

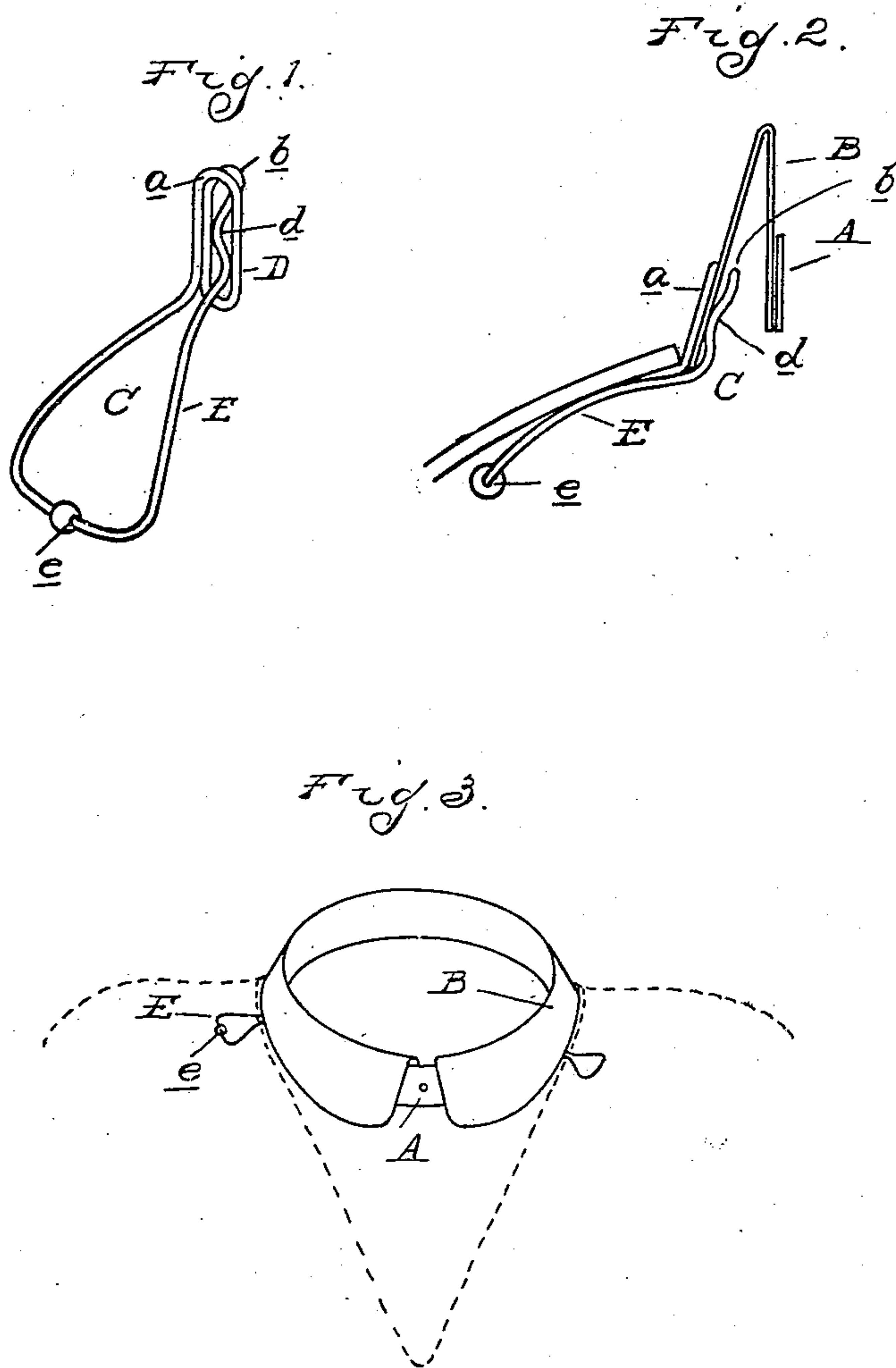
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COLLAR-RETAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT P. SCHILLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collar-Retainers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention has reference particularly to a shirt-collar holder especially designed to retain the collar in place and prevent it from riding over the vest or coat collar; and the invention consists in the novel construction of the collar retainer or holder and in the peculiar arrangement and combination of the various parts thereof, as will be fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the attachment. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, showing the collar-retainer applied to the outer flap of a collar; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the application of the retainer to the inner band of the collar.

In the drawings thus briefly described the reference-letter A designates the neckband of the shirt; B, the collar, preferably of the turn-down type, and C the collar-retainer applied to the collar.

In construction the collar-holder comprises a vertical clasp member D, adapted to engage and grasp the lower edge of the collar or the flap thereof in case the collar is of the turn-down type, and a retaining member or holder E. The two members are preferably formed from a single strand of spring-wire, which is bent substantially at its middle into two complementary parallelly-arranged loops *a* *b*, forming the clasp member, and the elongated lateral loop E, constituting the holder. The vertical loops are arranged immediately adjacent one end of, and a portion *d* of one loop, preferably the inner, is bent outwardly to extend within the outer loop *a* and serves as a lock or clasp for holding the collar between the loops. The bent portion *d*, however, is not absolutely necessary, as the two vertical loops might serve without said bent portion to effectively grasp the collar and form the clasp member.

The holder, as shown, is formed by the end portions of the wire, which are connected, preferably, at a point *e* by solder or in any other suitable manner. The holder projects laterally from the lower ends of the vertical loops and at preferably an obtuse angle therefrom, so as to conform to the slope of the shoulder of the wearer.

In practice the attachment is applied to the collar in the manner indicated either in Fig. 2 or Fig. 3, preferably two holders being employed, one at each side of the collar. The vest or coat extends over the holder or retaining member E and above the vertical loops, so as to completely hide the latter. The shirt-collar is prevented from overriding the vest or coat collar by the transverse or retaining member.

From the description of the invention it will be seen that a very simple and effective device is produced for obtaining the results desired, which may be cheaply manufactured.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A collar-retainer, formed of a single strand of wire bent to form two adjoining vertical portions constituting a clasp adapted to engage upon opposite sides of the collar, and a retaining section or holder extending laterally at an obtuse angle from the lower ends of the adjoining vertical portions.

2. A collar-retainer comprising a vertical clasp member adapted to engage the lower edge of the shirt-collar, and a laterally-projecting holder or retaining member extending at an obtuse angle from the extreme lower end of the clasp member and adapted to extend beneath the vest or coat.

3. A collar-retainer comprising a clasp member consisting of two vertical and parallelly-arranged connected loops adapted to engage upon opposite sides of the shirt-collar or a flap thereof, and a single loop projecting laterally from the lower ends of the vertical loops and adapted to extend beneath the vest or coat.

4. A collar-retainer formed from a single strand of spring-wire comprising a clasp member formed by bending the wire at or near the middle into two vertical and parallelly-arranged loops, a portion of one loop being

shaped to project within its complementary
loop and a retaining member or holder formed
by bending the end portions of the wire into
a lateral projecting loop extending at sub-
stantially an obtuse angle from the vertical
loops and adapted to be engaged beneath the
coat or vest.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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