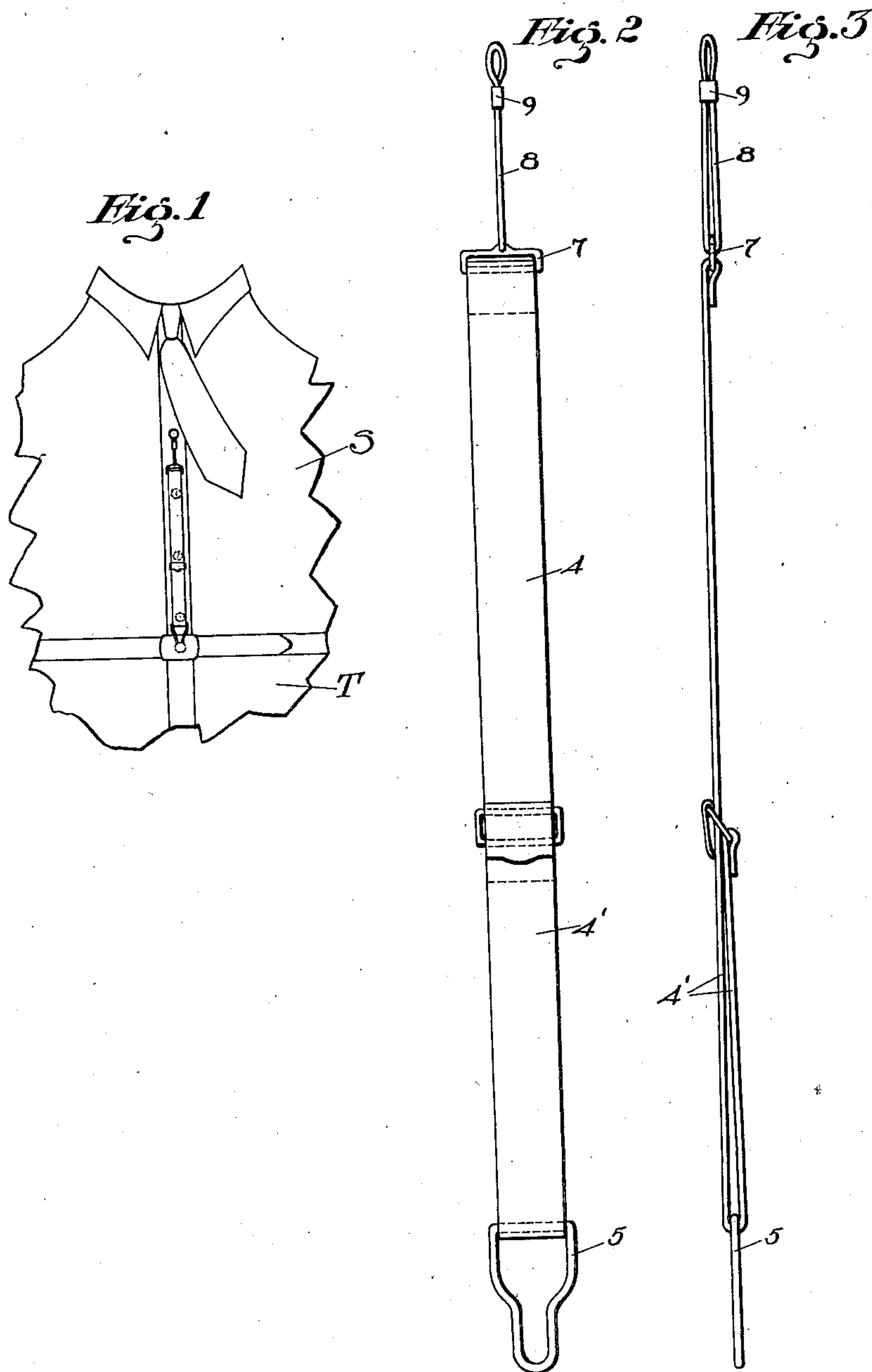


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My invention relates to a shirt retaining device and more particularly to a simple detachable device which can be used to attach to the front of a man's shirt and to the waist band of his trousers for the purpose of holding the front of the shirt down in smooth and neat condition.

It is common for soft shirts, and particularly with soft collars, to work up and wrinkle and project above the vest and around the tie and cause an untidy appearance in a man's dress, and it is the object of my invention to provide a simple and practical and economical device which can be readily attached to one of the buttons on the front of a shirt and also to be attached at its other end to the button or fastening means for the front of the trousers and which will operate to hold the shirt down in its proper place and so as to cause the front of the shirt back of and at both sides of the necktie to be smooth and orderly.

In order to explain my invention, I have illustrated one embodiment thereof on the accompanying sheet of drawing, in which,—

Figure 1 is a fragmentary view showing the front of a shirt, tie and my device is placed therewith;

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the device in enlarged form; and

Figure 3 is an edge view thereof.

Referring to the drawing in detail, my invention as here shown for descriptive purposes consists of a strip of elastic, designated 4, doubled upon itself, as at 4' with a button receiving eye, or member 5, held therein, the end of said elastic being provided with an adjusting buckle or other suitable fastening means at 6, whereby the length of said device can be regulated as desired. The upper end of said elastic is provided with an end piece 7, to which is attached a doubled cord, 8, having a slide sleeve member 9 thereon to be moved up toward the upper looped end, after said end has been placed over a button on the front of the shirt, for the purpose of holding the parts in place, as clearly indicated in Fig. 1.

It will be seen that either end of the device can be readily attached or detached at

will and that it can be adjusted to be attached to any selected button, as may be desired, on the front of the shirt. The device is inexpensive and is most effective in changing the appearance of a man's shirt, especially where a soft shirt and soft collar are worn. The device is of such width and size that it is covered by the tie, and if a bow tie is worn, the device can be connected to a lower button, or can even be connected between the overlapped portions of the shirt front, so as not to be seen, as will be readily understood. It would be attached to the button of the shirt before the shirt is buttoned, and the lower end attached through the front of the shirt to the fastening means of the trousers, or otherwise, as may be desired.

I do not limit my invention to the exact device as here shown, except as I may be limited by the hereto appended claim.

I claim:

Means for holding a shirt down along its front button line and consisting of an integral end piece with an elongated ribbon-receiving opening therethrough and with a hole through one side and a doubled cord therethrough with its free end adapted to loop over a button on said shirt front and a slide sleeve member thereon to secure the same around said button, and means attached to said integral end piece to be attached to the top of the trousers.

Signed at Los Angeles, Los Angeles county, California, this 1st day of December, 1931.

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