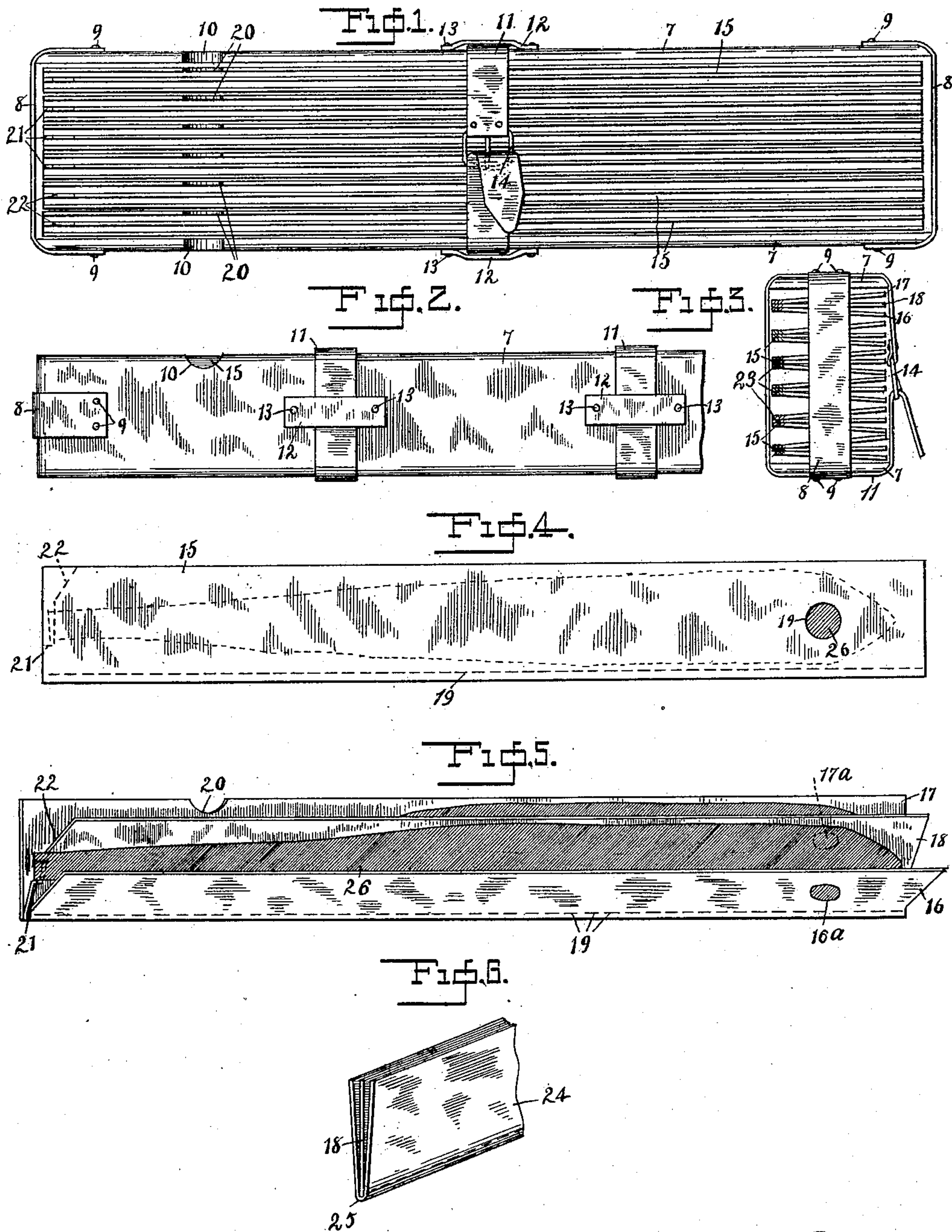


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES I. MATSON, citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Necktie-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to wardrobe appliances and its chief objects are to provide a case or container for holding neck ties, ribbons and similar articles, and to furnish separate pockets or books for the individual ties by means of which they can be kept clean and free from dust or other substances which would tend to soil them.

Other objects of my improvement are to provide means for stretching and pressing the articles placed within the books and to aid in the selection of any particular tie desired.

Another object of my appliance is to provide means for arranging the books in which the ties may be placed, in regular order so that the articles may be conveniently selected when it is desirable that they be worn in sequence.

I accomplish the above objects by the use of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved tie holder and presser; Fig. 2 is a partial view of the bottom plate of a presser showing two compression straps; Fig. 3 is an end view of the complete device; Fig. 4 is a side view of one of the pockets; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a book with a tie in position therein, and Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view showing a modification in the construction of the books.

Referring to the drawing 7 designates duplicate plates or boards preferably made of wood which form the top and bottom of a holder or casing within which are placed removable pockets or books hereinafter described. The said plates are joined at the ends by broad bands of elastic webbing 8 which must be of sufficient length to bring the plates 7 in apposition when the casing is empty. For this reason the fastenings 9 of the bands are placed some distance from the end margins of the casing plates. To facilitate inserting and removing the said books thumb and finger notches 10 are formed in one margin of the plates 7 and located so that

they will register when the casing is assembled. I provide one or more straps 11 of leather or other flexible material which surround the casing and are held in place by loops 12 secured by fastenings 13 to the outside surfaces of the top and bottom plates 7. The said straps are furnished with buckles 14 by means of which the straps may be adjusted to produce compression between the plates.

The articles of apparel are placed in removable books 15 which may be slightly modified to suit different articles. The books illustrated in the drawing and described herein are designed to hold neck ties, and are especially adapted to receive and preserve from injury that style of tie commonly designated four-in-hand. Each book is preferably formed with three oblong plates or strips 16, 17, 18, conforming in outline and approximately in size with the casing plates 7. These strips are firmly bound together along one of their longitudinal margins by stitching 19 or secured by staples or in any other suitable manner. The material of which these books are made may be thin metal, wood, card board or leather. I prefer to manufacture them of cardboard and bind them in triplicate by stitching as being more durable than stapling or wiring. The covers 16, 17, of each book are provided near one end with apertures 16^a, 17^a, through which the tie may be grasped between the thumb and finger for the purpose hereinafter set forth. The margin of the cover is provided with a thumb and finger notch 20. This notch is placed so that it will register with the notch 10 of the plates 9 when the books are assembled in the casing. The middle plate or leaf 18 of each book is cut away at the end opposite to the location of the apertures 16^a, 17^a, to form a notch 21, and the corner of the leaf next to the free margin is cut at an angle with the end forming an inclined edge 22.

To facilitate the selection of any individual tie, I provide distinguishing colors for the books. Each book may be made entirely of a single color, or they may be made substantially alike and the color placed in any way desired upon some portion that will be readily seen when the blocks are assembled within the casing. For this purpose I prefer to color the stitched margins of the books, as shown in Fig. 3, at 23.

Fig. 6 shows a modification in the method of constructing the books. In this case only two strips of material are required, the covers being formed of a single piece 24 bent or
5 folded around the middle leaf, as seen at 25, and the whole stitched or otherwise secured in the same manner as when three strips are utilized.

In Fig. 5 a neck tie 26 is shown in position
10 in the book with its middle portion engaging the notch 21.

The method of placing the tie within the covers is as follows: The tie is folded upon the middle leaf 18 with its middle portion en-
15 gaging the inclined margin 22. The tie is then grasped with the thumb and fingers of one hand through the apertures 16^a, 17^a, and with the other hand the loop of the tie is slipped down to the shoulder of the notch 21,
20 thus stretching the tie and causing it to lie smoothly in the book, which is then closed. To insert the books in the casing the compressing straps are released so that the plates are held by the bands 8 alone and the books
25 are inserted with their joined edges first. When a number of books are in place the notches 20 will enable the user to insert his fingers therein to facilitate spreading the books apart against the tension of the elastic
30 bands until the edge of the book to be inserted has penetrated the interval thus formed. The removal of an individual book is accomplished by a reversal of this process, the notches 20 serving to locate each book so
35 that it can be readily grasped by placing the thumb and fingers in the notches.

When the books have been placed within the container the straps 11 are drawn tightly and secured by their fastenings, thus exert-
40 ing the requisite pressure upon the ties or other article contained therein to give the required result.

It is evident that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction of my invention as herein disclosed
45 without departing from the spirit and scope thereof and I do not wish therefore, to be limited to the precise conformation set forth.

Having thus described my invention what

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

1. A device for holding and stretching neck ties, including a pair of clamping boards flexibly held in apposition and provided with marginal finger notches, a plurality of super-
55 posed removable books, each book consisting of a leaf held between covers, said leaf having a beveled notch in one margin, and adjustable means for clamping said boards.

2. A device for holding and stretching
60 neck ties, including a pair of clamping boards flexibly held in apposition and provided with marginal finger notches, a plurality of superposed removable books, each book consist-
65 ing of a leaf held between apertured covers, means for securing said leaf and covers together, and adjustable straps for clamping said boards.

3. A device for holding and stretching neck ties, including a pair of clamping boards
70 flexibly held in apposition and provided with marginal finger notches, a plurality of superposed removable books, each book consisting of a leaf held between apertured covers,
75 said leaf having one corner chamfered and provided with an adjacent beveled notch, means for securing the leaf and covers together, and adjustable straps for clamping said boards.

4. A device for holding and stretching
80 neck ties including a pair of clamping boards flexibly held in apposition and provided with marginal finger notches, a plurality of superposed removable books, each book consist-
85 ing of a leaf held between apertured covers having marginal finger notches, said leaf having one cover chamfered and provided with a beveled notch adjacent thereto, means for
90 securing the leaf and covers together, distinguishing color spaces impressed upon said books and adjustable straps for clamping said boards.

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

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