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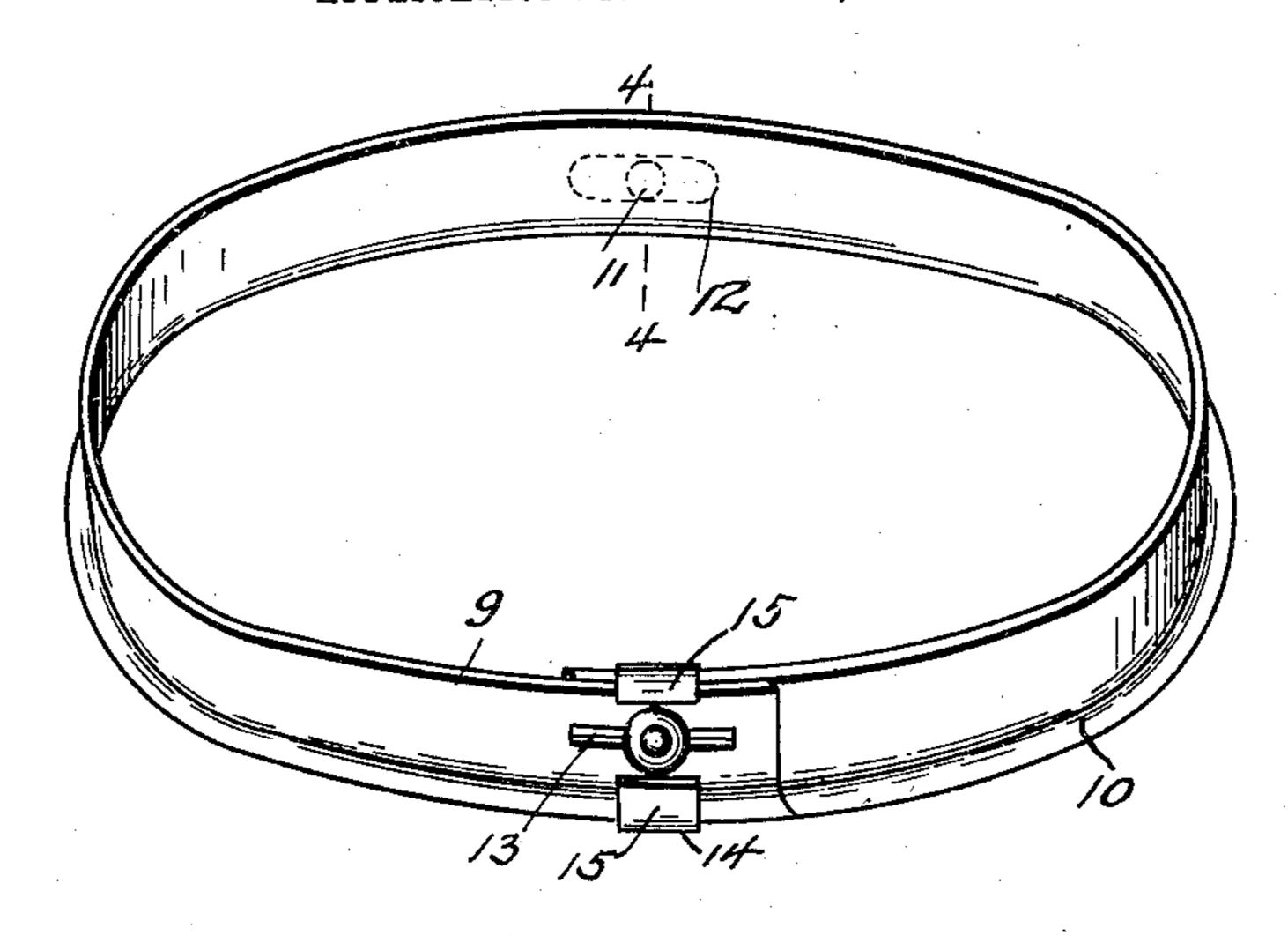


Fig. 1.

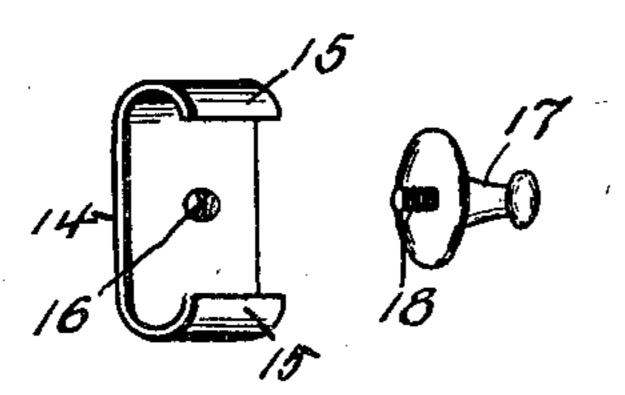


Fig. 2.

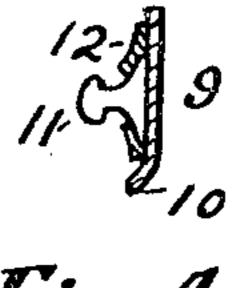


Fig. 4.

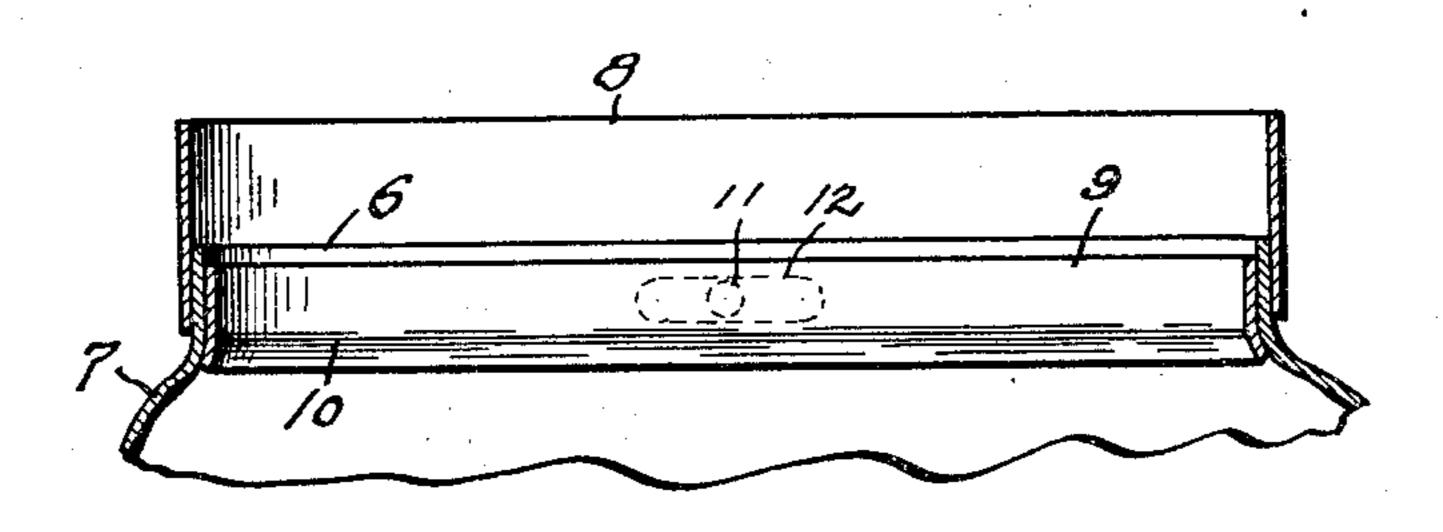


Fig. 3.

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## COLLAR-BUTTON HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KITC. LAVERTY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Marshall, in the county of Parke and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Collar-Button Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention comprises particularly a device for holding collar-buttons and also for spacing and shaping the neckband of a shirt so that it will not chafe the wearer. The holder also serves to keep the neckband and buttons away from the neck of the wearer.

A further object is to produce an adjustable holder of this kind adapted for bands of various sizes.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the front button and an associated clip. Fig. 3 is a sectional view showing the device applied to a shirt and collar, and Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

Referring specifically to the drawings, 6 indicates the neckband of a shirt 7, and 8 a collar thereon. The holder invented by me comprises an auxiliary band 9, made of celluloid, linen, or similar material, or even of light metal. This band is adapted to encircle the neck, and the buttons are fastened thereto so that they will not come loose. It is preferably flared at the bottom, as indicated at 10, so that it will rest easily on the neck of the wearer.

The back button is indicated at 11, and the base thereof is fastened in a pocket 12, formed by doubling the material of which the band is made and fastening it over the base of the button. At the free and front ends the band is slotted, as at 13, so that it may be adjusted to various sizes. These front ends are slidably held in a clip 14, comprising a metal plate having inturned ends 15, which engage over the upper and lower edges of the band, and a threaded hole 16, which registers with the said slots. The front button is indicated

at 17, and projecting from the base thereof is a short screw 18, adapted to be inserted through the slots in the band and into the hole 16 of the clip, whereby the ends of the holder or band are clamped between the clip 50 and the base of the button. When the holder is set at the desired size, the front button is screwed in, which fixes the holder at the adjustment and also holds the front button in place.

In use the holder is placed inside the neckband of the shirt, as indicated in Fig. 3, and the buttons inserted through the buttonholes of the neckband. This distends the neckband and holds the same in proper shape for the 60 collar, which is then put on the buttons in the usual manner. It will be seen that the back button is absolutely fast and cannot become lost. The front button is held in the collar and neckband, as is usual, and is also 65 held and supported by the holder at the back, so that it cannot press against and rub the neck of the wearer, and the band and collar are held at a distance from the neck, so that there is less liability to sweat the same out. 70

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a neckband having slotted ends, of a clip-plate and a button, between which the ends are clamped, the button 75 having a screw projecting from the base thereof through the slots and into the plate.

2. The combination with a neckband having slotted ends, of a clip-plate the ends of which are bent over the edges of the band, and a 80 button having a projection extending through the slots and engaging the plate.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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