

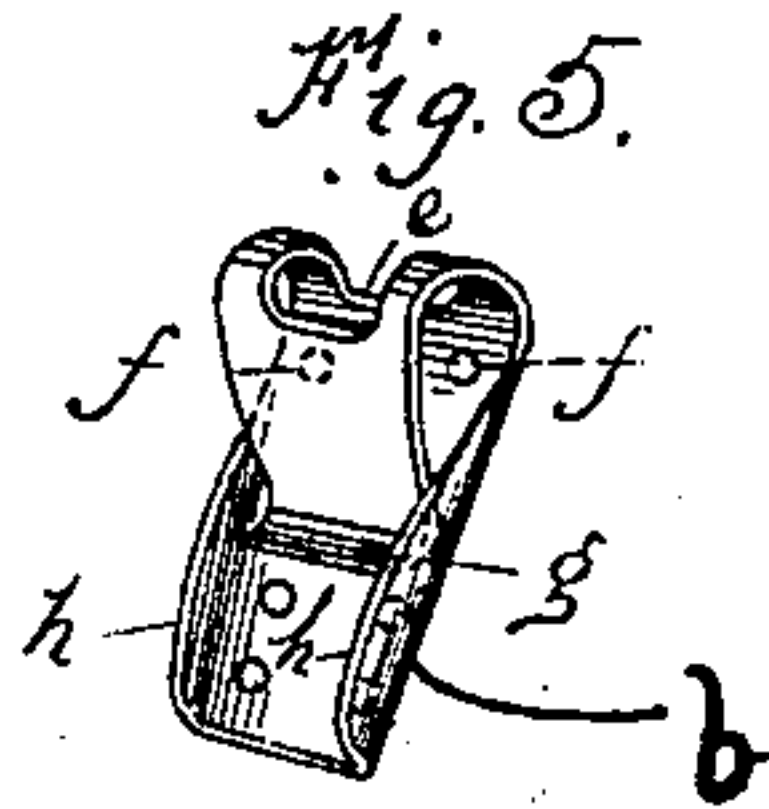
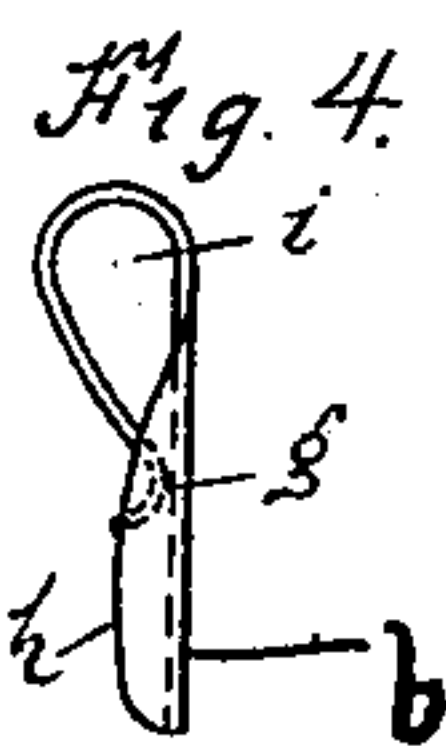
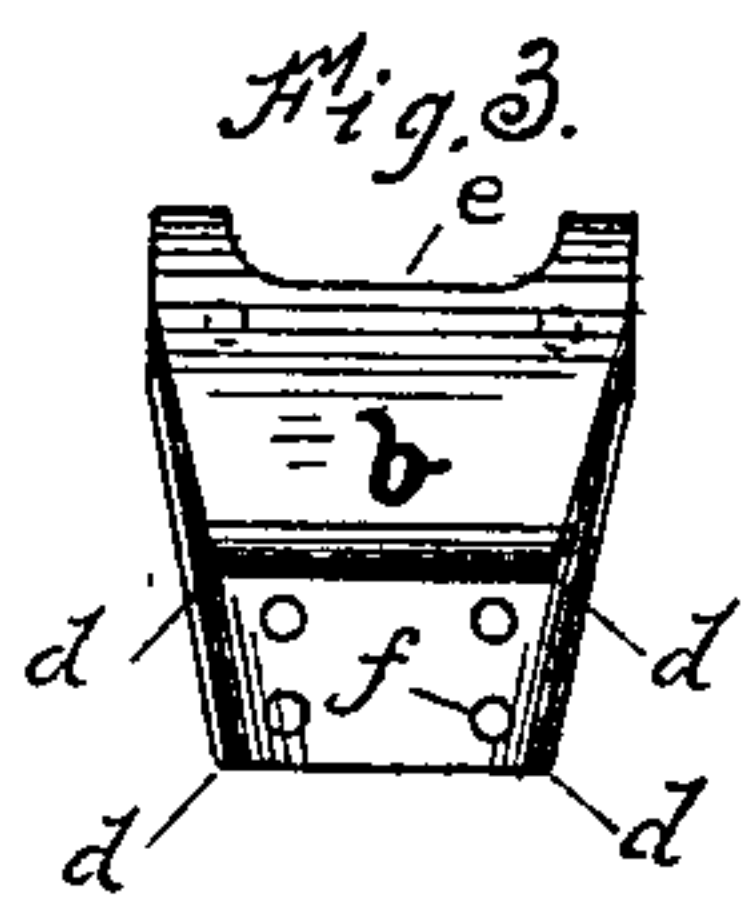
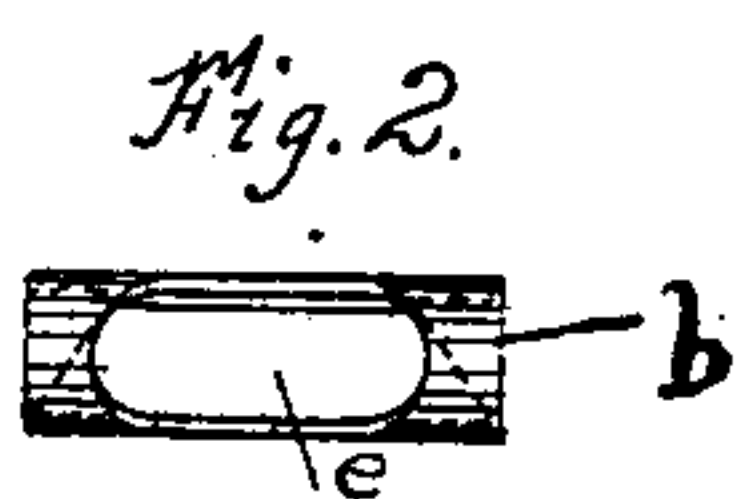
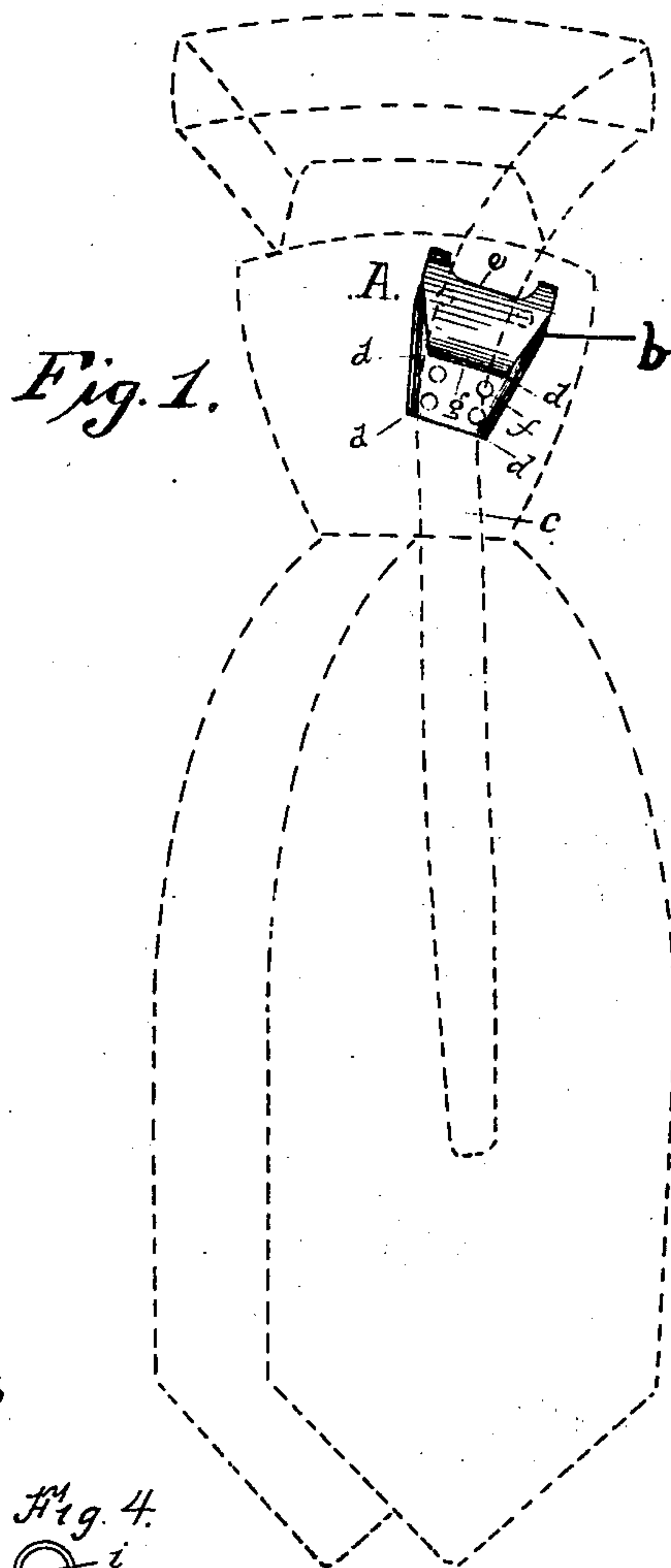
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## CLASP FOR HOLDING TIES.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 680,109, dated August 6, 1901.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, ANDREW J. BARR and JACOB W. WEIL, citizens of the United States, and residents of Mansfield, in the county of Richland and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Clasps for Holding Teck or other Similar Ties, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in a clasp device for holding the tie and neckband of a teck or other similar tie in place, in which a piece of solid sheet metal or other suitable material is blanked out, shaped, and formed in a novel and simple manner, thereby making a simple, efficient, and an economical clasp device for holding a teck or other similar tie in its proper place and making it conform to the circumference of any size collar and obviating the necessity of using a scarf-pin or needle thereon.

The objects of our improvements are, first, to provide a clasp device to hold a teck or other similar tie in its proper place without the use of a scarf-pin or needle; second, to construct a clasp device that is simple, practical, and easy to adjust to conform to the circumference of any size collar. We attain these objects by means of the novel construction of our clasp device, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the outline of an ordinary teck-tie, showing a top plan view of the clasp attached to the tie, with the neckband inserted therein. Fig. 2 is a top end view of the clasp, showing the slot cut therein. Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the clasp detached from the tie. Fig. 4 is a side view. Fig. 5 is a top plan view in perspective of the clasp.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The tie A is an ordinary teck-tie with the clasp b attached and the neckband c inserted in the slot thereof. The clasp b is preferably made of sheet metal. A blank is first cut out of solid sheet metal of any desired gage. Both ends of said blank d d are tapered longitudinally with the side of the blank. A slot e, having each end thereof rounded, is cut in said blank, into which slot the neckband

is inserted. A series of holes f f are punched or drilled in said blank, the purpose of which is to provide a means of fastening the clasp to the tie in the ordinary way by sewing the clasp thereto. The upper end of the blank is bent, forming a loop, and the end g thereof, which is turned up, presses down firmly upon the face of the clasp and holds the tie and neckband in its proper place and making it conform to the circumference of any size of collar when the neckband is inserted in the slot e and between the lower face of the blank and the end g. The tension of the end g, which presses against the face of the blank, provides a means to adjust the neckband of the tie and retain it in place. The lower end h of the blank immediately to the right and left of the lower holes f f is turned up longitudinally with the sides of the blank and extending near the upper end, thereby providing a guide for the neckband c when it is inserted in or withdrawn from the slot e in the clasp.

The letter i shows the form of a loop which provides a means for giving tension to the clasp. When the clasp is made and formed in proper shape, it is hardened and given a spring temper.

This method of constructing a clasp provides a simple, economical, and practical means of retaining teck or other similar ties in place, thereby removing and obviating the trouble and annoyance of using a scarf-pin or needle.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an article of manufacture, a necktie-clasp secured to the rear face of the knot of a ready-made tie and provided with a lateral slot cut therein, the material of which the clasp is composed being bent laterally across the slotted portion forming two spring members whereby the slot lies partly in each member of the folded blank, one of the members being tapered in general outline, the clasp being widest at its upper or slotted portion, and provided with apertures f, f, for permitting its attachment to the tie, one member provided with an upturned longitudinal



flange on either edge thereof, the remaining member bent downwardly against the inner surface of the first-named member and between the flanges to form a clip, the free end  
5 of the last-named member provided with an upwardly or outwardly curved tongue or lip.  
Signed by us at Mansfield, county of Rich-

land, and State of Ohio, this 17th day of May, 1900.

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