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NECKTIE OR CRAVAT FASTENING.

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FIG. 1.

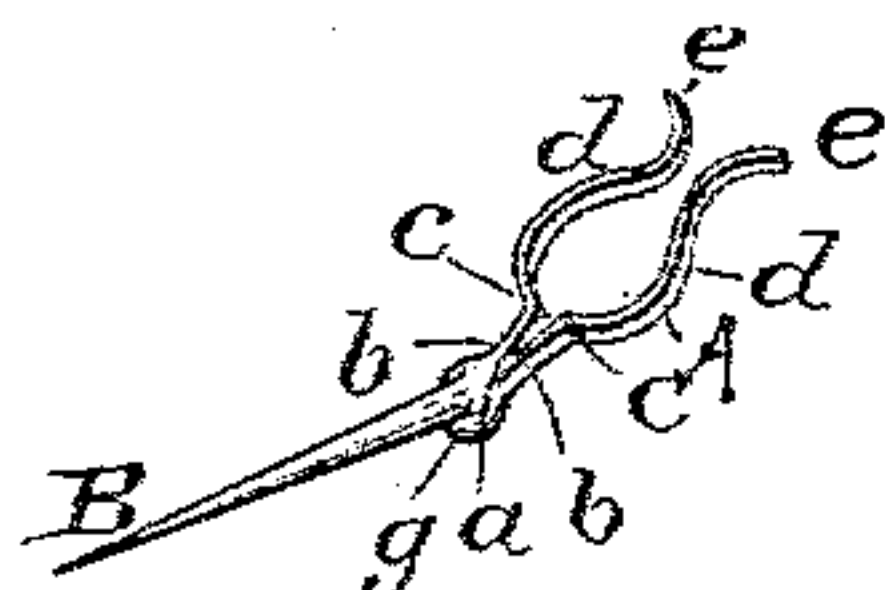


FIG. 2.

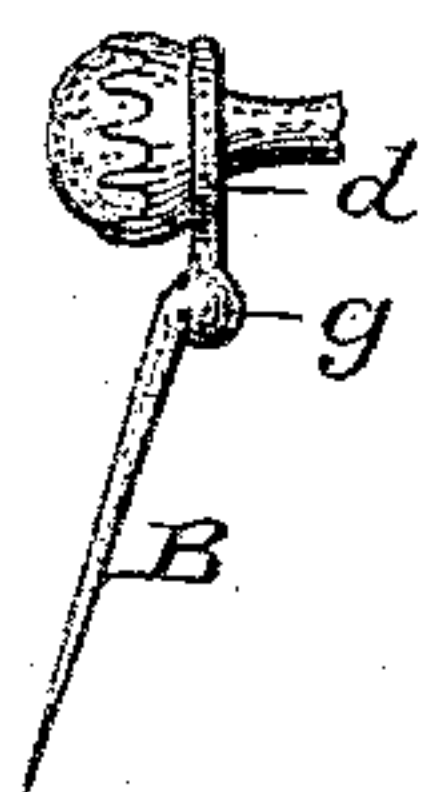


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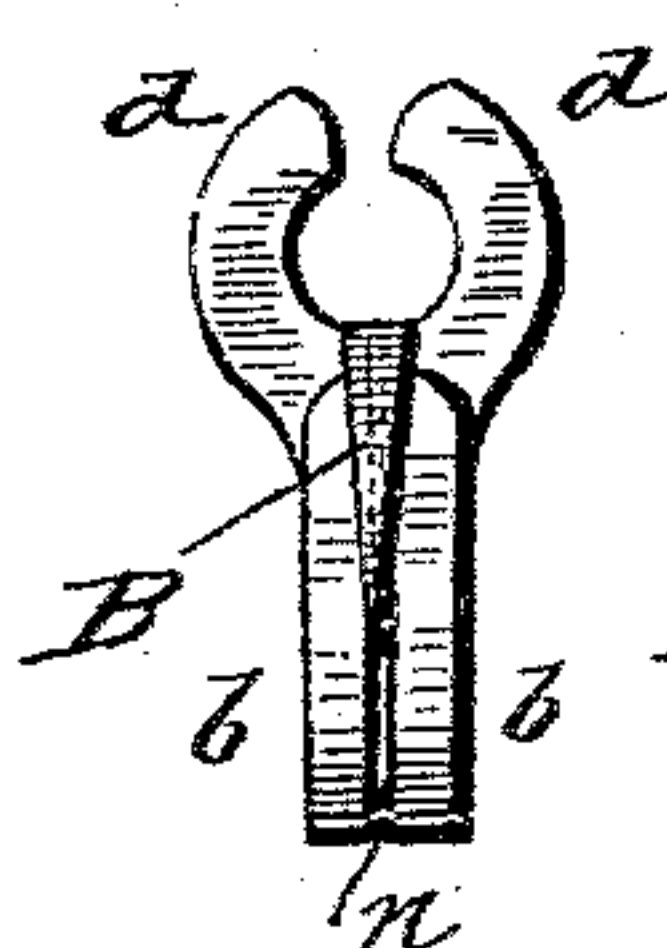


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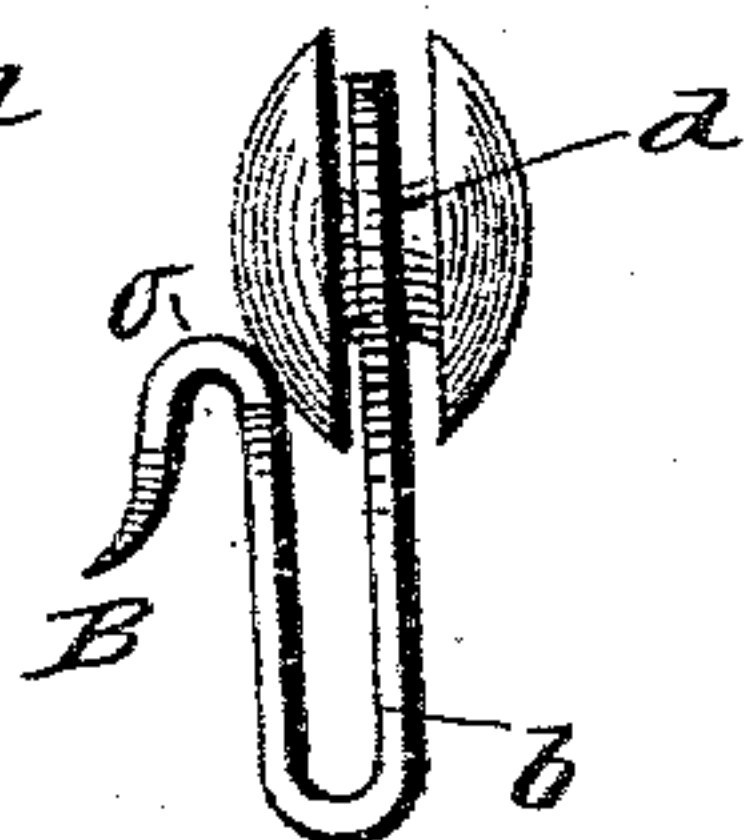


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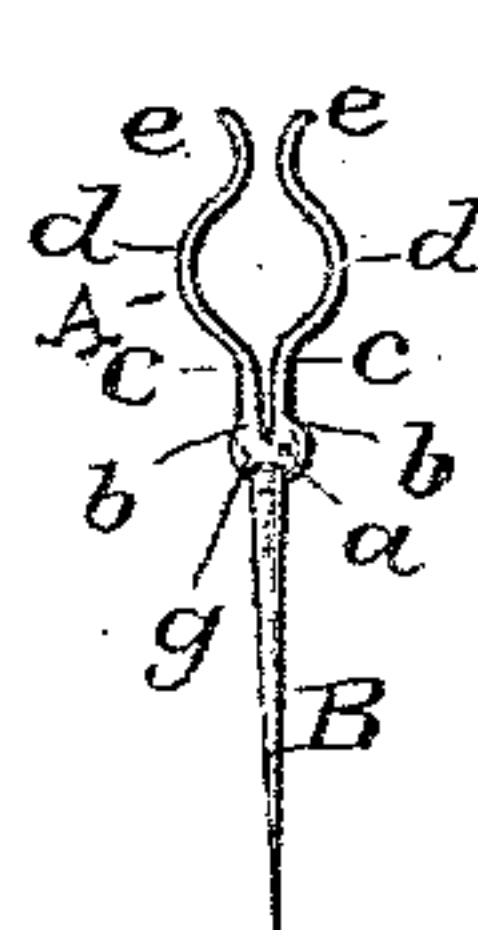


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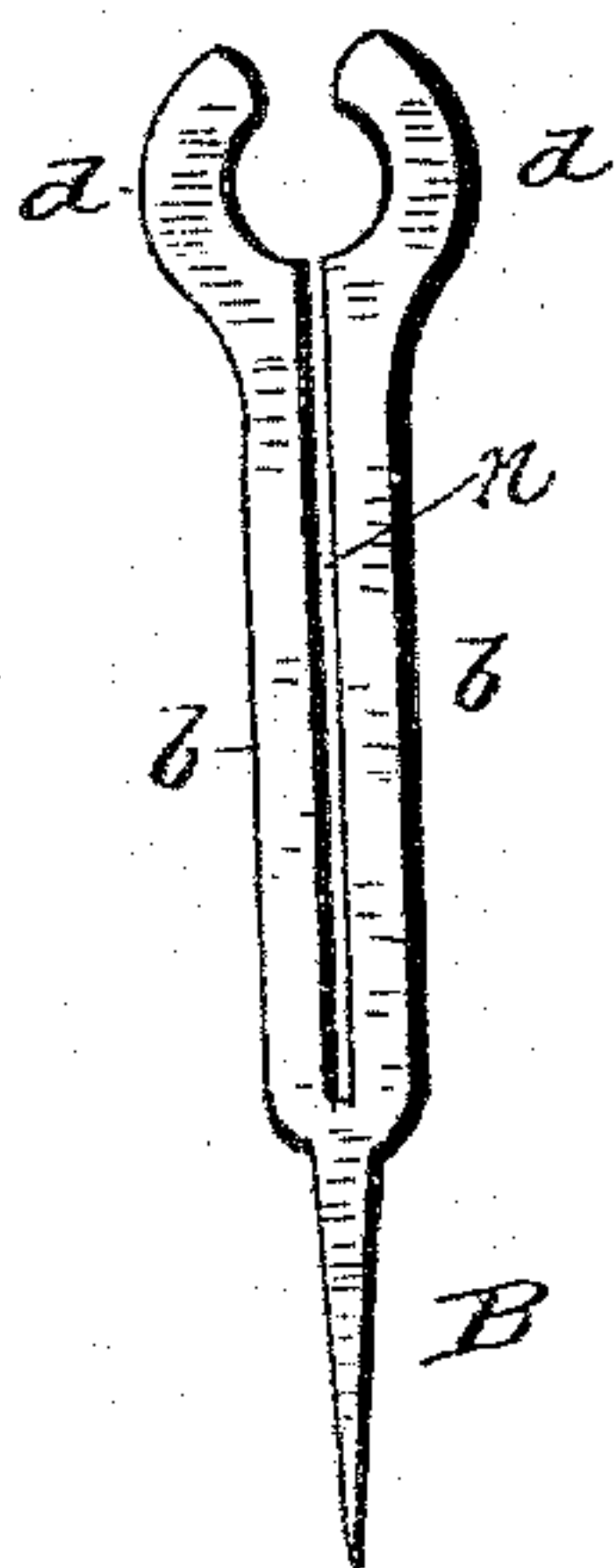
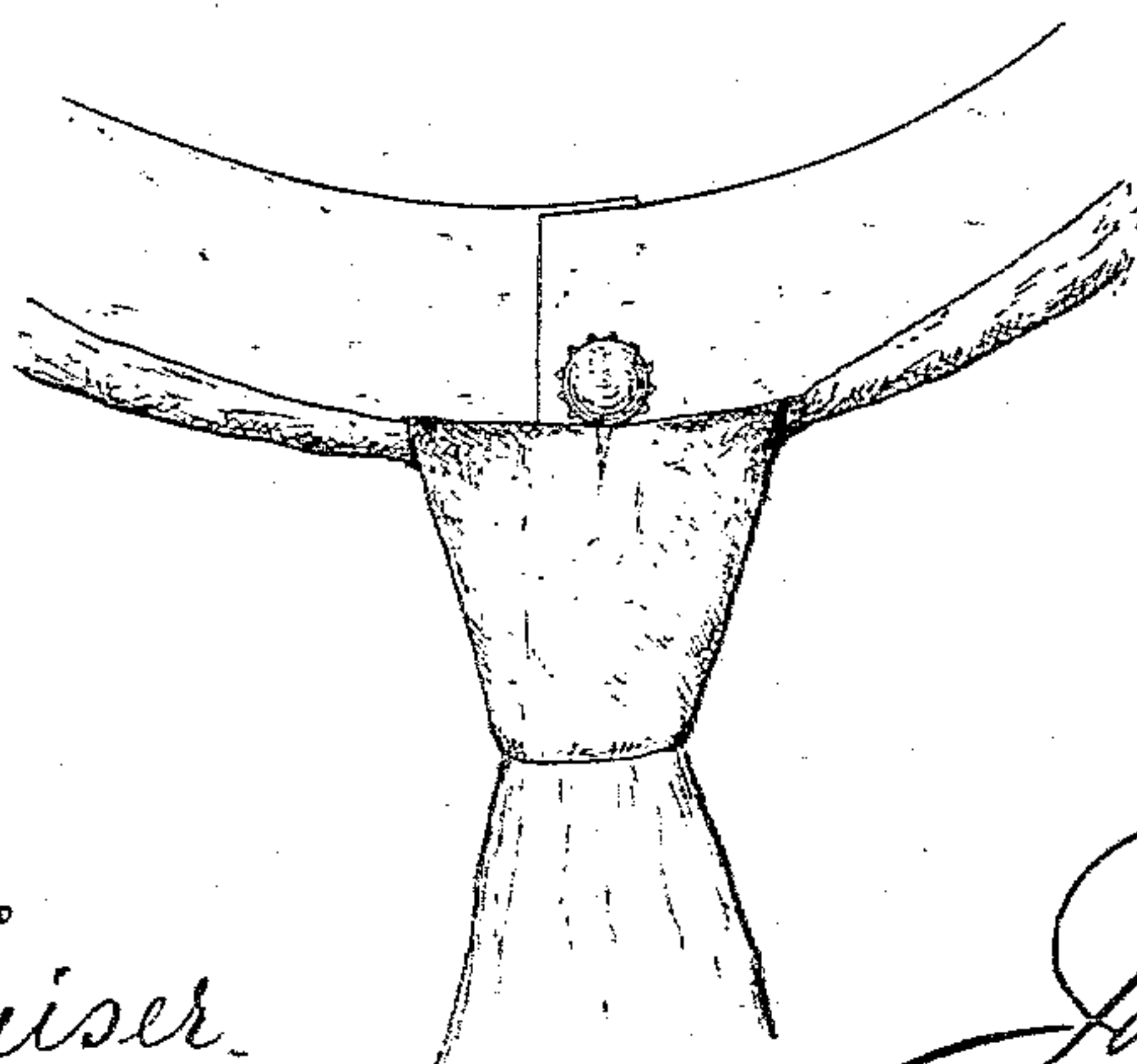


FIG. 4.



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NECKTIE OR CRAVAT FASTENING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES K. CLEARY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Necktie or Cravat Fastenings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cravat or necktie fastenings; and it consists, substantially, in such features of improvement as will hereinafter be more particularly described and claimed.

The fastening embodying my invention is designed to embrace the shank of the collar-button worn in the neckband of a shirt at the throat of the wearer; and the object of the invention is to provide a simplified fastening, by which the tie is prevented from rising up too high, and also prevented from moving about or around the neck.

Further, the invention has for its object to provide a device of the character described, which shall enable the tie or cravat to be held or maintained in such position as to cause the collar-button to which it is attached to be exposed to view in instances where such is desired.

Finally, the invention has for its object to supply a fastening of this character, which shall secure the tie or cravat in place in such manner that no strain is ever exerted thereto from movements of the body of the wearer, thereby avoiding discomfort, and also overcoming other inconveniences heretofore experienced in the use of many former inventions for a like purpose.

Before proceeding with the description of my invention I would state that I am aware that there have been devices patented heretofore having in view like objects as the present; but in many such instances some have proved ineffective, while others are too expensive of manufacture to place them at a cost compatible with the uses required of them.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention pertains may know how to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a necktie-fastening embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 represents a side view; Fig. 3, a plan view; and Fig. 4 is a view illustrating its use and showing the manner in which the same acts to hold the tie in a position to expose the collar-button. Fig. 5 represents a front view of a modified form of the fastener preferably employed by me in some instances. Fig. 6 is a side view, and Fig. 7 a plan view, thereof before being bent into shape.

Referring to the fastening by the several letters, A represents a piece of wire or other material, which is first bent about centrally, as at *a*, from whence its two portions, *b b*, are brought about parallel to each other as far as the points *c c*, where they are branched outwardly and curved around toward each other, forming almost complete half-circles *d d*, their extremities then being branched slightly apart, as seen at *e e*, forming each a compound curve by which the device is readily guided around and away from the shank of the collar-button. By this construction it will be seen that the device will have imparted to it sufficient springiness or elasticity to cause it to close around the button-shank when placed thereon, and to easily separate or divide when being detached therefrom.

To that part *a*, I solder or otherwise secure a pin or other suitable device, B, for engaging the back of the cravat or tie, and which is preferably brought outward or away at a slight downward and forward inclination, as shown, by which to be more readily inserted. At the point of juncture or connection of this pin B with A a small enlargement or shoulder, *g*, is formed, for the purpose of preventing the pin penetrating too far into the tie, thus keeping the portions *b b* free to act in yielding to the slight force required to attach the device to the button and detach it therefrom.

In practice I prefer that the part A shall be made as flat as possible, in order not to occupy much space between the tie and collar, as otherwise in instances of use of the device with the ordinary "opera" tie the tendency would be to cause the tie to bulge or set too far out.

It is obvious that deviations may be resorted to in the form of the pin B, since the generic feature of my invention is a necktie-fastening adapted for attachment to and de-

tachment from a collar-button having a pin for engaging and holding the tie.

By reference to Figs. 5, 6, and 7 it will be observed that the fastener is constructed of a single piece of flat metal, slit for a major part of its length and formed with a bifurcated shank for embracing the shank of a collar-button, while its opposite end is fashioned into a point or pin for entering the necktie. This form is in all respects identical with the one hereinbefore described, the slit *n* thereof imparting the desired degree of elasticity to the bifurcated shank, and in bending or returning the device upon itself, in the manner shown, it is intended that this slit shall terminate at the point from whence the pin is turned or branched off, as at *o*. It is also intended that the point at which the pin is branched or turned downwardly shall be brought opposite the center of the opening that receives the shank of the collar-button, and it is evident that in this way the bifurcated shank may be slipped around the collar-button between the two ends of the collar and be thereby of itself prevented from turning to one side or the other,

and in rising the necktie will push against the point of the pin.

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

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a necktie-fastening provided with a bifurcated shank adapted to pass around and embrace the shank of a collar-button and having the opposite end of its shank fashioned into a pin extending in a vertical line, substantially as shown and described. 30 35

2. As an article of manufacture, a necktie-fastening consisting of the part A, bent as shown and having the pin B secured thereto, the point of juncture of the two being provided with shoulder *g*, as shown and described. 40

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 45

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