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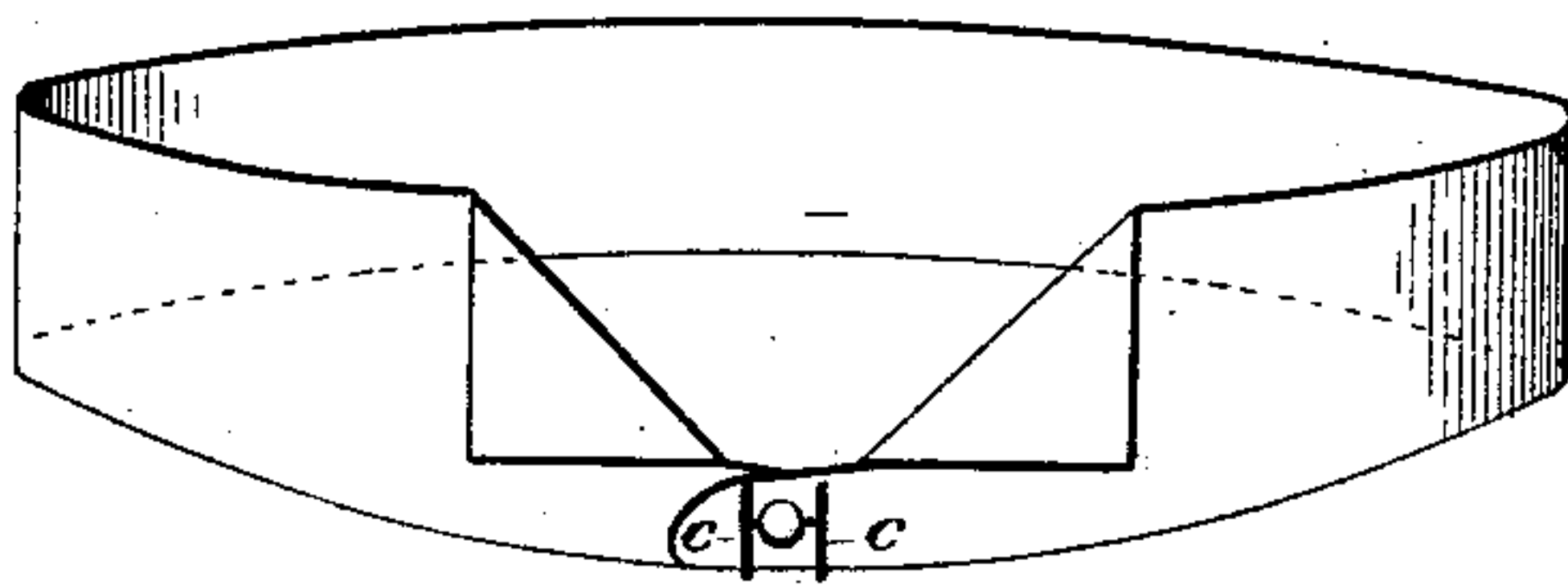
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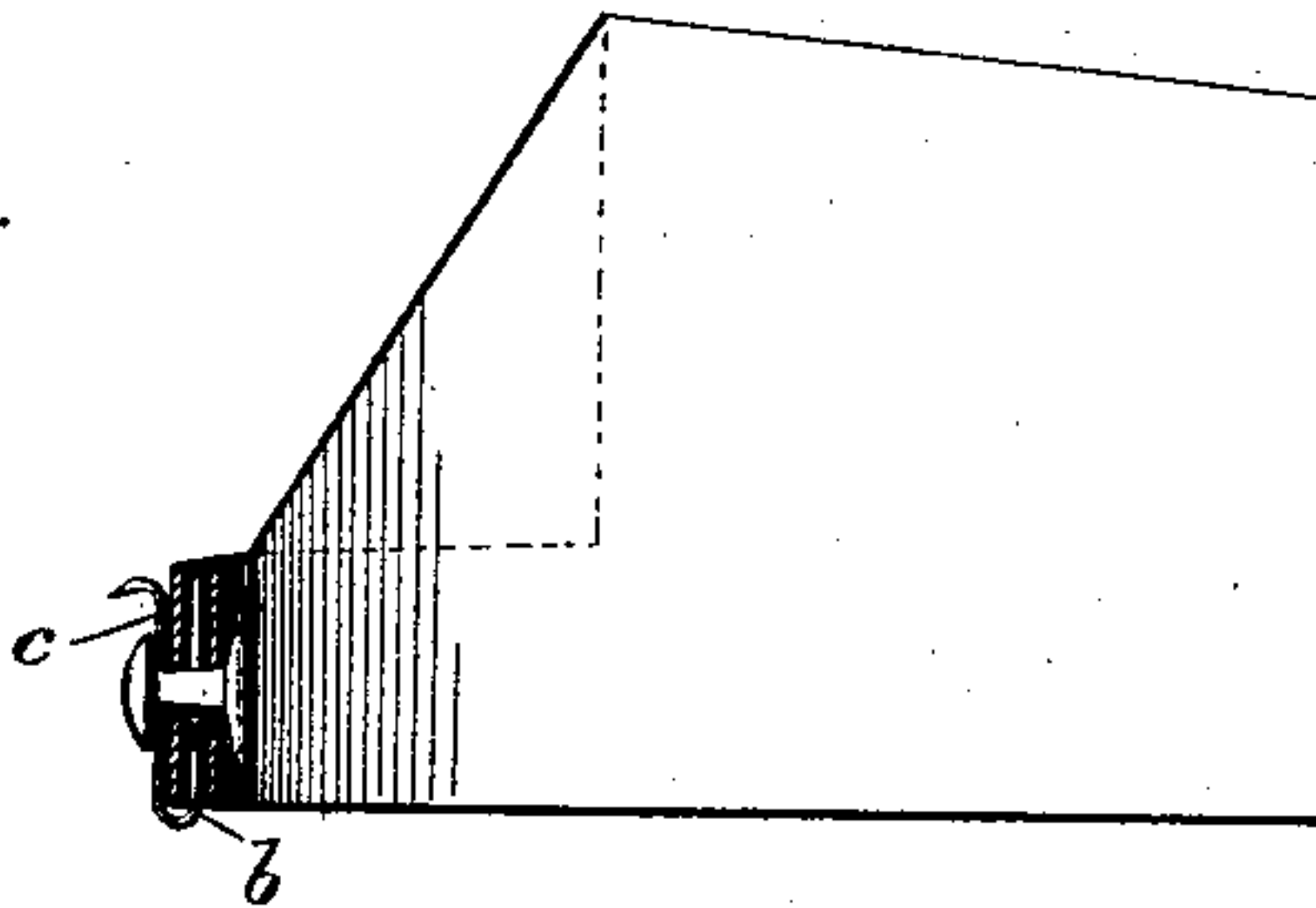
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## NECKTIE-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN B. PENDERGAST, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Louisville, in the county of Jefferson and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to necktie or cravat holders, and has for its object to provide a simple, convenient, and cheap device by means of which the necktie or cravat can be prevented from riding or slipping upwardly on the collar, the device being of such construction that it can be readily adjusted after the collar is buttoned, and be retained in place against lateral and downward movement by its simple engagement with the shank of the collar-button, said device being complete in itself and designed to be applied and used without forming part of the tie or any portion thereof.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved necktie-holder. Fig. 2 is a front view showing the same applied to a collar. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken through the line *x x* of Fig. 2.

In carrying out my invention I make use of a piece of spring steel wire of suitable gage and flexibility, and bend the same to form a central loop, the ends of which converge slightly to provide a space of such diameter that it will spread to admit of the passage of the shank of the ordinary stud, this loop being referred to in the drawings by the letter *a*. On each side of the loop and at each contracted portion the wire merges into a direct bend to provide downwardly-extending members *b b*, located closely adjacent to the sides of the loop *a*. At a suitable plane below the loop *a* the members *b b* are bent at right angles, and then extend upwardly to form the members *c c*, the terminal portion of the wire being bent horizontally-outwardly and pointed, so that the necktie can engage therewith,

either by being pierced thereby or by lying beneath the same. In order to avoid the objectionable slipping that a round terminal projection would possess, I cut or shear each terminal portion in an inclined direction upon its upper side, so that while providing a proper point the lower portion of said projection will be strictly horizontal.

In applying the device the tabs of the collar are buttoned over the stud in the usual manner and the necktie-retainer passed between the tabs and the neckband of the shirt, so that the shank of the button will be forced between the contracted portions and sprung into the loop, so as to engage the device to properly hold it in position and prevent its dropping down. It will therefore be noted that the simple operation of applying the device secures its permanent and proper retention in position. The lower edges of the collar-tabs occupy the spaces between the members *b c*, and thus not only prevent the upward play of the device, but hold said tabs together and on the button. The neckband of the necktie or cravat is then positioned either below the pointed projections or caused to engage the same.

It will be obvious that the device is simple and highly useful, and can be made at comparatively slight expense.

I am aware that prior to my invention it has been proposed to provide a necktie holder and fastener in a single piece of wire, and consisting of an extended transverse cross-bar curved in a direction reverse to the curvature of the front of the neckband and collar, and having a central semicircular depression, the ends of which are formed into bends so as to provide rear and front members, the terminals of the latter being bent at right angles to present hooks to engage the neckband of the tie or cravat. In the prior construction alluded to the pressure exerted by the rearwardly-curved central bar is the only provision for retaining the device in position, and will be difficult to adjust where the neckband and tabs are tight. Furthermore, should the neckband work loose, as frequently occurs, the simple provision of the curved bar would not be sufficient to retain said device in position. In addition, the extended character of the device makes it less convenient



to adjust at the ends than in the case of one more condensed and contracted form, such as exhibited in my improved fastener.

I am also aware that it has been proposed  
5 to provide a prior device with an inverted loop having a contracted opening, but such arrangement is entirely different, since it can only be applied before the collar-tabs are buttoned.

10 I claim—

1. The improved device or necktie-securer composed of a single piece of spring-wire bent centrally upon itself to form a loop, having a contracted opening at the top and merging  
15 at said contracted portion into direct bends, continued in the form of members having pointed terminals located at right angles, said device being complete in itself and designed to be applied and used without forming part  
20 of the tie or any portion thereof, substantially as set forth.

2. The improved device or necktie-securer

composed of a single piece of spring-wire bent centrally upon itself to form a loop having a contracted opening at the top and merging 25 at said contracted portion into direct bends continued in the form of vertical descending members *b b* closely adjacent to the sides of said loop, the said members turning at their lower ends in forwardly-extending bends, continuing in front vertically-ascending mem- 30 bers *c c*, terminating at their top in forwardly-extending horizontal projections, said device being complete in itself and designed to be applied and used without forming part of the 35 tie or any portion thereof, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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