

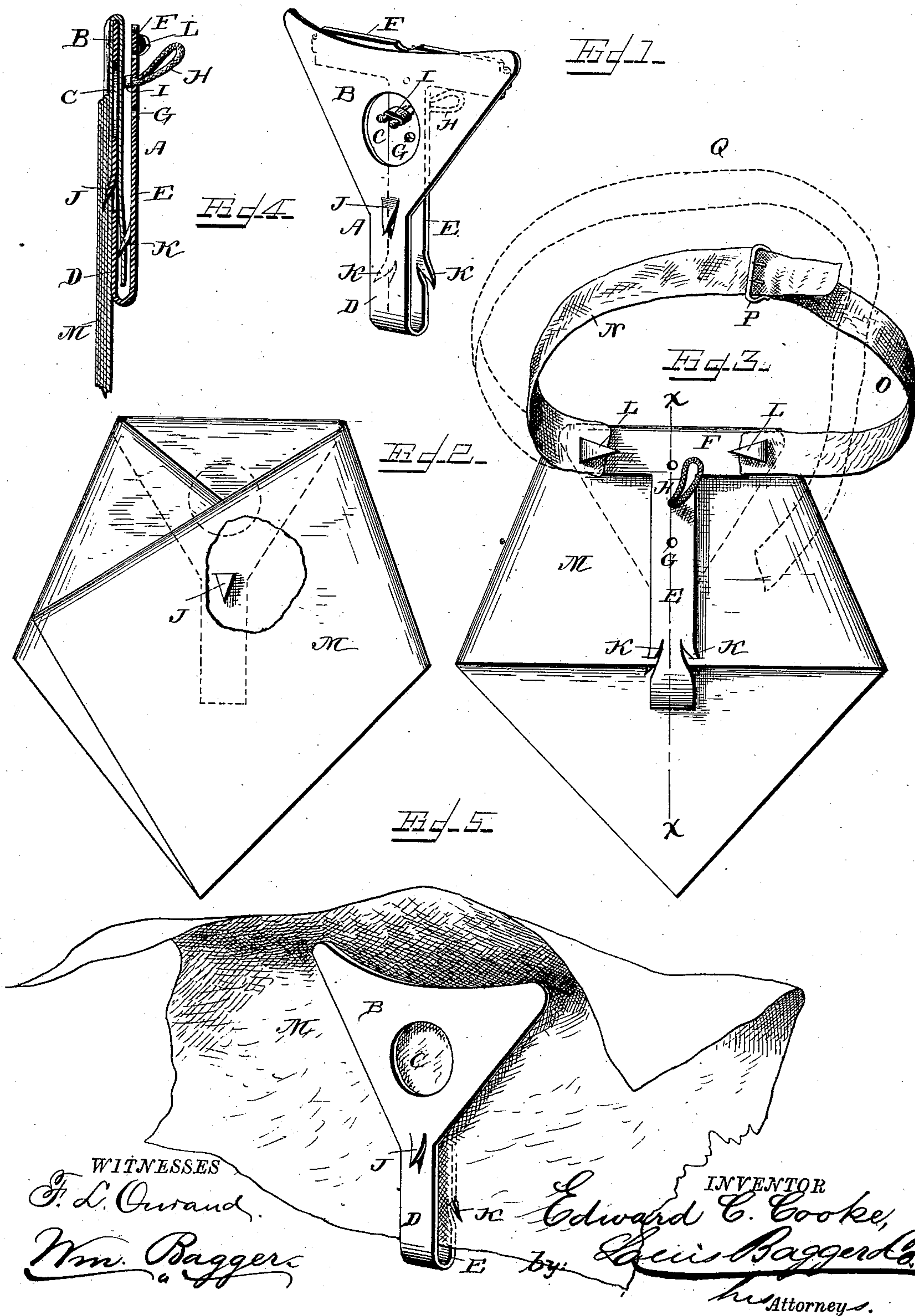
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, E. C. COOKE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Unionville in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Frames for Neck-Wear; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved frame or fastener for neck-wear. Fig. 2 is a front view showing the same covered, parts of the covering having been removed for the purpose of showing the construction more clearly. Fig. 3 is a rear view showing the frame covered, and with parts of the covering removed or broken away. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line *xx* in Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a view illustrating the method of applying the covering to the frame.

The same letters refer to the same parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to scarfs and kindred articles of gentlemen's neck-wear; and it has for its object to produce a frame which shall be simple in construction, durable, and inexpensive, and which shall admit of the covering of textile material constituting the scarf being easily removed or replaced, as occasion may demand, thus enabling such covering to be readily removed for the purpose of washing the same, and greatly increasing the durability and length of service of the scarf.

The invention further has for its object to so construct the said frame that scarfs of various designs may be folded thereon, and in such a manner that the scarf may be worn with the various styles of collars known as "standing" and "turn-down" with equal facility and convenience.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the improved construction of the said frame, which will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings hereto annexed, A design-

ates my improved scarf-frame, which consists of a top plate or cross-piece, B, which is slightly curved, as shown, and which may be of any suitable shape or outline. The plate B may be provided with slots or openings C, as will be seen in the drawings, mainly for the purpose of rendering it lighter and more convenient. The plate or cross-piece B has a central downwardly-extending shank, D, bent at its lower end in a rearward and upward direction, forming a rear shank, E, terminating at its upper end in a cross-piece or T-plate, F. The latter is provided with a vertical series of perforations, G G, in any one of which may be secured a loop, H, of any suitable material, elastic or otherwise, for the attachment of the device to the collar-button of the wearer. This loop may be formed by inserting the free ends of a small elastic strap from the rear side through any one of the said perforations, and connecting them by means of a small metallic clip or clasp, I. Said loop may, however, be formed in any other suitable convenient manner which may suggest itself.

The front shank, D, is provided near its upper end with a struck-up tongue or barb, J, facing downwardly, as shown. The rear shank, E, is also provided near its lower end with a pair of sharp-pointed tongues or barbs, K K, cut or struck up from its sides. Struck-up barbs or sharp-pointed tongues L L are also formed upon or in the rear T-plate, F, at or near the ends of the same, said tongues or barbs L L facing inwardly or toward each other, as will be seen in the drawings.

M is the covering of the scarf, which consists of a suitable rectangular piece of silk or other textile fabric. In applying the same to the shield or frame, the lower edge of the said covering is first inserted between the front and rear shanks, D and E, and attached to the rear shank by simply hooking it upon the prongs or barbs K K. The material is then folded forwardly over the upper edge of the top plate, B, and drawn or tightened as taut as may be desired, after which it is attached to the front shank by simply hooking it over the prong or barb J. The ends of the fabric may now be folded across each other, as will be seen in Fig. 100



2 of the drawings, and fastened by means of a pin, or by a stitch, if preferred; or the ends may be drawn through an ornamental scarf-ring, or be otherwise manipulated into a scarf  
 5 of any desired design, as the taste and fancy of the wearer may dictate. The scarf as now constructed will be ready for wear in connection with a "turn-down" collar, inasmuch as it may be attached to the collar-button by  
 10 means of the loop H, to which reference has been made above; but when the scarf is to be used in connection with a standing collar it becomes necessary to attach a neck-band, which may consist of two separate straps, N  
 15 and O, of suitable lengths, which are attached to the T-plate at the upper end of the rear shank, E, of the device by simply hooking them over the prongs or barbs L L of the said plate. One of the straps N will be provided  
 20 at its outer end with a suitable buckle, P, whereby it may be connected with the outer or free end of the strap O at the back of the neck of the wearer after passing around the collar. The scarf will thus be held neatly and  
 25 securely in position. Instead of the two separate straps N and O, however, a single strap (shown in dotted lines in the drawings, and designated by letter Q) may be used. One end of this strap will be hooked upon one of the  
 30 barbs L, after which the strap is passed around the collar, and its free end then hooked upon the other barb L in the same manner that scarfs of this class are ordinarily fastened or secured, the barb L forming a substitute for  
 35 the pin or prong ordinarily employed.

In the foregoing the scarf-frame, which constitutes my invention, has been described as being constructed of a single piece of material, the rear shank, with its T-plate, being  
 40 formed by bending the lower end of the front shank in a rearward and upward direction; but it is obvious that the device may be quite as successfully and satisfactorily constructed of two separate pieces, the front and rear  
 45 shanks being connected in any suitable manner at their lower ends. I would also have it understood that while the device for the purpose of securing the greatest possible dura-

bility is preferably constructed of any suitable sheet metal, other material—such as paper or  
 50 card-board—may be employed in its construction with good results, especially when, owing to the cheapness of the material employed, a very great degree of durability is not considered essential. When such comparatively de-  
 55 structible and unstable material is employed, various other modifications may necessarily result. Thus, instead of the struck-up barbs, it may be necessary to attach the covering material to the frame by means of pins or stitch-  
 60 ing or gumming; and I desire to have it distinctly understood that I reserve to myself the right to these, and to all other modifications and changes which may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of my invention. 65

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

1. A frame or shield for neck-wear, comprising a transverse top plate, a central shank ex-  
 70 tending downwardly from the same, a rear shank extending upwardly from the lower end of the said front shank, a cross-piece or T-plate arranged or formed at the upper end of the said rear shank, and means for securing  
 75 the fabric to the said shield or frame, all constructed substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and specified.

2. A frame or shield for neck-wear, comprising the top plate, the front shank having a  
 80 struck-up downwardly-facing sharp-pointed tongue or barb near its upper end, an upwardly-extending rear shank, the sides of which are provided near its lower end with struck-up barbs, and a T-plate at the upper end of  
 85 said rear shank having inwardly-facing struck-up barbs, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature 90 in presence of two witnesses.

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