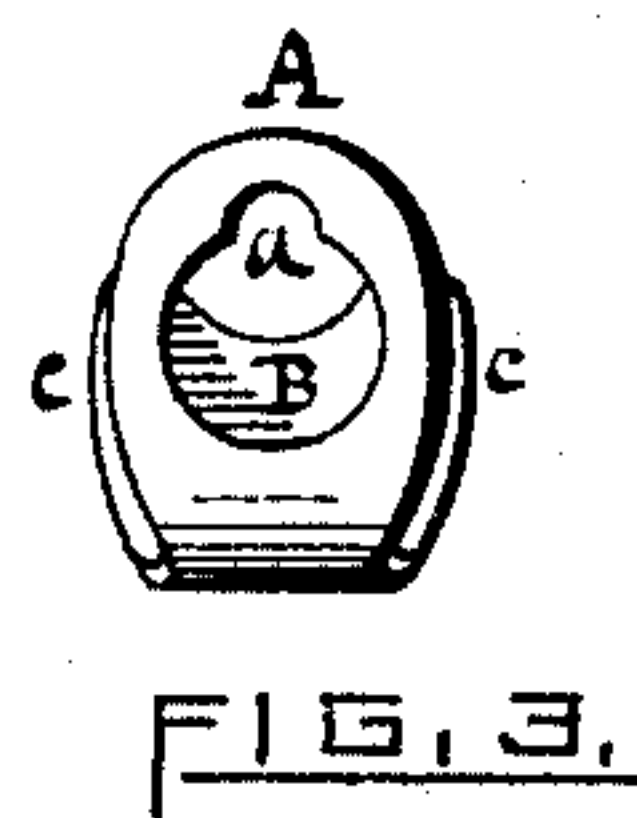
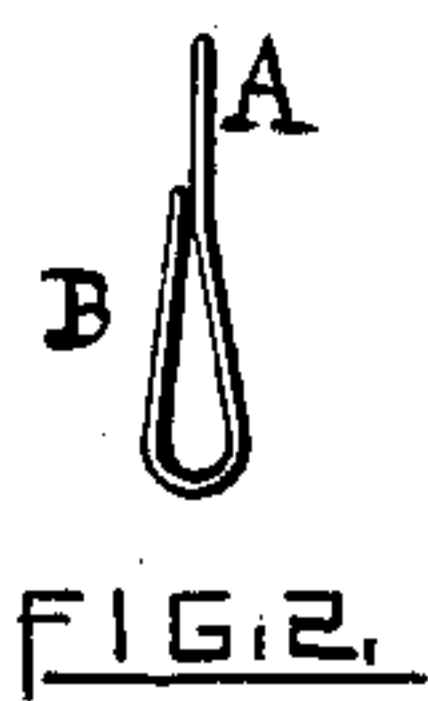
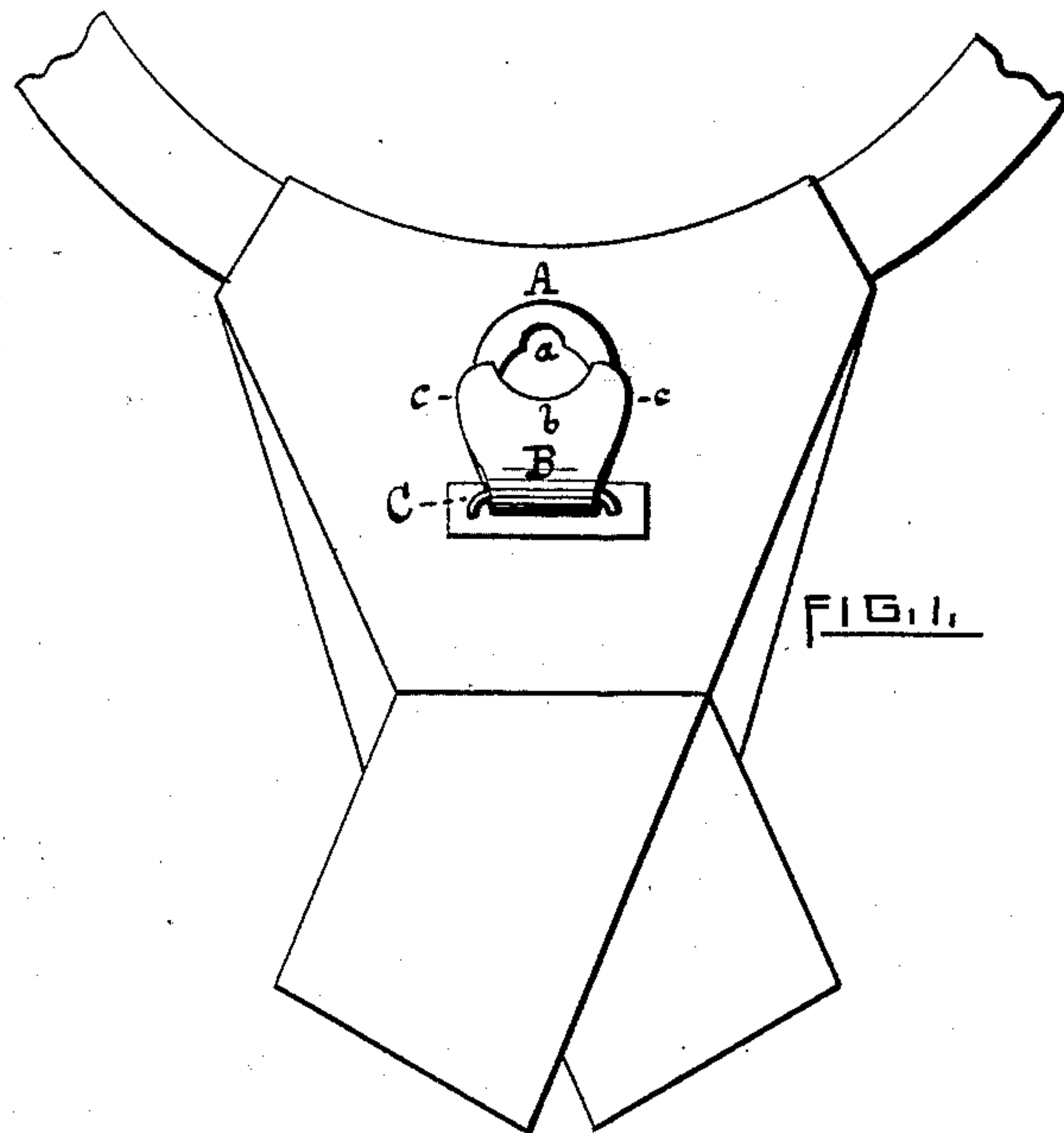


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. WILMARTH, of the city and county of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Necktie-Fasteners; and I declare the following to be a description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Like letters indicate like parts.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of my invention as applied to the shield or back piece of a necktie. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of my invention.

My invention is a fastening device to secure neckties or scarfs to the button on the neckband of a shirt.

It consists of a bent piece of spring sheet metal having a slot to receive the button, and a tongue to engage the same, and whose side edges project laterally, as and for the purpose hereinafter specified.

A piece of spring sheet metal is formed and bent as shown in the drawings. The portion A has the peculiarly-shaped slot *a*, and the portion B is a tongue-piece, whose free end is curved inwardly, as shown at *b* in Fig. 1, and whose side edges, *c c*, project laterally beyond the sides of the portion A.

This fastener is secured to the shield or foundation of the necktie by a loop, C, preferably of wire.

As my improved fastener is hung upon the loop C, instead of being rigidly secured to the shield or foundation piece, in the manner in which metallic fasteners have hitherto been attached, it has a free motion upon said loop at a right angle to the shield. This movement allows ample space for the insertion of the fingers between the fastener and the shield to seize the edges of the spring-tongue B to operate the same.

In fastening the necktie to the collar stud or button I seize the fastener sidewise between the thumb and finger of the hand. As the edges *c c* project, the hold is upon said edges and not upon the portion A. The spring-tongue B is thus drawn out from the portion A, leaving a sufficient space between the two for the button to enter and pass through the slot *a*. When thus in place, the tongue B is released, and by its resilience springs back against the portion A. The button-shank is thus surrounded and held by the fastener, and, fitting into the elongated narrow part of the slot *a*, keeps the tie firmly in position and without any lateral displacement. The fastener cannot now slip off the collar-button, because the spring-tongue closes enough of the slot *a* to prevent the head of the button from passing out.

In removing the necktie I seize the fastener as before between the thumb and finger. As the hold is only upon the edges *c c* of the tongue-piece B, I can draw the tongue-piece, thus opening the spring, whereupon sufficient space is obtained between the parts A B to allow the button-head to be passed downward between them and out of the slot *a*.

I claim as a novel and useful improvement and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The necktie-fastener herein described, made of spring sheet metal, whose portion A has a slot, *a*, and whose portion B is a spring-tongue bent up against the portion A, and having an inward curve, *b*, at its free end, and its side edges, *c c*, projecting laterally, in combination with a loop, C, on a necktie-shield, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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