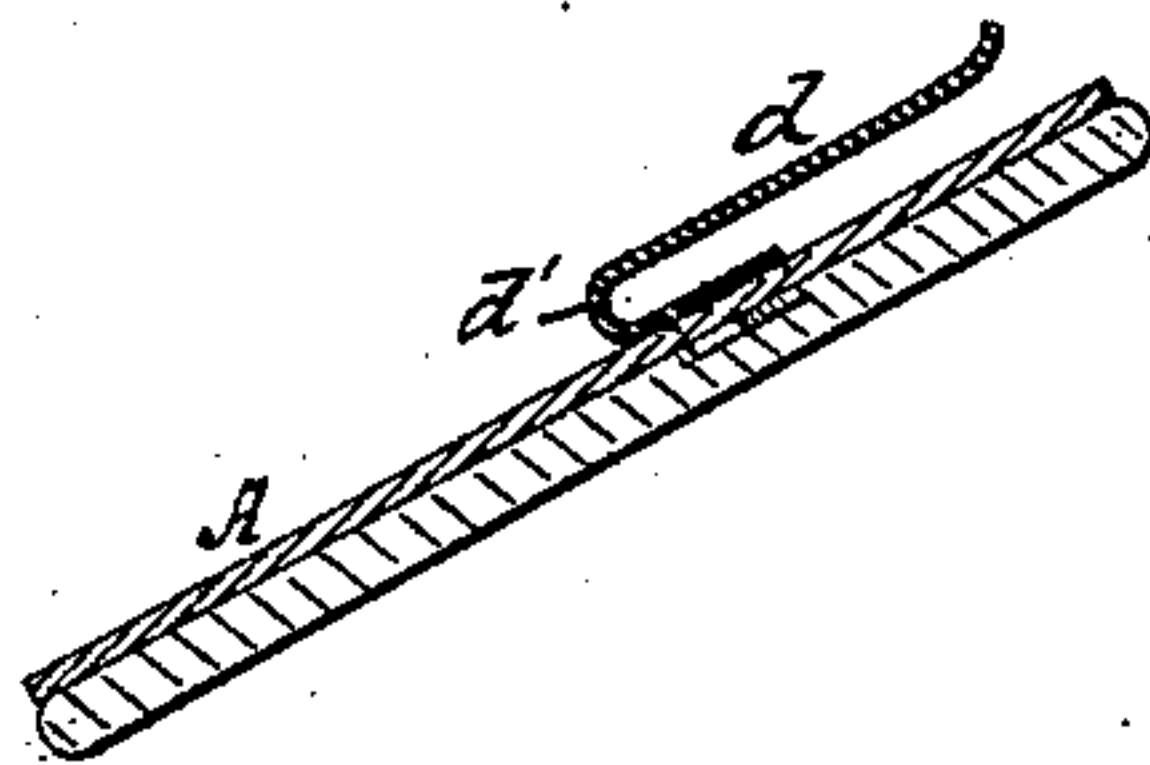


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. CROSS, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Neckties and Scarfs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to means for holding the necktie or scarf in place on the collar of the wearer, and is an improvement upon the device for that purpose shown and described in my Letters Patent No. 288,192, dated November 6, 1883. The means I employ resemble, in a general way, those set forth in my said Letters Patent, consisting of a strap or cord secured at one end to the tie, and a holding-clip, into and from the bite of which the cord will be drawn sidewise or by a lateral movement, in contradistinction to an endwise or threading movement. I have, however, with a view to simplifying and enhancing the efficiency of the holder or clip, modified its construction in several particulars. I form the body of the clip with an offset or shoulder, in which I make an eye or opening through which the free end of the cord can pass freely and without binding. Above this offset or shoulder is a tongue having in it a V or tapering slot or slit, which communicates with said eye or opening. By pulling down on the cord (which, under these circumstances, will be in the large eye or opening in the offset or shoulder) the cravat or tie can be drawn up into place, and then by a slight inward movement of the cord, it can be caused to enter the tapering slit and to be jammed therein, so as to hold the tie firmly in place. I also provide means by which the tie, when used in connection with a standing collar, can be held in proper position.

The nature of my improvement can best be explained and understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view from the rear side of a necktie or scarf with my improvements attached. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holding-clip detached. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section of one of the fingers on line 3 3, Fig. 1.

A is the shield of a necktie or scarf of any suitable known construction.

The holding-clip hereinbefore referred to

is shown at B. It is made of sheet metal, and has a base, *a*, provided with prongs *a'*, by which it is attached to the necktie-shield. Above the base *a* is an offset or shoulder, *b*, in which is formed an eye or opening, *b'*, through which the cord *x* can freely pass, and above the offset or shoulder is a tongue or prolongation, *c*, formed with a wedge-shaped or tapering slit, *c'*, the mouth or widest part of which opens into the eye *b'*. The cord *x*, at one end, is to be attached to the shield or to some part fixed thereon. It is most conveniently thus attached by inserting one of its ends through a small hole, *c''*, in the top of the tongue *c*, and fastening it there. The other or free end of the cord is passed through the eye or opening *b'*. In this way a loop is formed which can be put over the collar-button. When this is done, the cravat or tie is drawn up into place by pulling down on the free end of the cord, which runs freely through the eye *b'*. As soon as the tie is in place, it is securely held there by drawing the cord up into the tapering slit *c'*, wherein it will be jammed and tightly held.

In order to adapt the tie or scarf for use with detachable standing collars, I attach to the shield at opposite ends and near its upper edge bent fingers *d*, which pass between the collar and the neckband of the shirt. The necktie, by the cord, is drawn up until the bends *d'* of these fingers bring up against the lower edge of the collar. The tie will thus be steadied and held in place, without liability to tilting to one side or the other.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

The combination, with a necktie or scarf, of a holding-clip having an offset, *b*, with eye *b'* therein, and a tongue, *c*, with a wedge-shaped or tapering slit or slot therein, communicating with the eye *b'*, and a cord secured at one end to the tie, with its free end passing through the eye *b'*, as and for the purposes hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of December, 1883.

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