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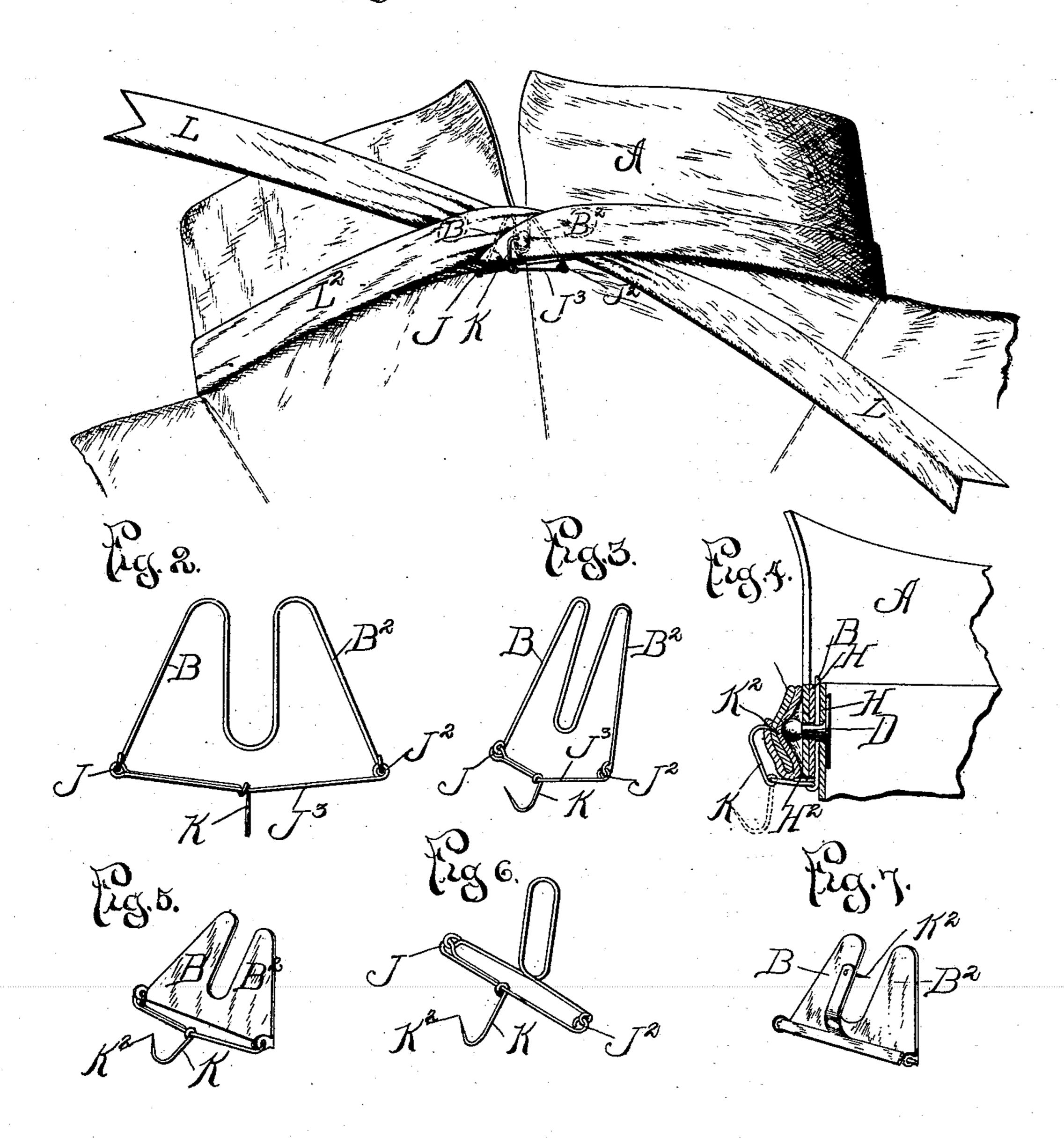
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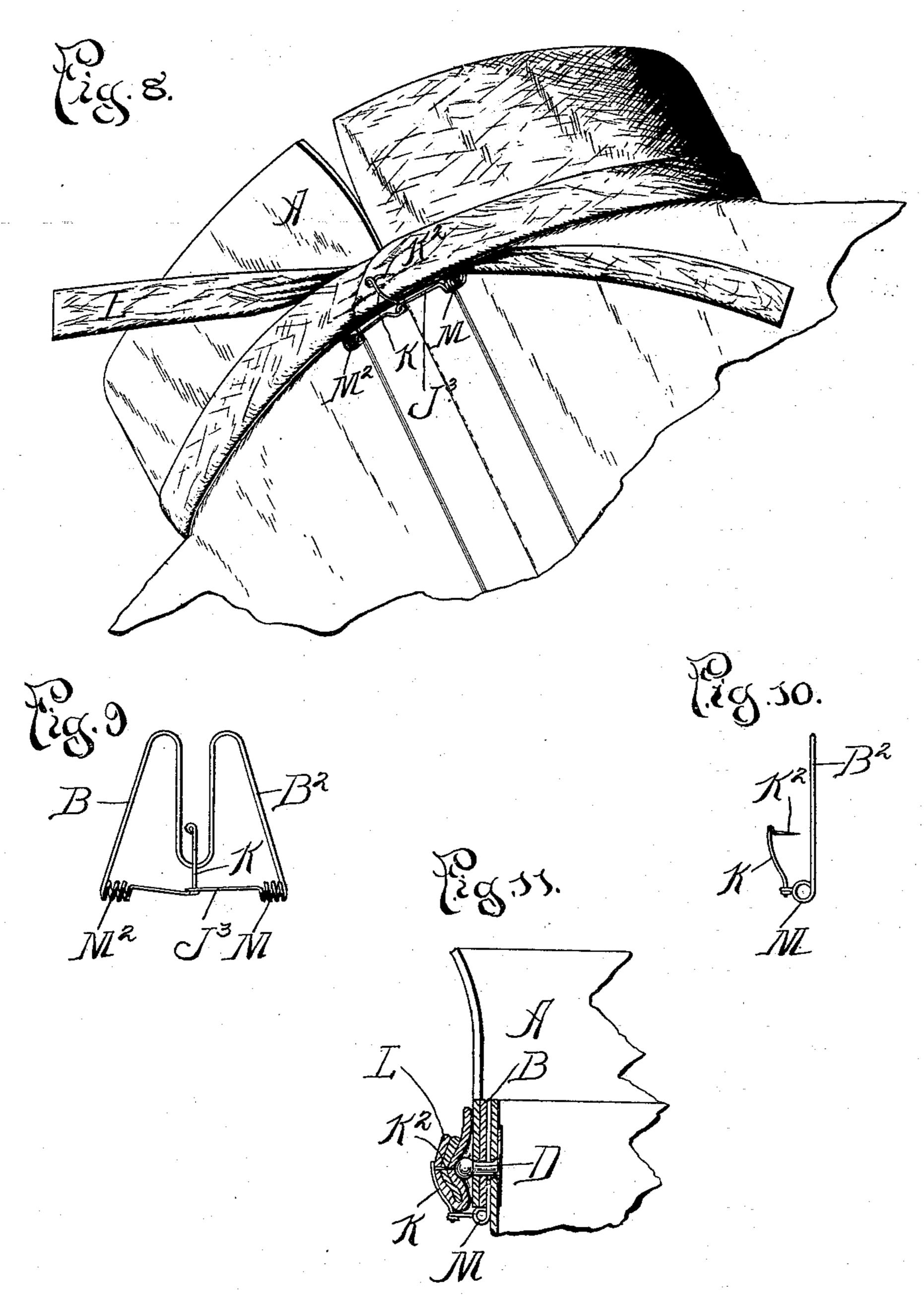
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GILBERT A. Pond, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, 5 have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Necktie-Holders, of which the

following is a specification.

My invention relates generally to an improved device for holding a necktie firmly to and securely in a proper position, and more particularly relates to means for accomplishing this purpose in connection with that character of necktie which is adapted to be tied into a knot as distinguished from that kind 15 of necktie which is already made up permanently into the knot or already tied and needs

simply to be fastened to the collar.

In adjusting the necktie which is adapted to be tied it is necessary to form the ribbon 20 or ribbon portion of the tie after adjustment about the collar into a half-knot or partial tie or initial or preliminary knot, then draw upon the end portions of the tie until the ribbon or band portion hugs snugly about the 25 collar, and then releasing said end portions, complete the operation by tying the completed knot. The operation of completing the knot is accomplished with great difficulty and often with unsatisfactory results, as the 30 preliminary knot or half-knot immediately loosens upon a release of the end portions, which permits the band or ribbon portion about the collar to become loose and fall away from the collar, and also the act of com-35 pleting the knot displaces the tie, causing it to ride up upon the collar out of a proper position. So, also, when the knot is completed it tends constantly to ride up upon the collar into an unsightly position unless prop-40 erly and firmly held in the proper position.

The object of my invention generally is to provide a fastener and holder which shall hold the preliminary knot or half-knot in a manner to prevent it from slipping or work-45 ing loose or getting out of position while in the act of completing the knot and which shall also hold the completed knot and tie se-

curely in the proper position.

My invention has certain other objects in 50 view; and it consists in certain features about to be described particularly and generally, and specifically pointed out in my claim, refer-

ence being now had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a collar 55 and a ribbon or band tie adjusted about the collar and formed into a preliminary loop or parted knot, the holder and fastener being adjusted in position and engaging the partial or preliminary knot. Fig. 2 is a front view 60 of my holder and fastener, shown detached. Fig. 3 is a perspective of the same. Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view through the shirtband and overlapping ends of the collar, showing my device holding the tie in proper posi- 65 tion. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a different form of construction for securing the device to the collar-button. Fig. 6 is still another form for the same purpose. Fig. 7 is a modified form of hinge connection and car- 70 rier-bar.

My invention is designed for use, as hereinbefore generally treated, in conjunction with those neckties which are tied by the wearer. Such ties are known as the ordinary 75 "bow" tie and also the "Ascot" tie.

One of the main distinguishing features of my invention, as will hereinafter more clearly appear, resides in the character of construction and mode of operation by which the de- 80 vice may be attached in position and readily and conveniently operated to positively engage and securely hold the knot when it is half tied.

In order to secure the holder detachably to 85 the collar A, I employ any one of the many well-known means for this purpose employed in conjunction with or as a part of necktieholders. Thus, as shown in Fig. 2, I may employ the double engaging arms B and B², 90 formed from a length of wire. In this construction the said arms B and B² engage on either side of the collar-button D and are pushed up into a position between the shirtband H and the collar-band H2, Figs. 1 and 4. 95 It may be deemed preferable to form the arms B and B² out of a single blank of metal, as shown in Fig. 5, or it may be deemed advisable to employ a loop, as shown in Fig. 6, to engage the collar-button.

Hinged or pivoted at the points J and J² is a carrier-bar J³, on which is mounted an arm or extension member K. This arm or extension member K is shown as hook-shaped for

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a portion of its length, and its extreme end is formed with a piercing-point K². It is now evident that the carrier-bar J³ is adapted to move upon its hinges or pivots J and J² and permit the extension member K to swing upon the arc of a circle.

When the necktie adapted to be tied is adjusted about the collar and formed into the half-knot or preliminary knot, as shown in ro Fig. 1, the holder may be attached in position to the collar by pushing the engaging arms B and B² up between the shirt-band H and the collar-band H2, and then the extension member K may be swung upon its pivots J 15 and J² to a position, as shown in Fig. 4 more clearly, in which the piercing-point K² and hook portion penetrate into and engage the tie at the point where the half-knot or preliminary knot has been formed. By this 20 means it is evident that the half-knot or preliminary knot is securely fastened and held against slipping or loosening and is also held from riding up upon the collar when the ends of the tie (designated at L) are released. The 25 completion of the knot may now be readily effected without any loosening or slipping of the band portion L² of the necktie and the half-knot or preliminary knot held in proper position. It is evident also that the holder 30 may be adjusted to the collar before the necktie is adjusted thereon, or it may be adjusted after the necktie is positioned or arranged about the collar and before forming the halfknot.

It is frequently found desirable to hold the collar closely and snugly about the neck to present a more sightly appearance, and this is accomplished by drawing tightly upon the ends of the tie after the half-knot is formed, thus tightly binding the band portion L2 of

the necktie about the collar A. It is evident that with my improved holder as the extension member engages and holds the half-knot firmly the band portion of the tie is held

ter in position. When the tie is completely formed, the band portion of the tie, not having slipped or loosened, still holds the collar in the desired position about the neck.

It will be observed that when the extension member is positioned for use it projects or extends upwardly from the carrier-bar. It

also, as shown, extends inwardly in forming the hook portion. In order to insure a more perfect hold, I prefer to form the hook so that 55 the portion extended from the extension member trends downward.

I have described my holder as formed out of lengths of wire; but it is evident that it may be constructed of parts struck out of 60

metal, as shown in Fig. 7.

I do not mean to limit myself to any particular size of the parts of my invention as herein described, and where I have used a word in a singular sense if the function of 65 that particular part can as well be accomplished by the substitution of a number of similar parts it is to be understood that my invention is deemed to cover both constructions.

It will be observed particularly that in my construction the extension member when positioned for use projects upward and the hook portion, carrying the piercing-point, projects inward, whereby the hook portion engages 75 the front of the half-knot as the extension member is pressed inward. It will further be observed that the carrier-bar J³ is bent downward at an angle from the pivot or hinged points J and J² to the center, where the ex-80 tension member K is located. By this means the carrier-bar is given a springing tendency, which serves to hold the extension member K securely in position when engaged in the tie.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with a necktie adapted to be tied, of a holder comprising a frame hav- 90 ing extended arms adapted to embrace the collar-button, and a single extension member, carrying an engaging point, which extends upward and inward in front of the tie and is so centrally positioned as to engage through 95 the half-knot and abut against the collar-button, whereby the tie is held while being tied and after it is completely tied.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature

in presence of two witnesses.

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