

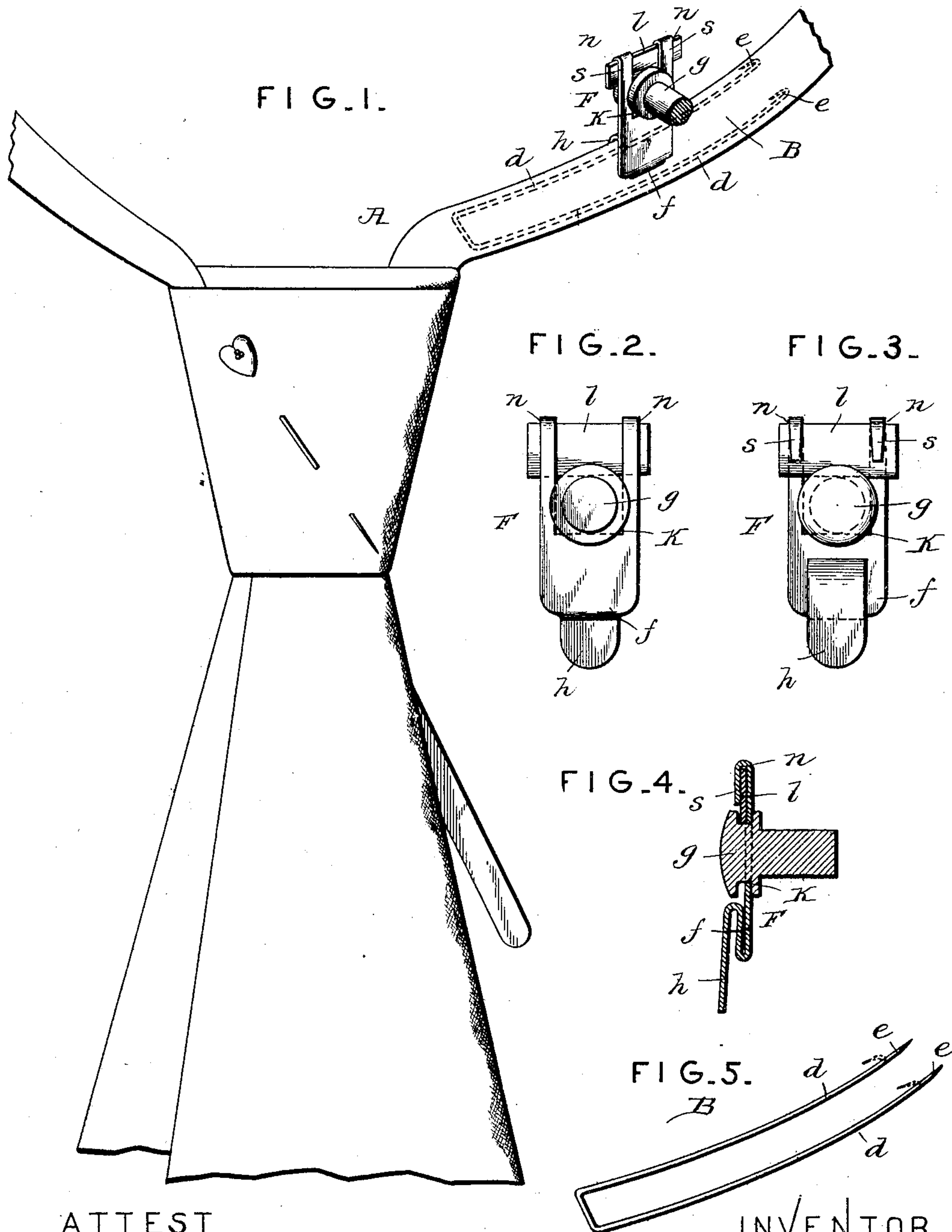
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## VIOLIN-SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. BREWSTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of El Monte, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Violin-Supports; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of the invention as applied to a necktie. Figs. 2 and 3 are front and rear views, respectively, of the hook attachment F, the button *g* of the violin being shown in engagement therewith. Fig. 4 is a central vertical section of the same in engagement with said button. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the bearing B.

The object of the invention is to provide means for supporting and holding a violin in position while playing in such a manner as to relieve the violinist from the necessity of holding his head down in cramped position.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combinations of devices, as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings the letter A designates a neckband or necktie or a portion of the neck of a vest or other garment whose position upon the wearer is similar to that of the neckband. This part of the tie-band or garment is provided with a bearing B, which extends laterally on the left side of the neck or clavicular portion of the chest in front and is curved to conform to the person. It is made of covered wire or other material having some flexibility and yet sufficiently rigid to support and hold the violin when connected thereto. When a necktie is used, the left side of the neckband is stiffened by means of the wire bearing-piece B, which is secured therein. For convenience the bearing-piece may consist of the double-branched curved wire pin having its branches *d* parallel and having ends *e*, which can be bent reversely after insertion to secure the bear-

ing in place. Being covered in by the cloth of the band, it does not show.

The hook attachment F is designed to be connected to the grooved button *g* on the end of the violin. It is preferably made of metal, and consists of a plate having a broad rear hook *h*, turned downward, and having a catch-seat K, whereby it is secured to the violin-button *g*. It may be made removable from the button or may be permanently connected thereto. When made removable, it may have a forked bearing provided with a locking-wedge *l* engaging the seats *n* of the fork branches *s s*. The rear hook *h* is located behind the downwardly-projecting lower end *f* of the plate F, forming therewith a catch adapted to engage the neck-bearing when the violin is held in position for playing. In this manner the violin is readily supported and held in proper position without bending the neck to rest the chin thereon, and while the attachment is secure it is sufficiently yielding and admits of sufficient adjustment and motion to allow the violinist all the freedom desired in playing.

The invention is designed to afford much relief to a violinist, enabling him to hold his head erect, and thus not only relieving him of a cramped and painful position, but also enabling him to have the free use of his head and neck with reference to reading his notes and observing other matter often of importance to him in effecting a successful performance.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a violin, of a detachable hook attachment for the end button thereof, said attachment having a forked frame adapted to embrace said button, and a wedge-key for securing said frame in place upon said button, together with a detachable stiffener for a necktie or the like of the musician, said stiffener consisting of an open loop having pointed ends, which are of flexible metal and adapted to bend backwardly to secure the stiffener from displacement, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a violin, of a detachable hook attachment for the end button



thereof, said attachment having a forked frame, and a key for securing said frame in place upon said button, together with a detachable stiffener for a necktie or the like of  
5 the musician, and means for preventing displacement of said stiffener, substantially as specified.

3. A detachable hook attachment for the end button of a violin, having a forked frame

adapted to embrace said button, and a wedge- 10  
key for securing said frame in place upon said button, substantially as specified.

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

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