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Fig. 1.

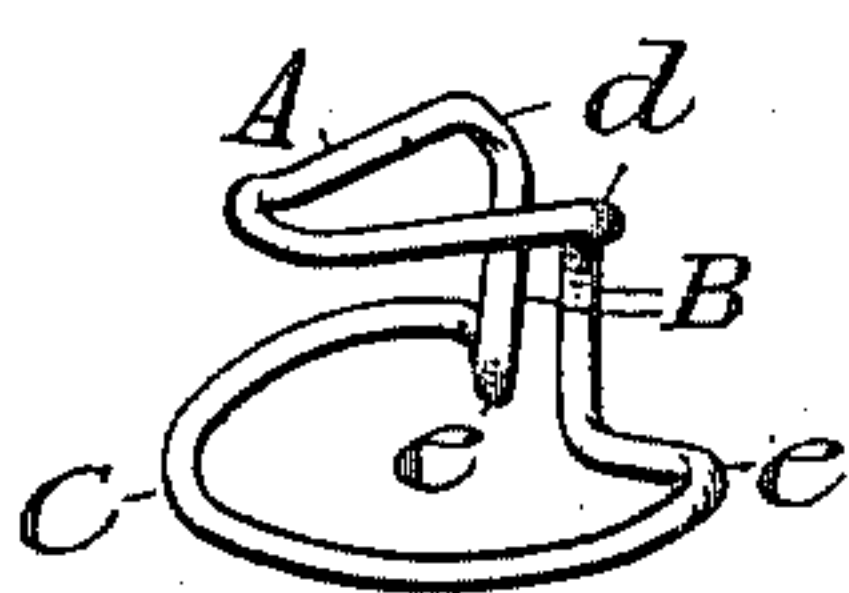


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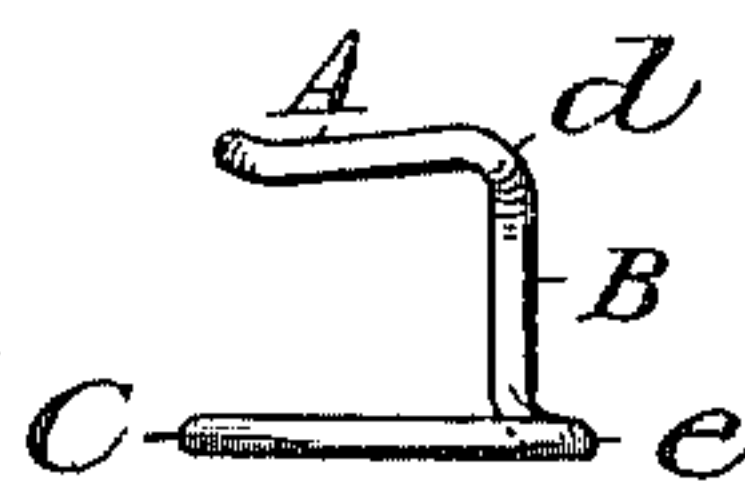


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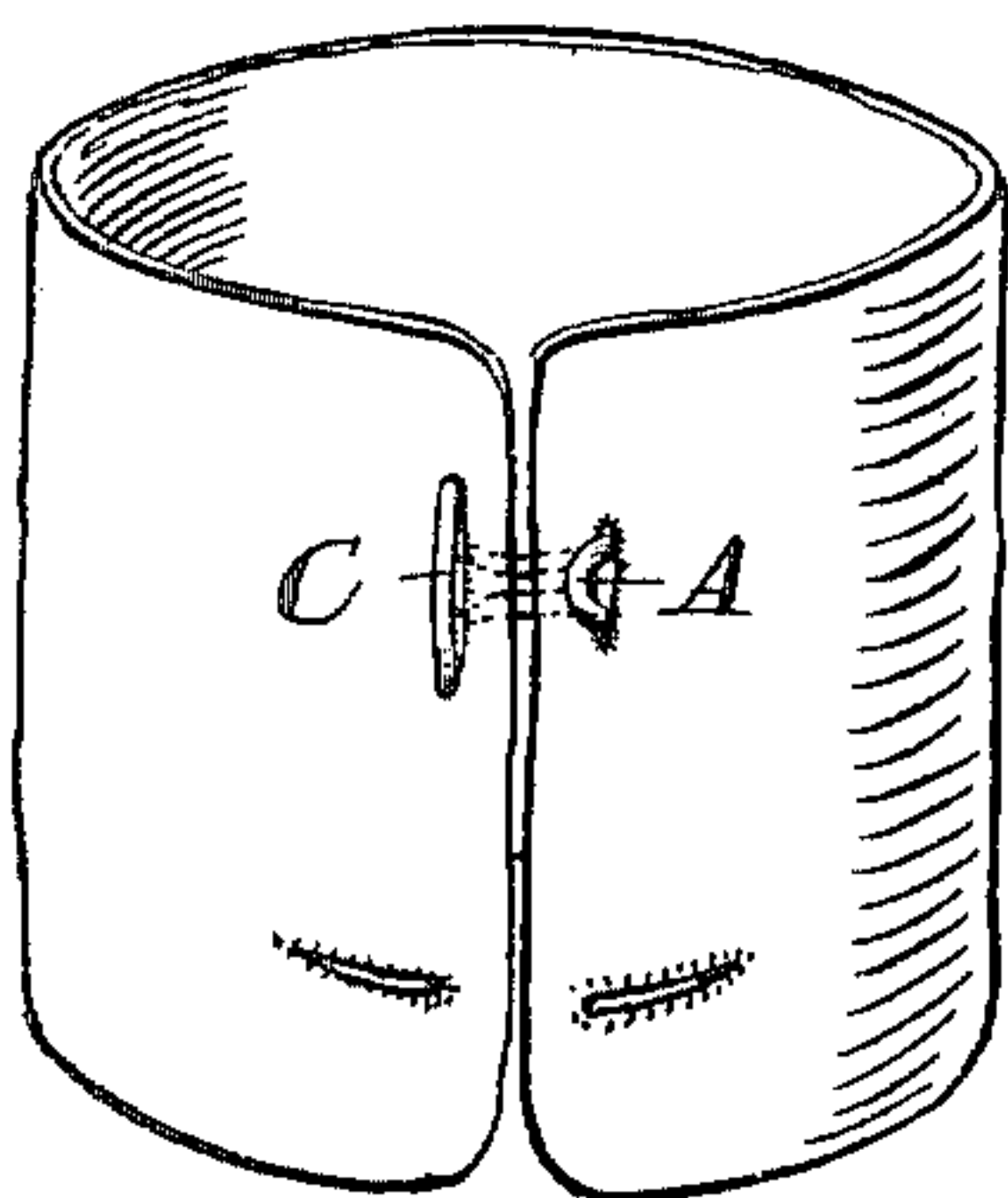


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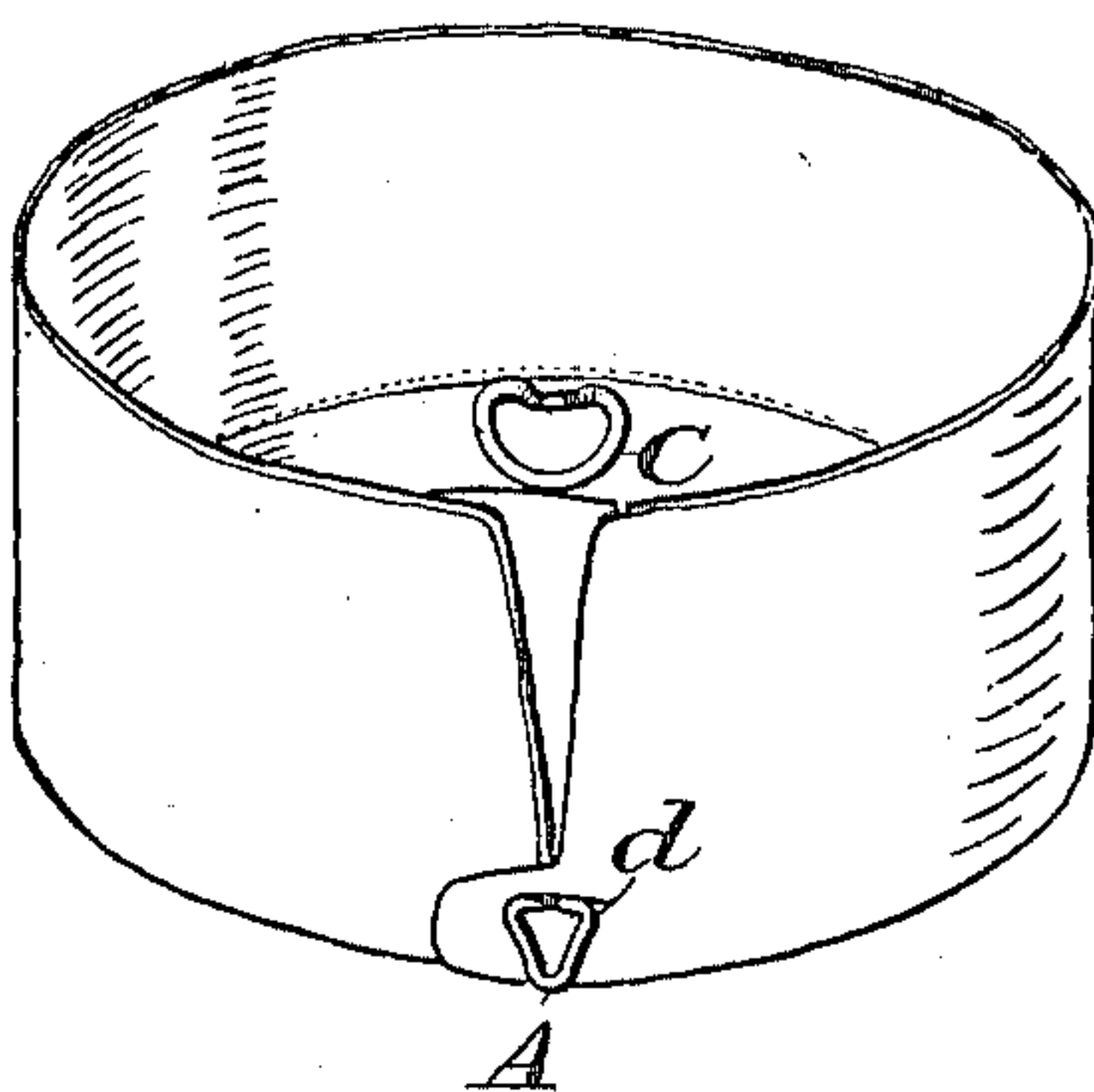
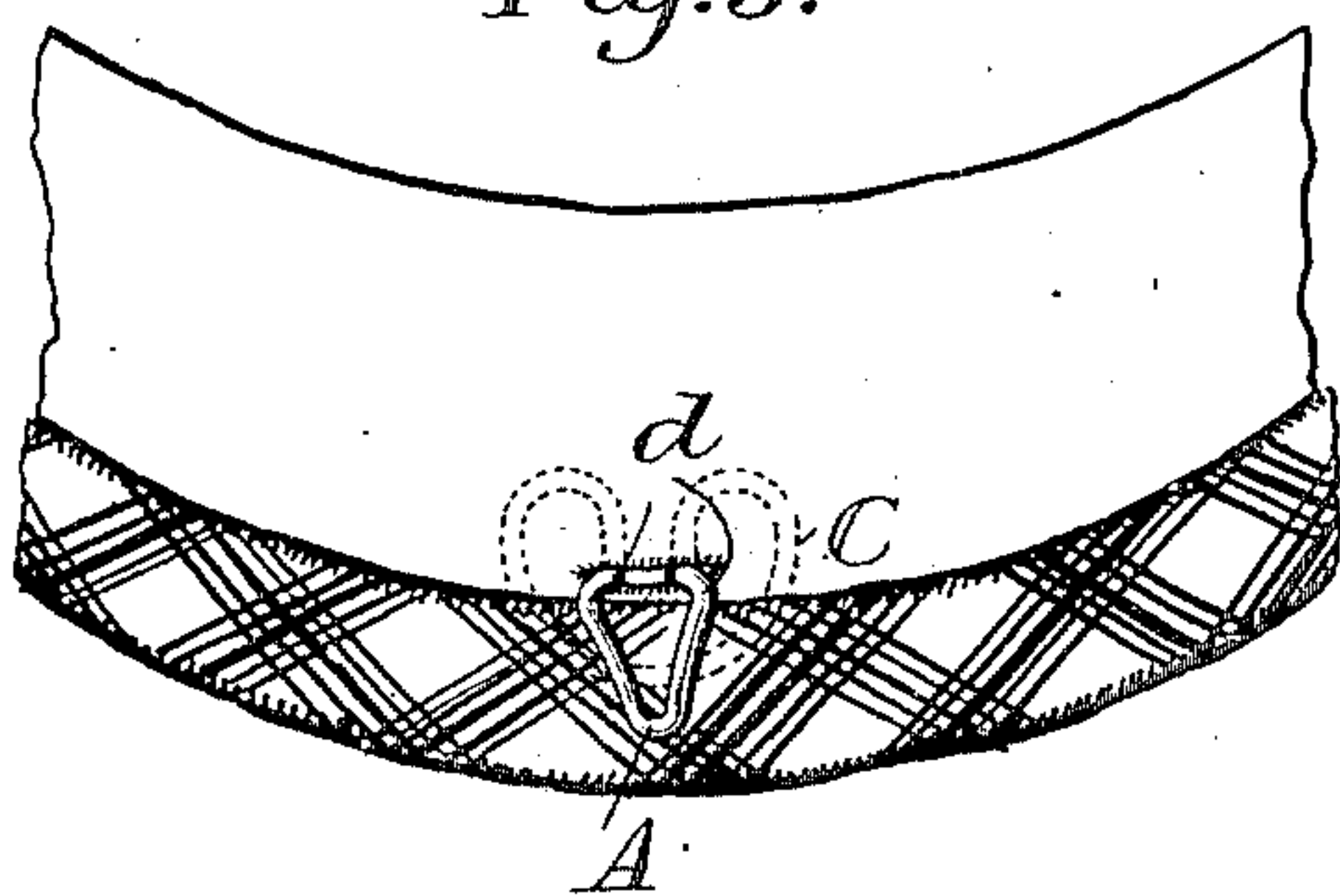


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLARD D. REDINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Shirt and Shirt-Waist Neckband Fastener, Collar-Fastener, Cuff-Fastener, and Necktie-Holder; 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 has for its object to produce a combined shirt and shirt-waist neckband fastener, collar-fastener, cuff-fastener, and necktie-holder made without hinges, pivot, solid neck plate or base, solid shank, hook, or button to wear the fabric or chafe or blister the skin of the neck or wrist where brought in contact with same, which shall be so constructed as to adapt it to shirts or shirt-waists opening either front or back or both front and back, front buttonhole ends or back center buttonholes of collar, buttonhole ends of cuffs lapped over as a shank-fastener or together as a link-fastener, and to hold collar-band of necktie from slipping sidewise or up on collar.

I am of course aware that various styles of collar-buttons have been devised. So far as I am aware they have all been open to defects in construction, which make them more or less subject to objection. Prominent among the objections offered is that of the thick cumbersome uncomfortable solid metal, bone, horn, or celluloid neck-base, which if thick enough to be strong and serviceable is uncomfortable and often irritates or makes the neck sore, besides having sharp edges to wear the fabric. If thin enough to overcome these objections, the base, if metal, presents a sharp cutting edge, or if of other substance is too weak to give service, and still has the prime objection of a large contacting surface. These objections are all overcome by my wire neck-base, which has none of the objections cited above.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view of my novel combined neckband, collar, cuff, and necktie-holder as a whole. This invention comprises a looped tongue A, connecting with twin shanks B, terminating in a semi-

circular neck-base C. *d* represents the retaining-shoulders of the tongue A, and *e e* the retaining-shoulders of the neck-base C.

Fig. 2 shows a side view of the invention.

Fig. 3 shows the device as applied to a cuff.

Fig. 4 shows a collar with a view of the neck-base C in position in the rear, and the tongue in front showing the office of the shoulders *d* in holding the outside lap of front of collar in position.

Fig. 5 shows a sectional view of rear of collar and necktie-band as the latter is held in position when placed under the tongue A after the tongue is in the buttonhole.

The essential features of my new and novel collar and cuff fastener and necktie-holder are the looped tongue with tip slightly turned upward, as shown in Fig. 2, which affords easy passage through the buttonholes, preventing stretching of the same and acting as a hook under which the band of the necktie may be passed to prevent its working up on the collar, the twin shanks, which present a smooth wearing-surface and prevent the device from turning in the buttonholes, and the semicircular neck-base, which prevents irritation of the skin and avoids the appearance of the neck-base above the upper edge of the neckband of shirt or collar in front, made from one piece of wire of any desired size or metal possessing spring, strength, and smoothness, the final ends of which are brazed or soldered together to form a smooth strong joint.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The herein-described collar and cuff fastener and necktie-holder made of one piece of wire bent so as to form a substantially semicircular neck-base provided with shoulders *e, e*, and the twin shanks B projecting outward from said neck-base, the tongue A provided with the retaining-shoulders *d, d*, and slightly bent outward, downward and then upward between the retaining-shoulders *d, d*, and its point, yet remaining substantially parallel with the neck-base, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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