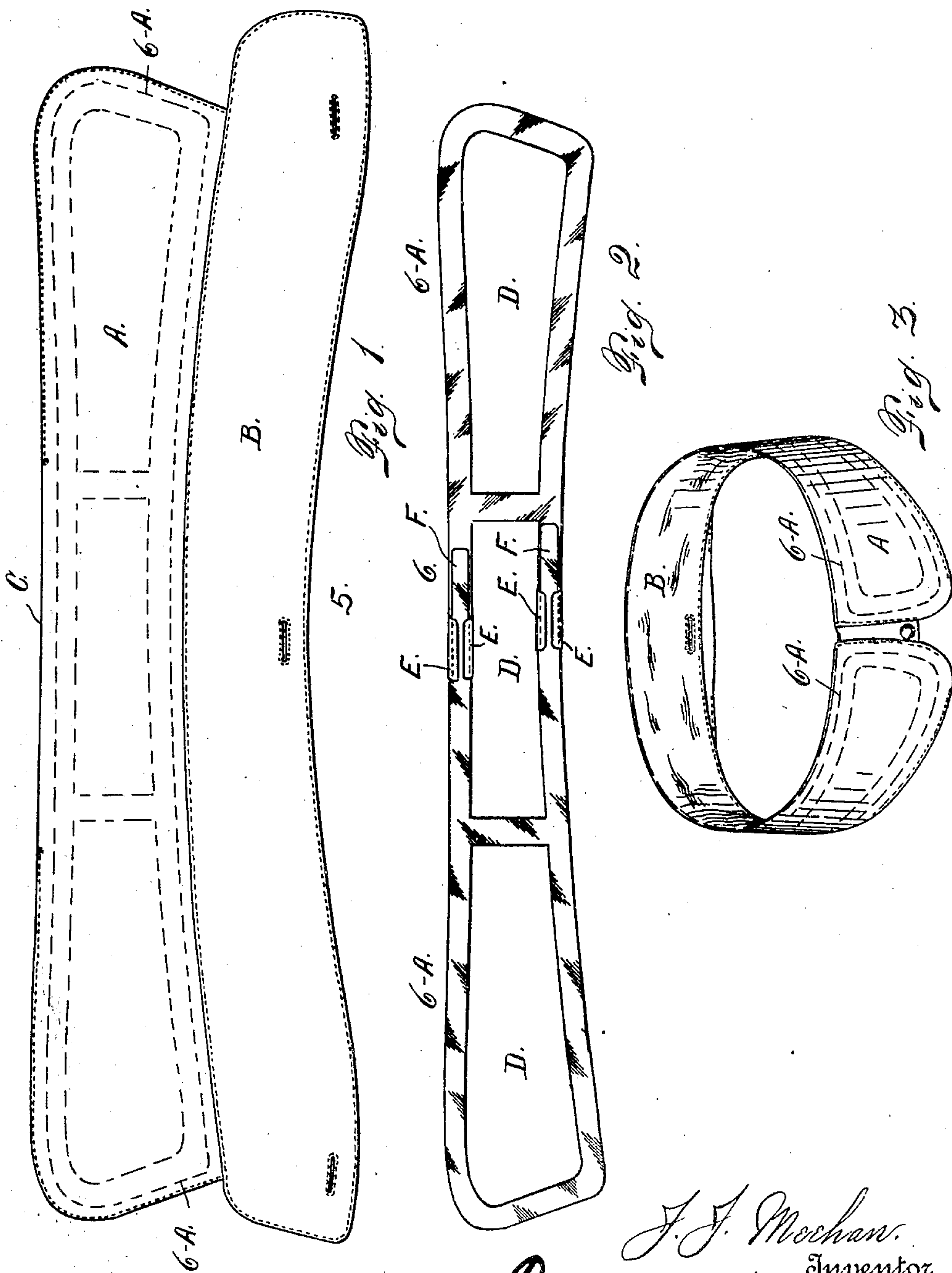


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. MEEHAN, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shaping Devices for Collars; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in shaping or stiffening means for soft collars being more especially intended for use in connection with turn down collars, the stiffening means being applied to the outer flap or member whereby the said flap is stiffened and shaped, giving it the appearance of a laundered collar; while the inner flap of the collar or that next to the neck of the wearer, remains perfectly soft and pliable, thus giving the wearer all the advantages of a soft collar so far as comfort is concerned, and at the same time giving the outer flap of the collar a laundered appearance due to the stiffening or shaping device which is concealed within the said flap. This shaping device is removable from the outer flap of the collar through a slit left therein at the lower edge or formed in any suitable part of the flap.

Having briefly outlined my improved construction, as well as the function it is intended to perform, I will proceed to describe the same in detail reference being made to the accompanying drawing in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In this drawing, Figure 1 is an elevation of a turn down collar provided with my improvement, the shaping device being indicated by dotted lines. In this view the collar is shown in the flat position, that is to say with both flaps occupying the same plane. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the shaping device. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a collar shown folded and in the position when in use, the shaping device being also in this case indicated by dotted lines.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate a turn down collar having the outer flap A and the inner flap B of ordinary construction. As shown in the drawing I have left a portion of the two thicknesses of the outer flap of the collar unsewed at the lower edge as shown at C to permit the insertion of the stiffening device 6 which is shaped to conform to the general shape of the outer flap of the collar but constructed to occupy a position between the two thicknesses of the said flap.

The shaping device 6 may be composed of metal or any other material sufficiently stiff to perform the shaping function. As shown in the drawing the central part of the device is cut away as shown at D, in order to reduce its weight. The device thus cut away performs the desired function, though it may be made of a continuous piece of sheet material if desired.

In the drawing I have shown the shaping device composed of two members 6^A, one member having two pairs of lips E turned inwardly on one side to receive the extremities F of the other member, whereby the shaping device is made longitudinally adjustable thus adapting it for use with collars of varying length.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A turn down collar having a shaping device concealed within the outer flap thereof, the said device being composed of a plurality of members the extremities of one of the members being provided with lips turned inwardly thereupon permitting longitudinal adjustment whereby the device may be adapted for use with collars of varying length.

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

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