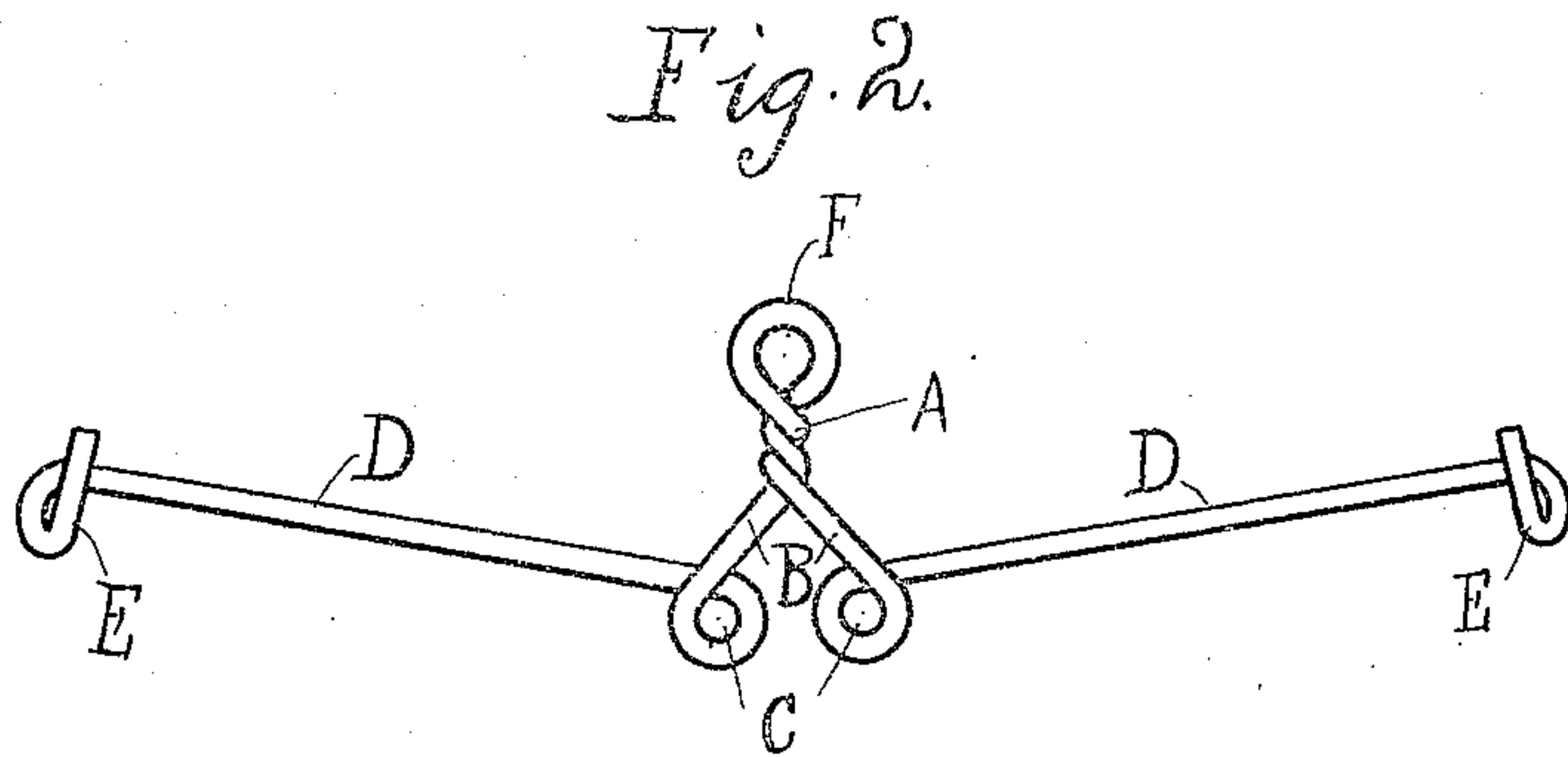
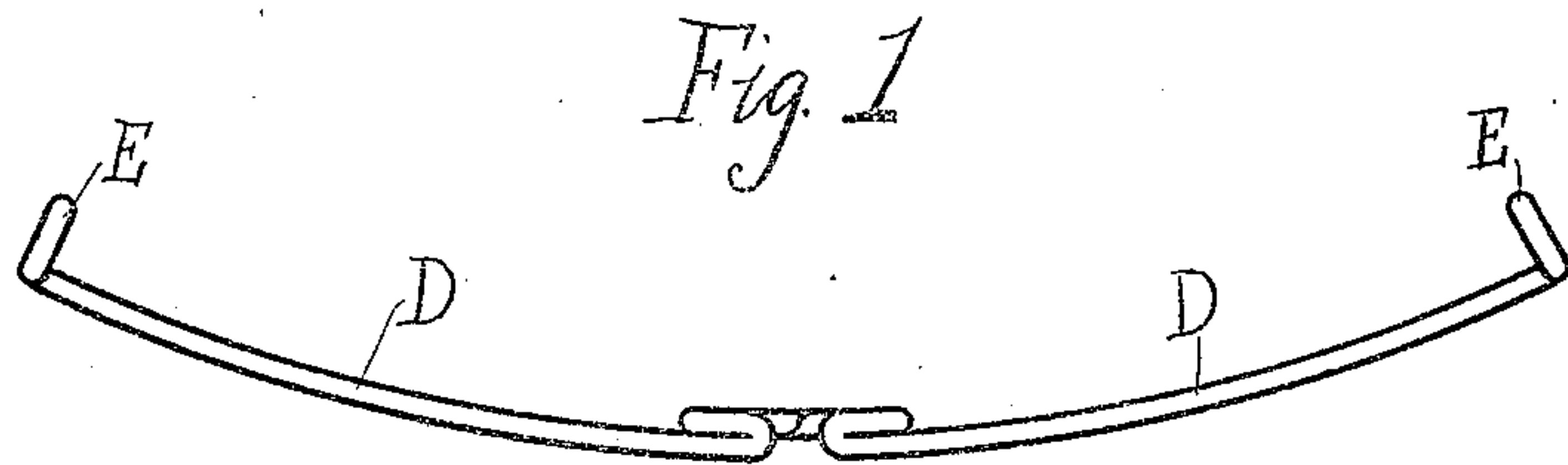


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT TOOTH, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Glenside, county of Montgomery, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Collar Support and Closer, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in collar support and closer, and has for its object to provide an exceedingly simple and effective device of this description which may be readily applied to the front collar button and to the lower edges of the collar so as to support the front portion of the collar and keep the front ends thereof closed, and to provide for sustaining the support in its proper relative position to the collar button and collar.

With these ends in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction in detail, referring by letter to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved support and closer. Fig. 2, a side view thereof.

In carrying out my invention as here embodied, I take a single piece of wire and so bend and twist it as to form the upright body A and prongs B. Each section of the wire is so bent as to form the spring coils C at the end of the prongs and then extend outward to form the arms D. Each of the arms terminates in a loop or hook E adapted to fit under the edge of the collar and embrace the same, and it is to be noted that the arms are bent upon a curve which approximately corresponds to the curve of the collar when placed upon the wearer.

In practice the spring coils C are sprung over the front portion of the collar button back of the head thereof, and the loops E are engaged with the lower edges of the collar

while the body A lies against the overlapping button flaps and thus acts as a lever to prevent the downward pressure of the edges of the collar from tipping the device as would be the case on account of the curvature of the arms. Any suitable ornamentation may be set in the eye F.

The upward pressure of the loops E on the lower edges of the collar will tend to force the upper portion of the meeting edges toward each other thus keeping them closed with a spring pressure, said spring pressure being derived from the length of the arm in conjunction with the coils C.

Heretofore considerable annoyance has been occasioned by the splitting of the meeting ends of a collar, and especially where a heavy or thick neck-tie is used, which naturally tends to force these ends apart, but by the use of my improvement this disadvantage is entirely overcome and the device may be quickly applied or attached either before or after the neck-tie has been secured in place.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, is—

A collar support and closer formed of a single piece of wire bent to have an upright body having its top formed with a loop and its central portion twisted, the ends of the twisted portions of said body being bent downwardly and outwardly to form a pair of divergent prongs, the end of each prong being bent to form a spring coil so as to provide two spring jaws which engage on opposite sides of the collar button shank and which engage the rear of the head of said button, said upright body being adapted to lie against the overlapping button flaps of the collar, each of said spring coils being extended to form long arms having hooks formed on their ends.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses:

ALBERT TOOTH.

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