

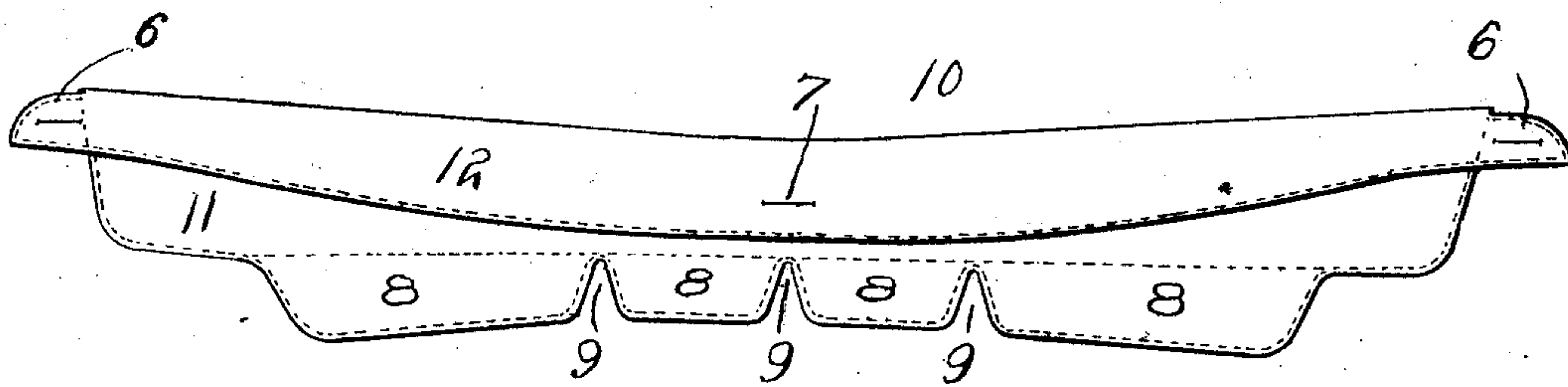
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. GRETER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Crestline, in the county of Crawford, State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Collars; and I do hereby 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.

The invention relates to collars and more particularly to the class of collars to be detachably connected to the neck band of a shirt.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a collar which may be of the turn-down or flap style, with a plurality of extensions projecting downwardly at right angles from the body of the collar at the lower edge thereof throughout the length of the same between points removed from opposite ends thereof to maintain the collar in a proper position on the neck of the wearer and to prevent the coat collar or the edge of a vest encircling the neck portion of a wearer from working its way between the collar and the neck band of a shirt.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a collar having an extension at the lower edge of the collar and projecting a suitable distance therefrom throughout the length of the collar from a point removed from one end to a corresponding point near the other end and adapted to conform to the curvature of the neck and underlie and be hidden by a coat or vest and prevent the latter from entering between the lower edge of the collar and the band of a shirt to which it is connected.

With these and other objects in view the invention for example consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings which disclose the preferred forms of the embodiment of the invention. However, it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications may be made such as come properly within the scope of the claims hereunto appended without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings, the figure is a face view of a turn down collar with the extensions thereon.

In the drawing, the numeral 12 designates the body of a collar having at opposite ends eyelet tongues 6 projecting therefrom and adapted to engage the front collar button. Said body also contains at a central point a button-hole 7 for connecting the back of a collar to a button carried at the back of a shirt in its neck band. This collar is provided with a band 11 formed from which and projecting therefrom are a plurality of extensions or flaps 8 between which are notches 9. These flaps are so formed that upon the application of the collar to a shirt band the extensions or flaps 8 will underlie the portion of a vest encircling the neck of the wearer and thereby be hidden from view to give the presence of the ordinary or conventional form of collar.

It will be observed that in each and every instance the flaps lie between points spaced from the opposite ends of the collar and this construction is for the purpose of permitting greater flexibility to the ends of the collar so that it may be readily buttoned. This peculiar arrangement is permitted by reason of the fact that the front part of the collar when on the wearer lies free from the vest, thus rendering it unnecessary to have flaps at this point to prevent the vest from working between the collar and the shirt.

What is claimed is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a collar comprising a band adapted to be secured to the shirt, an overturned flange at the free edge of said band, and a plurality of tongues on the free edge of said flange adapted to rest upon the shoulder portions of the body and serving to support the collar portion of a vest or the like.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a collar comprising a band adapted to be secured to the shirt, an overturned flange at the free edge of said band, and a plurality of integral tongues on the free edge of said flange adapted to rest upon the shoulder portions of the body and serving to support the collar portion of a vest or the like.

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

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