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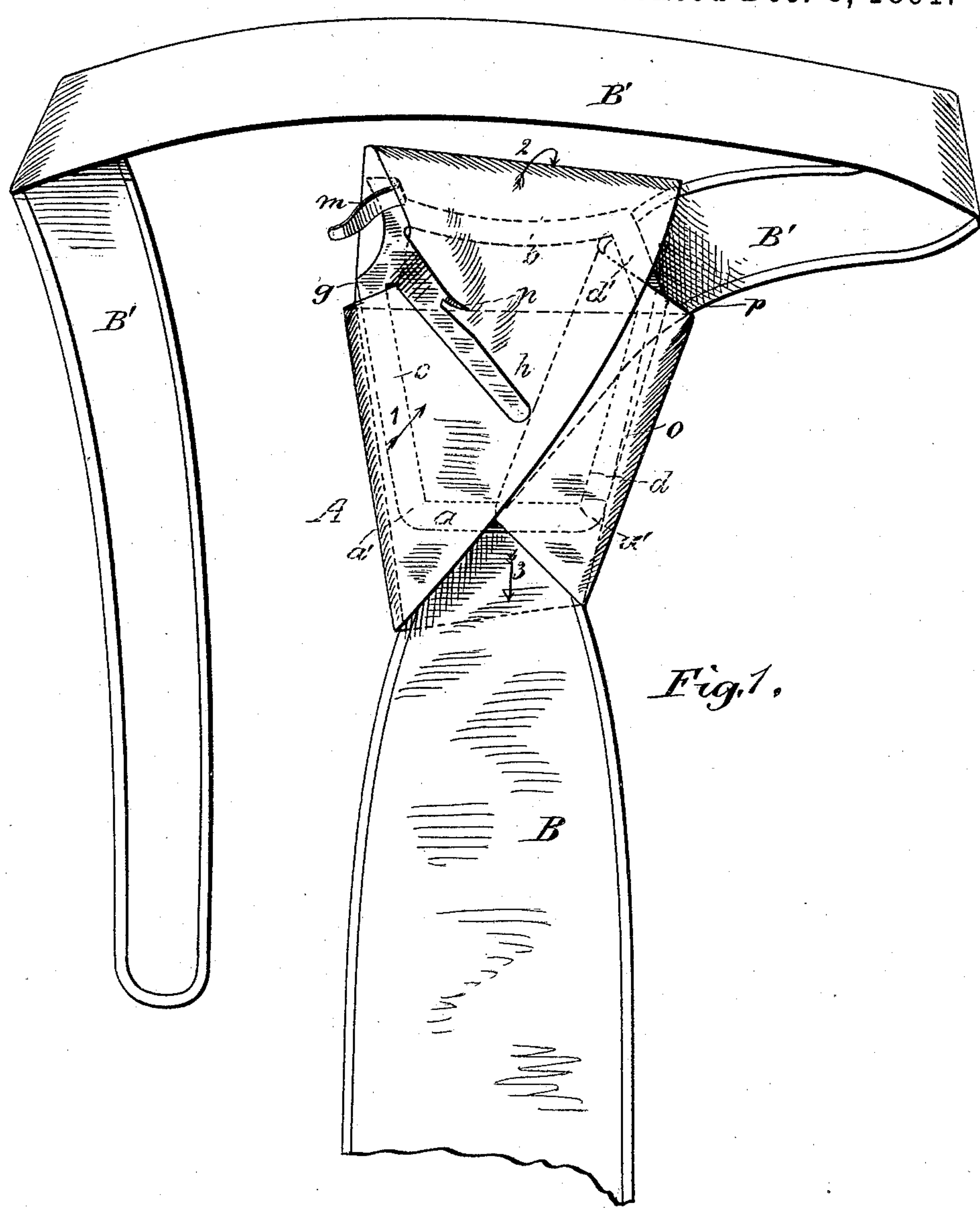
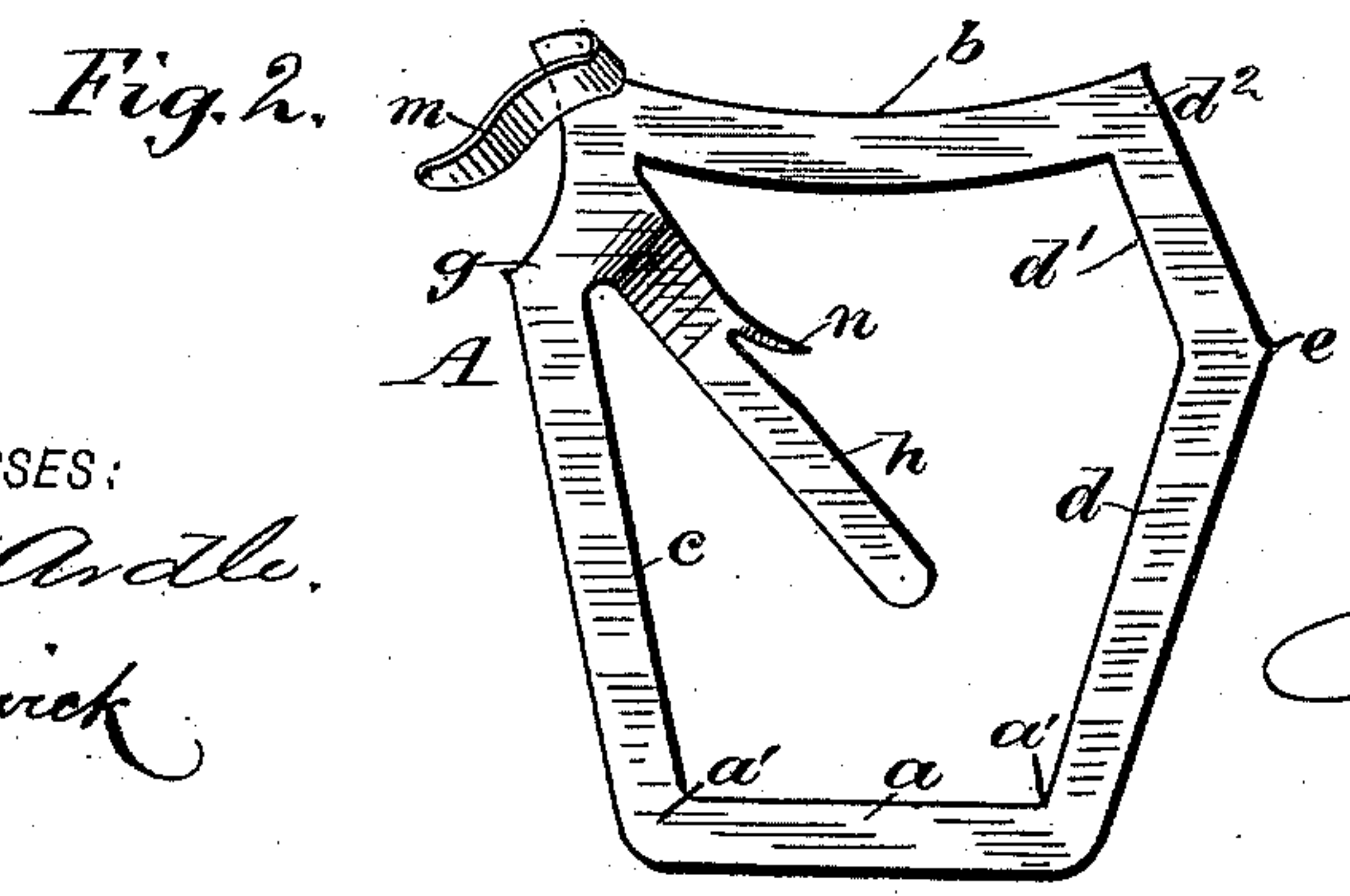


Fig. 1.



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## NECKTIE-FASTENER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES A. MORRIS, of Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Scarf-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device which will afford means to arrange a scarf in the style known as the "four-in-hand" knot in a speedy manner and also provide a locking-tang for the free end portion of the scarf, a further object being to provide a scarf-holder of the character indicated which may be struck or cut from a single piece of sheet metal or other suitable material by proper dies, so as to cheapen the cost of production.

To these ends my invention consists in the peculiar construction of the scarf-holder, and, furthermore, in the method of arranging the scarf thereon, as is hereinafter described and claimed.

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

Figure 1 is a rear face view of a scarf folded upon the holder-frame, which is shown partly in dotted lines; and Fig. 2 is a detached side view of the scarf-holder frame.

The four-in-hand scarf is a peculiar knot produced on a piece of folded material by a dexterous manipulation that requires care and skill to form neatly and keep its shape. The use of the holder A will enable an operator to form the four-in-hand knot or a simulation of it quickly with the assurance that it will remain as formed and always assume the same form.

As represented, the holder A consists of a substantially polygonal-shaped frame, preferably struck from a blank of sheet metal or formed of other suitable material, having its five sides integrally formed of proper width and thickness for efficient service, while lightness is secured. The lower frame-bar *a* is of less length from the angles *a'* than is the top bar *b*, and these are joined by a side bar *c* and an opposite side bar by which they are held in parallel planes. The side bar last named has a bend produced at *e* edgewise and outwardly,

thus forming two parts *d d'*, which incline from said junctional point toward the top and bottom bars *b a*. The other side bar *c* is outwardly inclined from the lower angle *a'* to a point *g* near the upper bar *b*, where the side bar named is curved slightly inward, and upon the inner edge of said curved portion a limb *h* is extended diagonally down and across the frame toward an opposite lower corner *a'*, said limb being bent inwardly at its junction with the said side bar, so as to admit of the scarf folding under.

On the upper edge of the top cross-bar *b*, which bar is preferably curved, as shown, a finger-piece *m* is integrally formed by cutting a strip partly loose from the upper corner *d'* toward the curved side bar portion and then bending the free portion so as to project it over the curved edge outwardly and downwardly.

Upon the upper edge of the diagonal limb *h* an integral tang *n* is formed, which is divergently bent therefrom.

The extremities of the bar *b* should be sufficiently sharp to engage the sides of the scarf to hold it permanently in position when arranged, as hereinafter described.

In using the scarf-holder frame just described the scarf B is first wrapped around the main portion *d* of one side bar, as shown in Fig. 1, and the free portion B', that forms an integral neckband for the pendent tab of the scarf, is twisted upward and outward sufficiently to pass around the outer surface of the top side bar *d'*. The wider or tab portion of the scarf is now carried across the front side of the holder-frame A and drawn against the exterior edge of the opposite side bar *c* and around said bar rearwardly and upwardly in the direction of the arrow 1, thence over the top cross-bar *b*, as shown by arrow 2, toward the front side of the holder-frame and down between the outer face of said frame A and the material of the scarf, which has previously been drawn across said face, the end portion forming a pendent tab, as shown in Fig. 1 by arrow 3.

The scarf B, when mounted upon the frame A, as has been explained, is ready for instant application to the neck of the wearer, which may be effected by simply passing the neckband portion B' around the neck rearwardly,



while the scarf proper is held at a proper point in front, and then locating said neckband beneath the finger-piece *m* by drawing it under the lower edge of said finger-piece  
5 and downwardly in a diagonal direction to engage it with the tang *n*, over which the free end portion of the neckband *B'* is imposed.

As the scarf is readily removed, any number of such articles of neck-wear may be used  
10 with a single holder-frame, the application being easy, as the work can be seen and executed without having recourse to a mirror to inspect its execution.

From the inexpensive nature of the device  
15 it may be afforded at a low cost to the user, and its employment will greatly facilitate the correct formation of the popular four-in-hand knot on a plain scarf, which is greatly to be preferred to those made up in ordinary form.

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

1. A four-in-hand-scarf form comprising a skeleton or open frame having top, bottom,  
25 and side pieces, a finger *m*, projecting outward from one upper corner of the frame, and

a retaining-tang projecting into the frame-opening from the same corner as the said finger to engage the neckband portion after the the same has been passed under the finger, 30 substantially as shown and described.

2. A four-in-hand-scarf form comprising a skeleton or open frame having top, bottom, and side pieces, the finger *m*, bent outward and downward from one upper corner of the 35 frame, a limb *h*, projecting diagonally into the frame-opening from the same upper corner and formed with a penetrating-tang *n*, all struck up from a single piece, substantially as shown and described. 40

3. A scarf-holder consisting of a frame which is provided with the side bar *c*, the opposite side bar having an outward bend at *e*, forming the two inclines *d d'*, a top and bottom bar *a b*, parallel to each other, an in- 45 tegral diagonal depending limb *h*, having a tang *n*, and a bent finger *m*, substantially as described.

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