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COLLAR CLASP.

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Fig. 1.

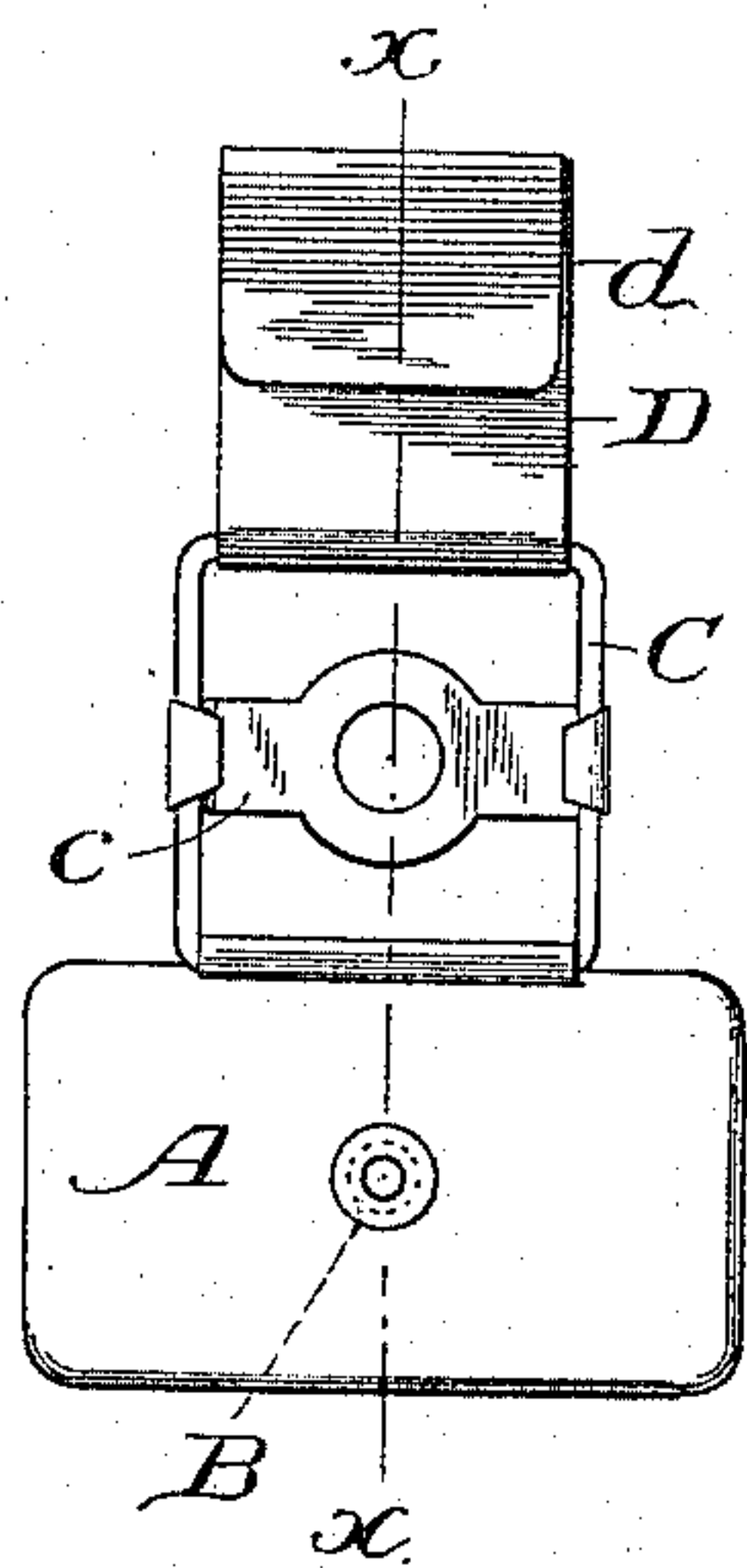


Fig. 2.

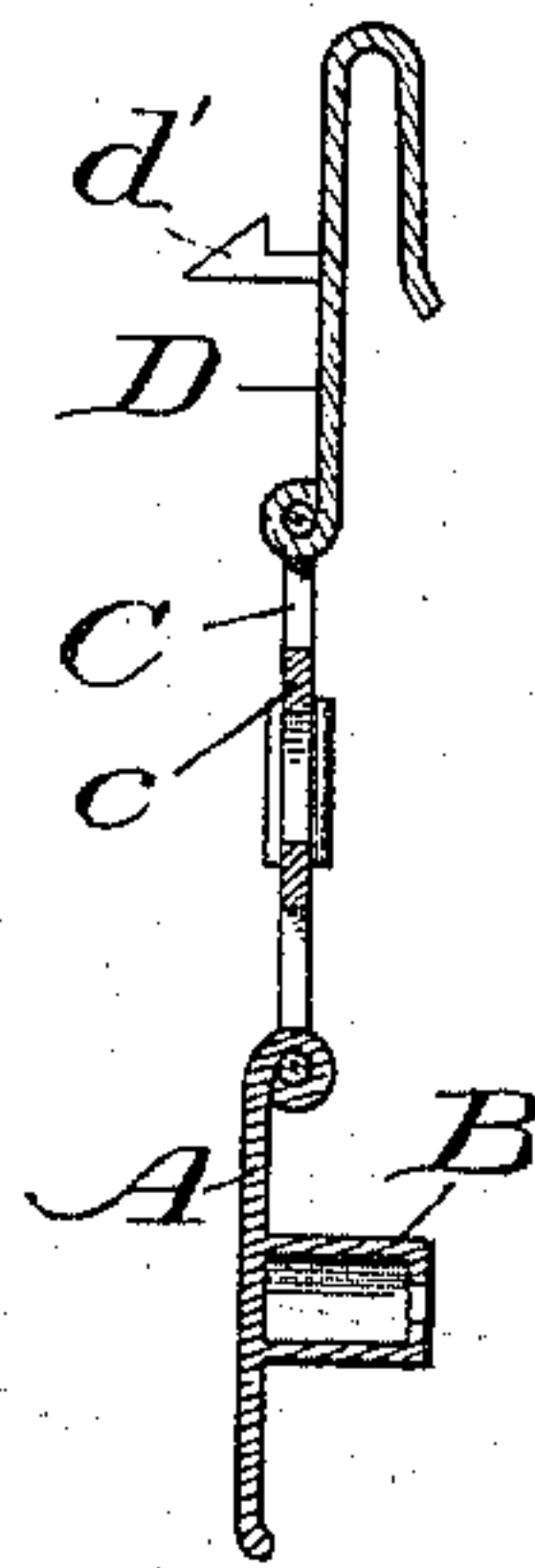


Fig. 3.

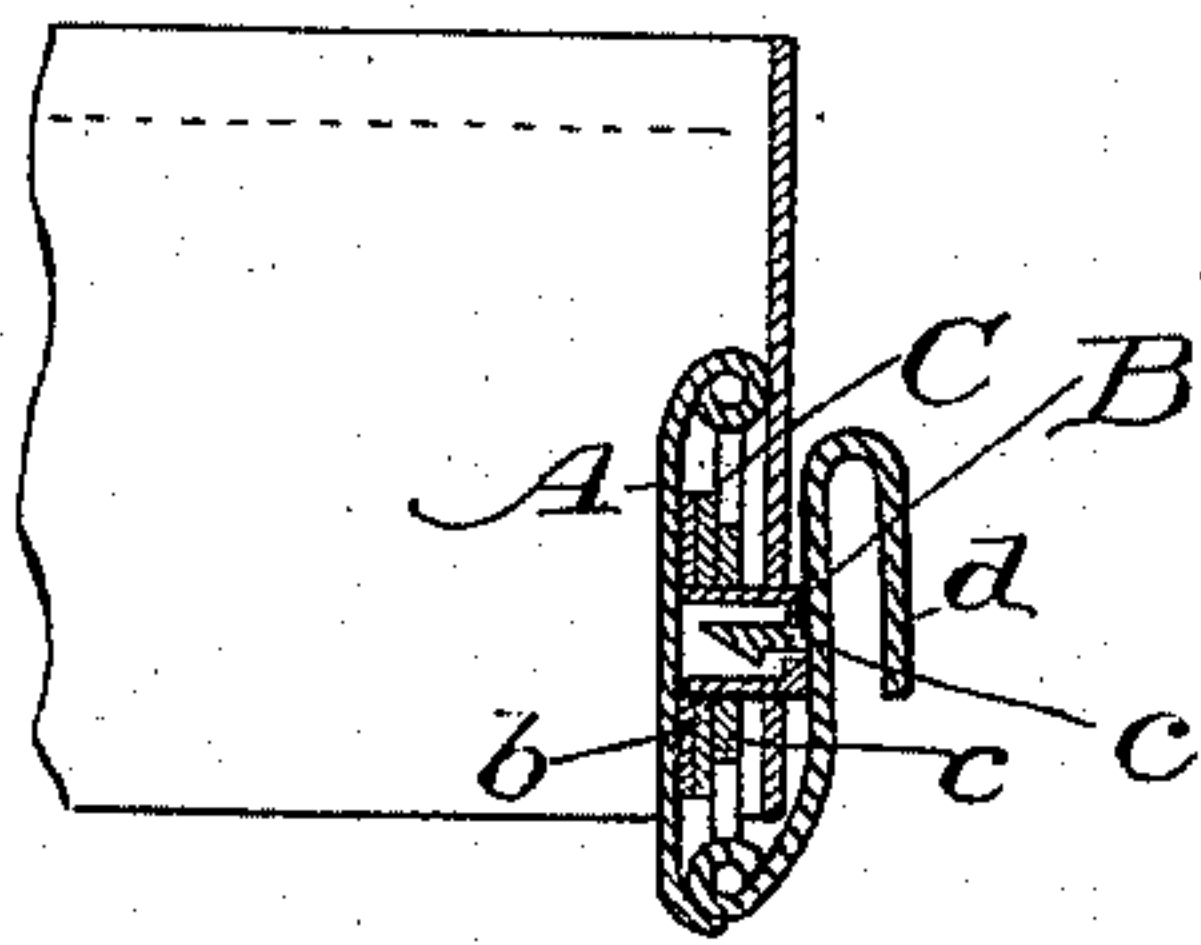
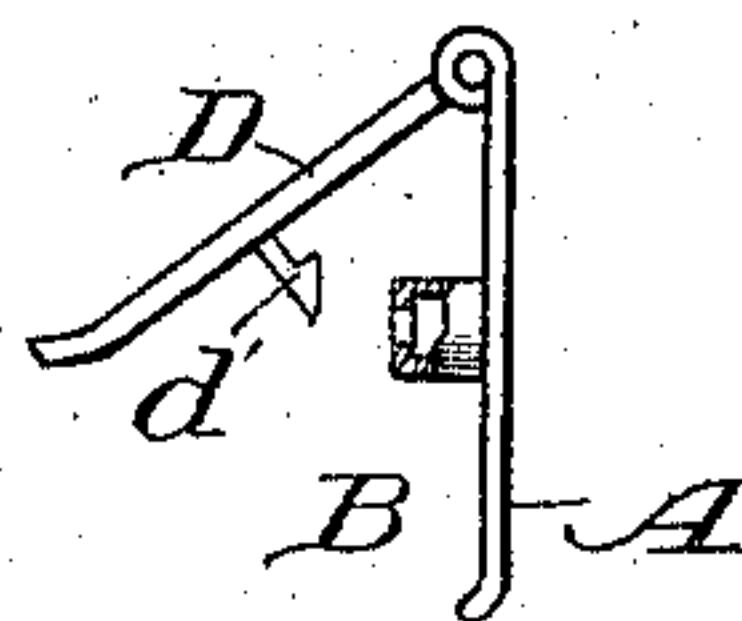


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. JORDAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at McIntosh Bluff, in the county of Washington and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Clasps; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in clasps for securing collars to the band of a shirt, and has for its object to provide a device which will do away with collar-buttons which are constantly being lost, and prevent the tearing out of the button holes in the shirt band.

The invention consists of the combination of a plate carrying a post which passes through the shirt band and collar, a wire frame or plate hinged thereto and adapted to fold down thereon having an opening therein through which the said post passes, and a plate hinged to said wire frame, having a hooked portion adapted to hold a necktie, and a catch therein adapted to engage with the fixed post for securing the three parts in their folded positions.

It also consists of the details of construction and combination of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings which form a part of this specification: Figure 1 is an inside view of the clasp, showing the same in its open position. Fig. 2 is a section on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal section of the device in its closed position, showing the shirt band and collar clamped therein. Fig. 4 is a side view of the clasp of the form used at the front of the shirt.

Referring to the drawings by letter, A represents the inner plate, made of gold, silver, aluminum or other non-corrosive metal and whose inner surface is made perfectly smooth to prevent chafing or abrading of the back of the neck. Rising from the center of this plate is a post B which is soldered or otherwise secured thereto, and of a length to pass through the shirt and collar. This post is made hollow, as shown, and is provided with an internal

shoulder, with which the clamp or catch, to be described, engages. Hinged to the plate A, as clearly shown, is a wire frame C which has its opposite side pieces connected by a strap c perforated as shown for the passage of the post B, therethrough. This frame is adapted to fold down upon the plate A and secure between the two parts, the ends of the shirt band b .

D is the outside plate hinged at its lower end to the frame C and provided at its upper end with a hooked portion d under which the necktie is adapted to pass and be prevented from rising above the collar of the wearer. The plate D is further provided on its rear side with a snap latch consisting of a notched riser d' which is adapted to fit into the bottom portion of the post B and engage the shoulder therein, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. Between the frame C and the plate D the collar itself is secured, the post B passing through the button-hole therein.

In Fig. 4, I have shown a form of device for use at the front of the shirt, wherein the frame C is dispensed with. In this form, the post B passes through the button-holes of the shirt and collar, and the plate D is folded down and clamped in the same manner as in the other form.

I have described my device in its preferred form, but it is obvious that many minor changes may be made therein, any of which may be contemplated by me and included within the scope of my invention.

Any form of clamping device may be used and I do not wish to restrict myself to the specific form of clamp herein described.

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

1. A clasp for securing a collar to the neck band of a shirt, consisting of an inner plate having a post rising therefrom and adapted to pass through the button-holes of the neck band and collar, a hollow frame hinged to and adapted to fold down upon said plate and retain between the two parts the neck band of the shirt, and a flat plate hinged to and adapted to fold up upon said frame, and secure the collar between said frame and said plate, all constructed substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. A clasp for securing a collar to the neck
band of a shirt, consisting of an inner plate
having a post rising therefrom and adapted
to pass through the button-holes of the neck
5 band and collar, a hollow frame hinged to and
adapted to fold down upon said plate and re-
tain between the two parts the neck band of
the shirt, and a flat plate hinged to and adapt-
ed to fold up upon said frame, and secure the
10 collar between said frame and said plate, the
latter being provided with a clamp or latch
for securing the parts of the device together,
substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. A clasp for securing a collar to the neck
15 band of a shirt, consisting of an inner plate
having a hollow post, with an internal shoul-
der, rising therefrom and adapted to pass
through the button holes of the neck-band
and collar, a wire frame having a perforated
20 transverse strap secured to the side thereof,

hinged to and adapted to fold down upon the
said plate and retain between the two parts
the neck band of the shirt, and a flat plate
hinged to and adapted to fold up upon said
frame, and secure the collar between the frame 25
and said plate, the latter having a hooked
upper end for holding the necktie in place,
and a notched pin or riser projecting from its
inner side, adapted to engage the shoulder
within the hollow post, for securing the parts 30
together, substantially as and for the purpose
described.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
specification in the presence of two subscrib-
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