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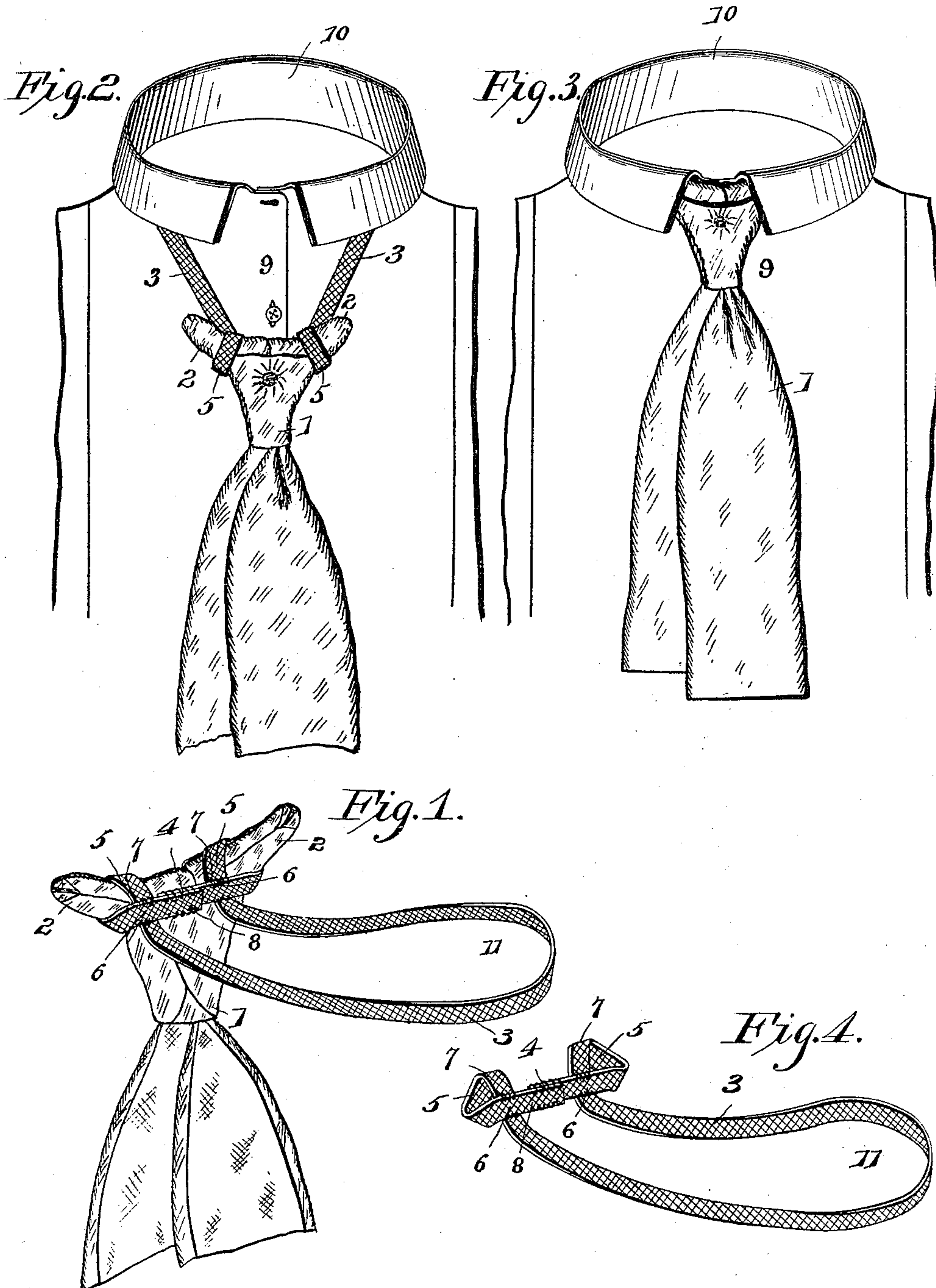
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES GOLDTHWAIT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Self-Fastening Necktie, of which the following is a specification.

It is a well-known fact that enfeebled persons and others suffering with a nervous affliction have great difficulty in buttoning an open-front shirt having a fixed collar thereon and also in adjusting a necktie to the collar.

This invention therefore relates to neckties; and the object thereof is to provide a "made-up tie" with means for readily and effectively adjusting the tie upon the collar and which will hold the ends of the shirt-band and the open front of the shirt closed or together without the employment of a stud or collar-button.

To these ends the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a detail rear perspective view showing the manner of connecting the necktie-band with the body of the tie. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a necktie having the improvements and shown drawn away from the collar. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the tie in its proper adjusted position. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the looped connection of the band.

Corresponding parts are denoted by like reference characters in all the figures of the drawings.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a made-up tie of the four-in-hand type having the horns or wings 2 extending from the upper corners of the neck portion of the tie and adapted to engage under the turned-over portion of the ordinary turned-down collar. This is an ordinary form of tie which usually has a loop provided upon the rear side thereof to engage about the collar-button, whereby the tie is held to the collar. It is evident that this arrangement of tie is very difficult to adjust by a feeble person or

one afflicted with nervousness, for it is awkward in any event to engage the loop with the collar-button, as will be readily appreciated. The present invention being designed to obviate this difficulty is effected by providing a continuous elastic necktie-band 3. The ends of this band are joined, as at 4, Figs. 1 and 4, where they are sewed or suitably connected to the reverse side of the tie centrally and near the upper end thereof. Loops 5 are formed in the band on opposite sides of the connected ends thereof and adjacent thereto. These loops are fitted to the respective horns or wings 2 of the tie, tightly embracing the base of the horns, and the crossing portions of the loops, as at 6, are sewed or suitably connected together. The portion 7, extending over the top of the horns, passes beneath the straight portion 8, which extends across the rear side of the tie, and is connected thereto, as heretofore described.

By reason of the portions 7 or ends of the bight of the band extending beneath the straight rear portion 8 the strain is brought against the latter portion, which is firmly mounted upon the body of the tie by the connection at 4 and the looped connection about the horns, which connects the band in a simple and substantial manner.

Figs. 2 and 3 show the application of the invention in which is disclosed a shirt having an open front 9 and a fixed turned-down collar 10. To fit the tie to the collar, the bight portion 11 of the elastic band 3 is engaged about the back of the head and the body of the tie is grasped in one hand and brought over in front of the head and down below the collar, as indicated in Fig. 2, the other hand slipping the band down and under the collar. Then the tie is released, and the elastic band draws the same tightly against the collar, as indicated in Fig. 3, the horns 2 fitting underneath the turned-over portion of the collar. The band 3, being connected at the upper corners of the tie, will hold the same more evenly and substantially upon the collar than if a loop or other device was used and connected with the collar-button. By passing the portions 7 beneath the straight rear portion 8 the

band is in effect connected to the tie some distance below the top thereof, which permits of the same being fitted close up into the bend of the collar to make a neat fit and effectively
5 hide the buttonhole thereof.

It will be evident that as the tie is not connected to the collar-button the latter may be dispensed with, as the band of the tie, being continuous, will hold the collar together with-
10 out the aid of any other fastening device.

The use of an elastic band for neckties is well known, and the present invention does not contemplate the same broadly, but is intended to cover the connection between the
15 band and the body of the tie in the manner peculiar to the present invention.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction and arrangement may be made without departing from the spirit and

scope or sacrificing any of the advantages of 20 the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

The combination with a "made-up tie" having wings or horns as set forth, of a continuous 25 elastic band provided with a pair of spaced loops, the crossing portions of each loop being connected together at their points of intersection, the loops embracing the respective horns of the tie, and the short portion of the band 30 between the loops being connected to the reverse side of the tie, substantially as shown and described.

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