

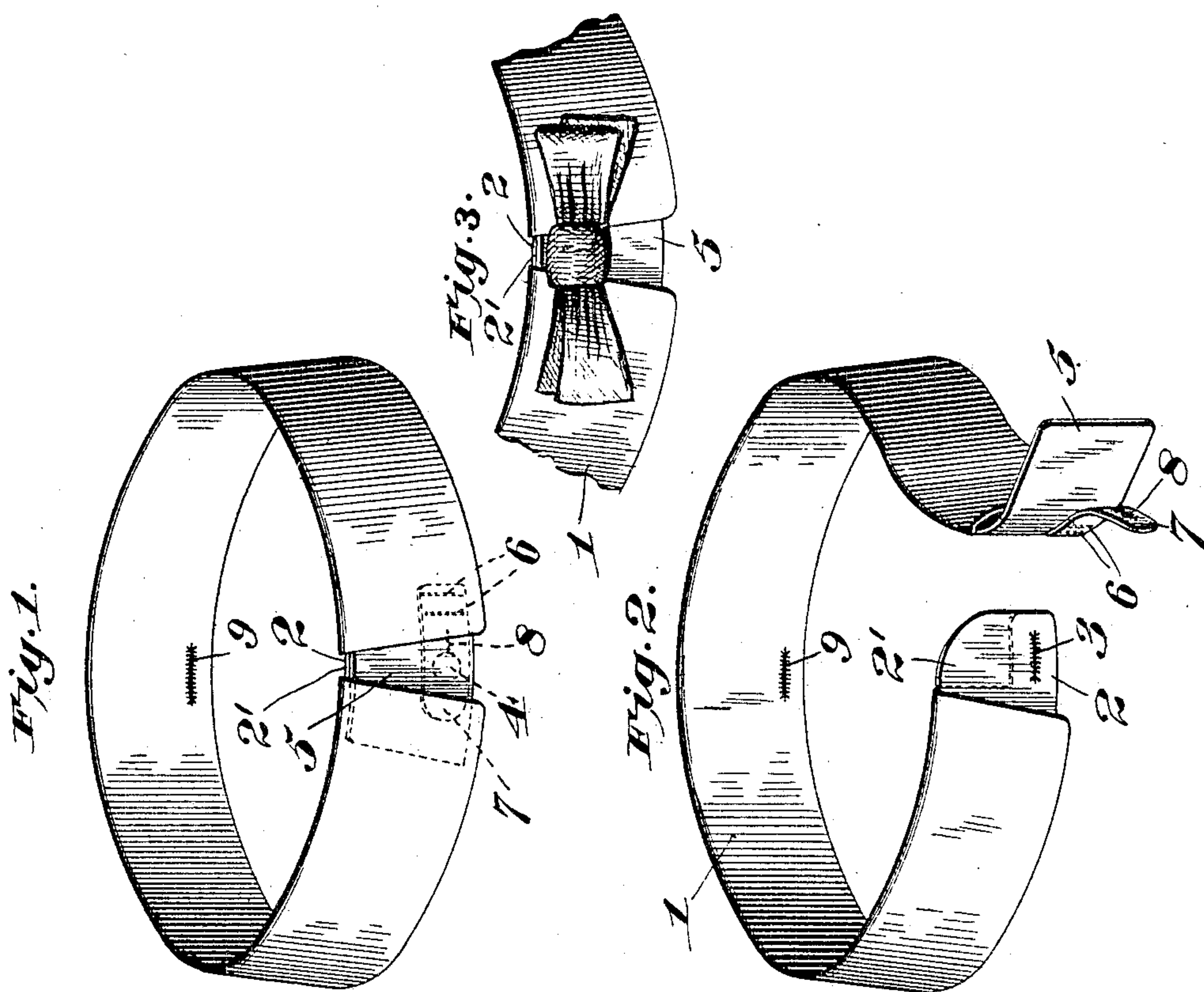
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES WADE TUDOR DAVIES, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at New York city, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collars, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to collars.

The ordinary collar, particularly the double or turn-over collar having flaps at the front to engage the front collar-button and which is usually most popular in the summer season on account of its being best adapted of all collars to withstand wilting, is easily soiled when being buttoned to the front collar-button on account of the moisture in the fingers of the wearer and the difficulty sometimes experienced in buttoning the collar, and the finger-marks are not always covered by the necktie.

Another disadvantage incident to collars is that the front collar-button is exposed, because it buttons entirely through the collar, and this is frequently distasteful to the wearer and objectionable to some on account of the fact that it detracts from the appearance of this part of the apparel.

A frequent cause of annoyance is the difficulty in buttoning or fastening the collar at the front, if it is not exactly the proper size for the neckband of the shirt, and the necessary tugging on the collar end to be last buttoned destroys the shape of the collar as well as detracting from its appearance by soiling and otherwise.

The object of the present invention is to obviate the foregoing defects incident to ordinary collars and to provide means whereby the collar can be buttoned easily and to cover the collar-button, as well as to prevent any soiling of the front portion, and thus insure easy adjustment and a cleanly and dressy appearance of the collar.

To this end my invention consists in the provision in a turn-over collar of a tab on the outer flap thereof disposed at the back of said outer flap and engageable with the shirt-neckband button and adapted to lie between the outer and inner flaps of the collar and be covered by the outer collar flap or end.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing the application of the invention to a turn-over collar, illustrating how the collar-button is completely covered; Fig. 2, a

view of the collar of Fig. 1 with the outer flap turned back to show the tab connected to the inside thereof, while dotted lines on the other flap illustrate how it can be cut away, if desired; and Fig. 3, a detail illustrating the appearance of a bow-necktie on the collar of Figs. 1 and 2.

I have shown the invention as applied to an ordinary turn-over collar, which on account of its adaptability to resist wilting is most generally used in the warm season and to which my invention is more particularly suited, because it obviates the soiling of the flaps, to which this type of collar is quite subject. The collar is shown at 1, having the usual flap 2, provided with buttonhole 3 to button over the front collar-button 4. The other end of the collar is provided with the outer and longer flap 5, which is of the usual construction, except that it is not provided with a buttonhole. To the flap 5 I connect at 6 a tab 7, having a buttonhole 8, said tab freely projecting from the flap 5 and being connected thereto only as indicated at 6; but it will be understood that the exact manner of connecting the tab is not essential, the invention consisting in the provision of a tab which is connected to the flap 5 and free for handling without having to touch the front or locking part of the collar, said tab being adapted for engagement with the collar-button 4 after the flap 2 has been buttoned over said collar-button. If desired, the part 2' of the flap 2 may be cut away, as indicated by the dotted lines, thus making the flap 2 more in the shape of a tab.

In applying the collar after it has been buttoned to the rear collar-button by the buttonhole 9 the flap 2 is buttoned to the front collar-button 4. The tab or fastening 7 is then buttoned to the front collar-button 4 over the flap 2, it being understood that the tab 7 is suitably positioned to effect the proper engagement with the collar-button 4. The flap 5 is next inserted under the outer portion of the collar in the usual manner, and, as will be apparent from Fig. 1, the collar-button is entirely covered, and the flap 5 presents an unbroken front. As all fingering of the flap 5 in effecting a buttoning or fastening of the collar at the front is avoided, any finger-marks will be found on the tab 7 or flap 2 or on the inside of the flap 5, and the outside surface of flap 5 is thus kept perfectly clean. By

reason of the covering of the collar-button by flap 5 the necktie can be positioned at any point up or down on flap 5 to suit the taste of the wearer. With the ordinary collar of this variety, if the necktie slips up, as it is more liable to do on this collar than on any other, the collar-stud is necessarily exposed, as well as any thumb-marks or soiling which may be present around the buttonhole. With my invention the necktie may be purposely or accidentally tied or positioned at any point on the front without exposing any stud or soiled face of the collar.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A turn-down collar having overlapping flaps, the outer one of which is provided with a flexible freely-projecting tab for engagement with the shirt-neckband button, said tab being so placed that it is hidden from view when in engagement with the shirt-neckband button.

2. A turn-over collar having overlapping flaps, the inner one of which has a buttonhole to engage the shirt-neckband button, and the outer one of which has attached thereto a flexible freely-projecting tab for engagement with the shirt-neckband button, said tab being adapted to lie between said flaps when in engagement with said shirt-neckband button and be covered by the outer flap.

3. A turn-over collar having overlapping flaps, the inner one of which has a buttonhole to engage the shirt-neckband button, and the outer flap being provided on its rear face with a flexible freely-projecting tab engageable with the shirt-neckband button and adapted to lie between said overlapping flaps and be covered by the outer collar end.

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

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