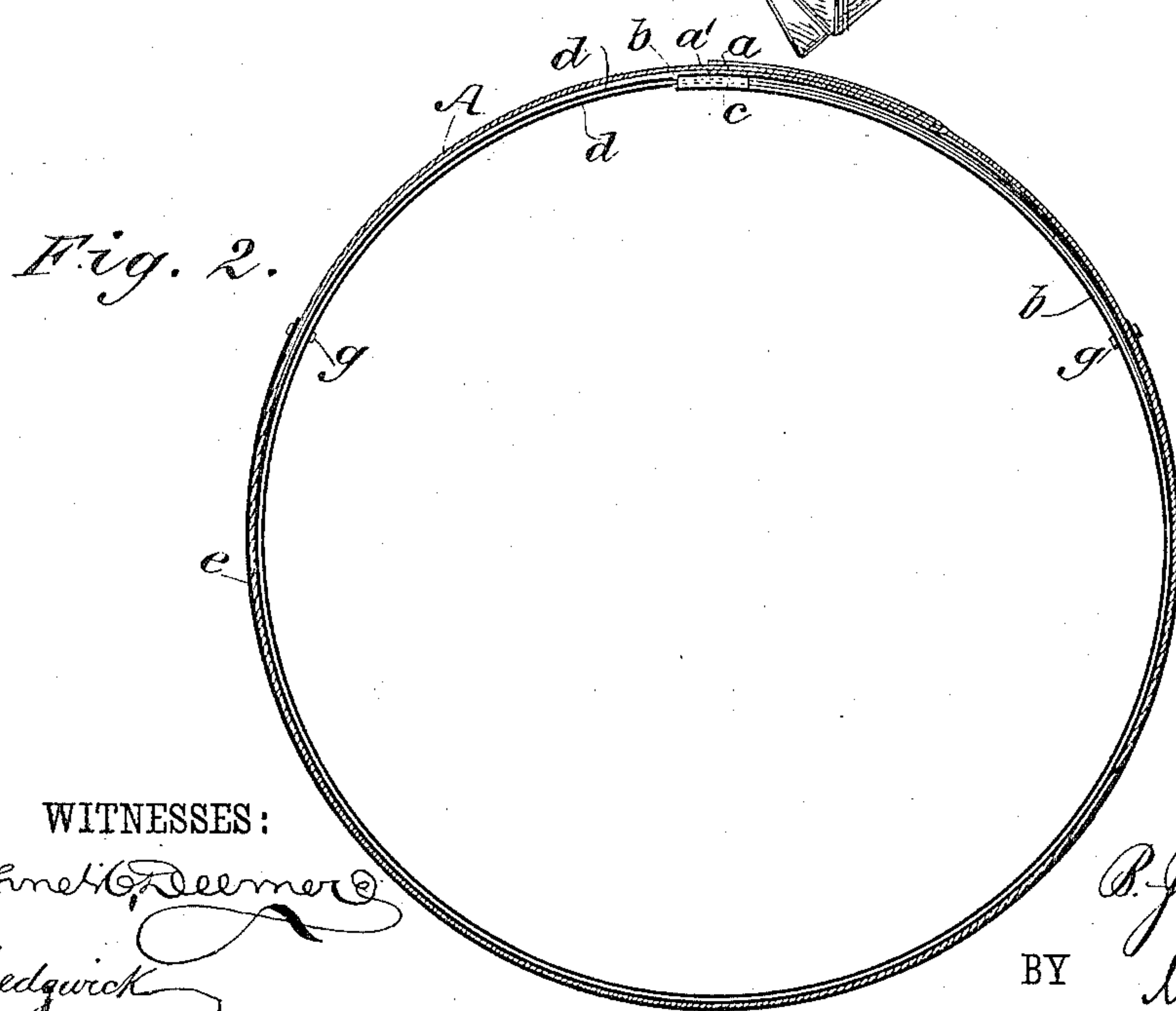
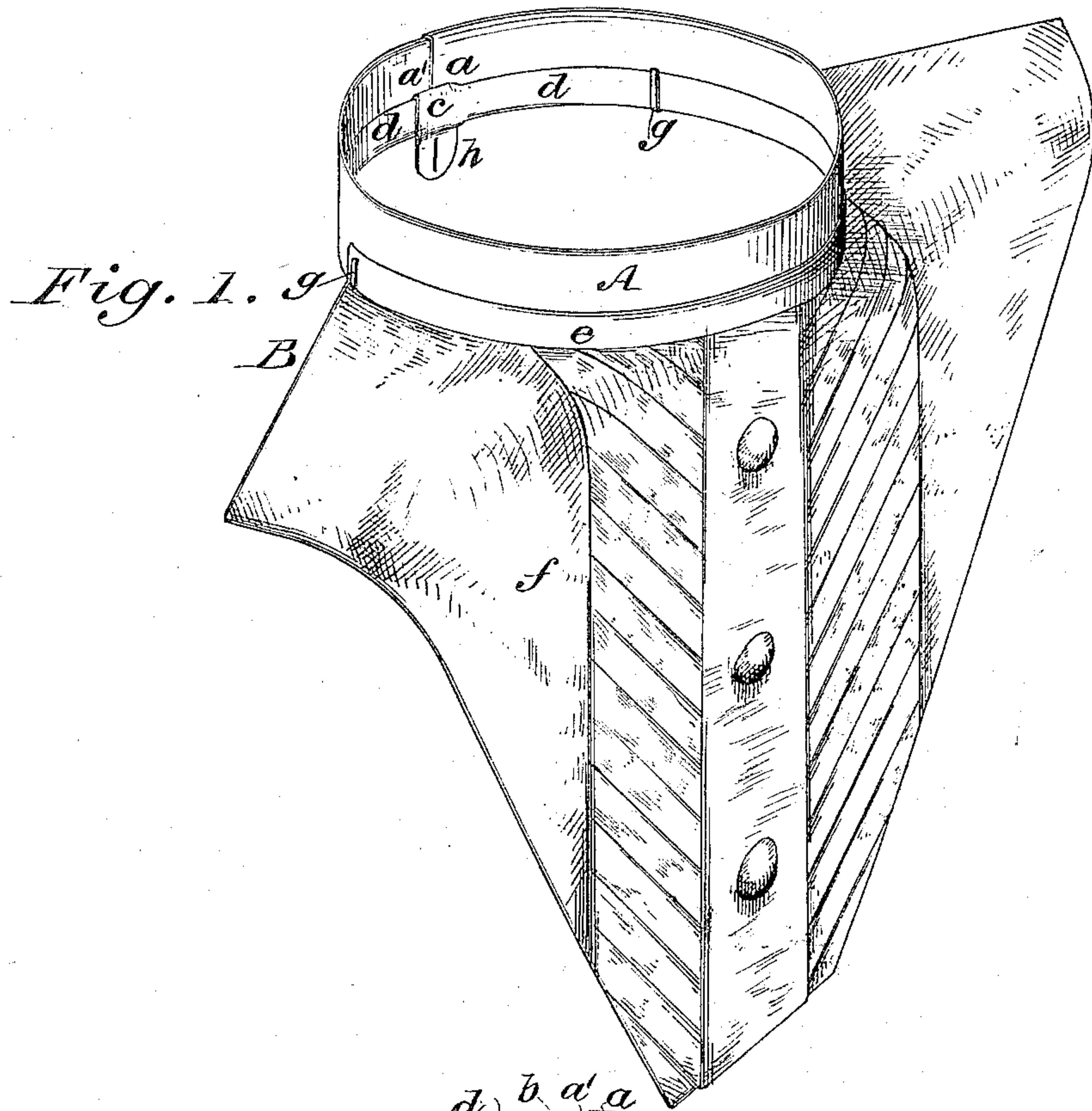


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENEDICT J. KOLB, of North East, in the county of Erie and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Stock and Collar, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention more particularly relates to stocks and collars such as used by clergymen, in which a band-like collar, designed to encircle the whole of the neck and opening in the rear, is used and combined with a stock usually made to present a black fall in front and to expose the collar for a portion of its depth above it. In such clergymen's stocks and collars it is very desirable not only that the same should be readily fitted to and removed from the neck, but that they should have an easy fit thereon and be capable of enlargement or contraction to adapt them to different-sized necks without exposing a break or opening at the meeting ends of the collar; and my invention consists in certain constructions of the stock and collar, substantially as hereinafter described, whereby these and other results are very perfectly secured.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a clergyman's stock and collar embodying my invention; and Fig. 2, a horizontal section, upon a larger scale, through the collar and upper edge portion of the neck part of the stock.

A indicates the collar, and B the stock. The collar A, which is a band-like one, may be made of any suitable material; but it is preferred to construct it, on account of the facility with which it may be cleaned, of celluloid of a white color. The one end of the collar is constructed to form a pocket, *a*, open at its outer extremity for insertion of the other end, *a'*, of the collar within it when applying the collar to or inclosing it around the neck. This construction of the collar not only forms a ready means for putting the collar on and taking it off the neck, but gives an easy or yielding fit of the collar circumferentially, and adapts the collar to different-sized necks, or to different conditions of the weather, and provides for expansion of the collar without ex-

posing a break or opening in the back of the collar where the two ends meet.

Combined with the collar is an inner encircling spring, that serves to support the collar and give it elasticity circumferentially. In the drawings this spring *b*, which may be made of steel, is shown as forming part of the stock B, and as covered at *d* with the silk, cloth, or other material of the stock, the whole forming an inner elastic divided neckband to the stock, with the one end of the spring *b* at the back arranged to fit or enter within a clasp or socket, *c*, at the other or meeting end thereof. The stock B is furthermore provided or made with an outer black strip, *e*, above the fall *f*, and arranged to encircle or partly encircle the collar. This strip serves to set off or expose the collar all around, in front, and above it, and in conjunction with the spring *b* or its covering *d* to form a pocket for the partial reception of the collar and hold of the collar within it. Clamps *g*, of any suitable kind which will admit of the removal of the collar from the stock when required, may be applied from the under edge of this collar-pocket to securely hold the collar and stock together.

A button-hole tongue, *h*, is or may be attached to the back of the neck portion of the stock to fasten the combined stock and collar either to the shirt or to the vest in the back.

To open the collar and stock, firm hold should be taken of the collar on the outside and of the spring portion of the neckband of the stock on the inside, on opposite sides of the meeting ends of the stock and collar, and said meeting ends be drawn apart or away from each other.

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

1. The combination, with a band-like collar having a pocket at its one end adapted to receive the other end of the collar within it, of an inner longitudinally - divided encircling spring operating to support the collar and to give it elasticity circumferentially, essentially as specified.

2. The stock having a front fall and a longitudinally - divided neckband portion constructed with an inner collar-holding pocket around it open from above to receive the col-

lar partially down within it, substantially as described.

3. In a combined stock and collar made to open and close in the rear, the band-like collar constructed with a pocket at its one end adapted to receive the other end of the collar within it, in combination with the stock constructed with an inner similarly-fitted elastic neckband and outer strip arranged to hold and partially receive the collar down within it, essentially as specified.

4. In a combined stock and collar, the combination of the band-like collar A, having a pocket, *a*, at its one end in the rear for recep-

tion of the other end, *a'*, of the collar within it, the stock B, provided with an inner neckband, spring, *b*, and rear clasp or socket, *c*, arranged to admit of a sliding adjustment of the spring circumferentially, also provided with a front strip, *e*, arranged to receive the collar partially down within it, and clamps *g*, for holding the stock and collar together, substantially as shown and described.

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