

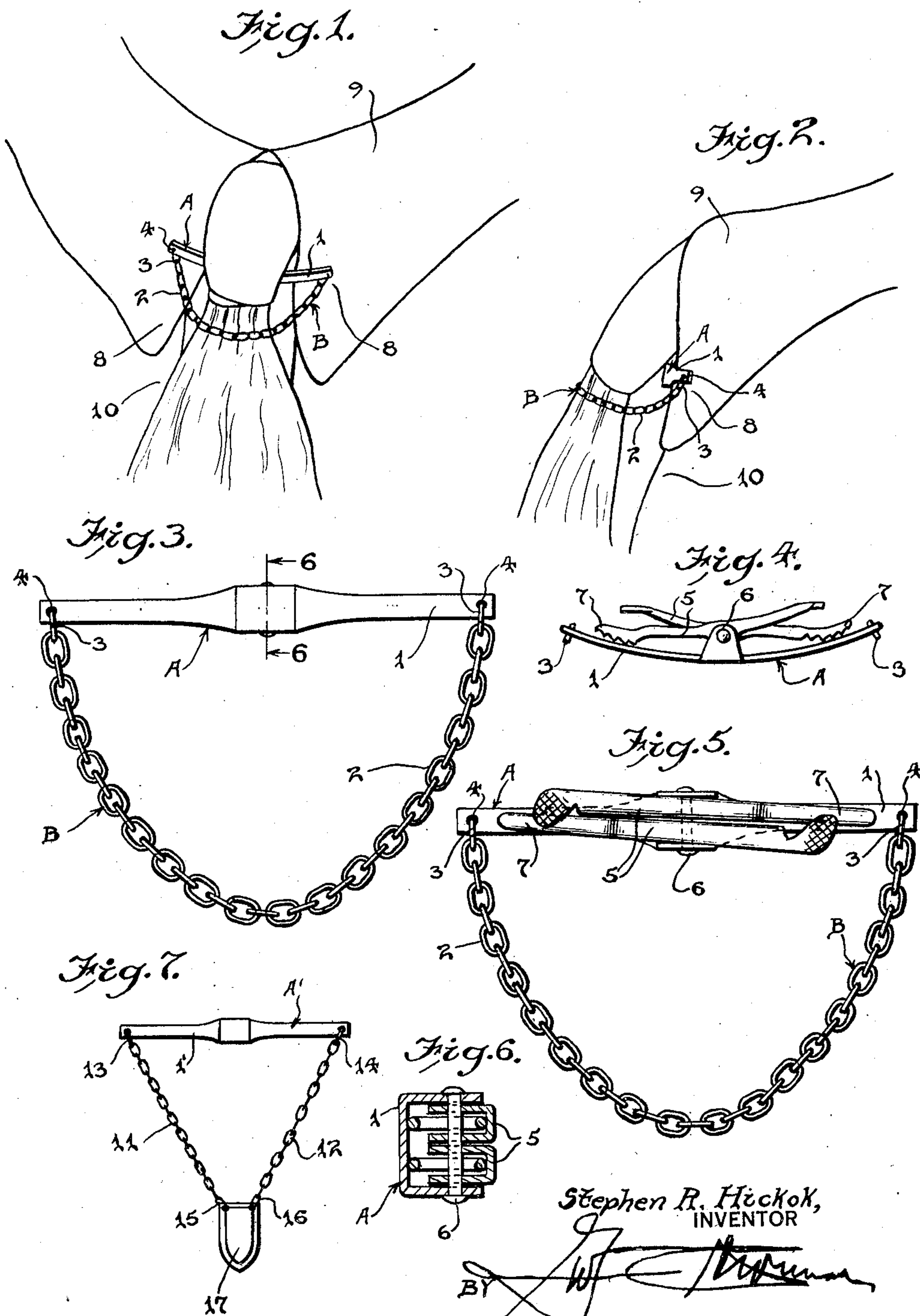
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This invention relates to jewelry and more particularly to a combined collar bar and necktie ornament.

One object of the invention is to provide an attractive and efficient article of the nature stated, embodying among other characteristics, a collar bar to hold down the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar for personal wear having connected therewith means to provide a necktie receiving loop of a nature to provide an ornament for display over the front of a tied four-in-hand necktie at the upper portion thereof.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a collar bar by which is supported an ornamental element adapted to lie over the front of a tied four-in-hand cravat or necktie.

A still further object of the invention resides in the provision of a combined collar bar and necktie ornament constructed to embrace a tied four-in-hand necktie at the upper portion thereof to display the ornament supported from the collar bar over the front of the necktie and in such a manner as to restrain outward movement of the necktie at the upper portion thereof.

It is still further designed to provide an article of jewelry comprising a collar bar provided with a draped ornamental chain or the like to overlies the front of a tied four-in-hand necktie.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts herein-after fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportions and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 illustrates an enlarged view of one form of the invention detached.

Fig. 2 is a front view, illustrating the invention applied to a shirt collar and a cravat or four-in-hand tie.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawing, the reference character A indicates generally a collar bar which may be of any desired construction and the front member 1 of which forms part of a necktie receiving loop B of which the remaining part of the loop is composed of a flexible ornamental chain 2, having its ends provided with small rings 3 swiveled in the perforations 4 at the ends of the front preferably curved member 1 of the collar bar A.

The ends of the flexible chain element may be secured to the ends of the front member 1 in any other suitable manner.

The collar bar illustrated has spring-pressed similarly formed reversely-arranged levers 5, pivoted at 6, to the rear of the curved front member 1 with the outer ends 7 of the levers coacting with the ends of said front member 1 to clasp the collar bar at its ends to the spaced ends of the outer flap 8 of a collar 9 formed with or detachably applied to a shirt 10. However, the particular construction of collar bar forms no part of the present invention. The collar bar may be of any desired construction so long as it is constructed to connect with the spaced ends of the outer flap 15 of the collar to hold down said ends of the collar and to provide particularly a supporting means for the flexible element 2 of the looped article of jewelry herein described and it may be formed of highly polished or precious metal as may be also the flexible element 2, both of which may be superficially ornamented in any suitable manner, if desired.

By virtue of the flexible chain secured in any suitable manner to the collar bar A, the chain element 2 preferably has a draped effect when the collar bar is held in one's hand for display purposes or when the article of jewelry is applied in use.

In the use of the present article of jewelry, the four-in-hand tie may be first tied on the wearer. The collar bar A may then be connected to the spaced ends of the outer flap 8 of the collar. The free ends of the necktie may then be lifted and drawn downwardly through the loop B so that the flexible element 2 may be arranged to drape on a curve over the front of the necktie or across or just below the usual knot of the tie or at or below the spaced ends of the outer flap of the collar, depending upon the length of the flexible element 2. If desired, and preferably, the looped ornamental device is slipped upwardly over the tied necktie, the necktie passing through the loop B, and the collar bar clasped to the collar and the flexible element 2 permitted to drape loosely over the front of the tie below or at the spaced ends of the outer flap of the collar, depending, of course, upon the length of the flexible element 2. The degree of drape of the flexible element 2 will depend upon the length of the same or the thickness of the knot in the tie or both. The length of the flexible element 2 is preferably such that when the article of jewelry is applied in use the necktie is prevented from swinging outwardly at the upper portion thereof by reason of being

flexibly tied in by the flexible element 2 toward the wearer's shirt, and therefore, by virtue of the present looped article of jewelry, it is not merely ornamental in appearance, but it functions in use to hold down the spaced outer flap ends of the collar and also to restrain outward movement of the tie at the upper portion thereof.

By restraining outward movement of the upper portion of the necktie the clasp connection of the collar bar with the wearer's collar is not apt to become unclashed incident to quick or other various movements of the wearer's body. There are seasons, especially in the summertime, when vests and coats are not worn, especially vests, and sudden gusts of wind frequently cause four-in-hand neckties to flap, swing or blow laterally and upwardly and rearwardly, sometimes over the shoulder of the wearer, and such action of the necktie under influence of winds, creates a jerk or strain on the collar bar, loosening the latter or causing shifting of same or detachment thereof from the collar. Such jerks and strains on the collar bar as cause loosening or detachment thereof are prevented by the strand or flexible element 2 which reinforces and sustains the clasp connection between collar bar and collar against said jerks or strains, preventing discomfort and annoyance to the wearer. Moreover, owing to the length of the loop B being less than the width of the free ends of the necktie the article cannot accidentally slide off of the necktie and become lost if for any reason there should be accidental disconnection of the collar bar from the collar.

Consequently, I do not wish to be limited necessarily to ornamental characteristics of the article, even though it appeals to the aesthetic senses, for my invention goes to a combined collar bar and necktie restraining device, or to a combined collar bar and ornamental draped chain effect calculated to provide a necktie ornament without piercing the tie and without depending upon the necktie for a fixed support of the ornament, the ornament, in the present instance, being supported from the wearer's collar by means of the collar bar.

The length of the flexible element 2 is preferably such as to loop loosely around the necktie but in a manner such as to preferably hold the upper portion of the necktie against outward swinging or bulging. The larger the knot of the tied necktie the tighter is apt to be the engagement of the flexible element with the necktie within the length of certain flexible elements, if the strand or flexible element 2 drapes across the knot rather than below the knot of the necktie. The position of the collar bar on the collar and the length of the flexible element 2 may determine whether the flexible element drapes over the knot or below the knot of the necktie. Where the knot of the necktie is relatively small and the collar bar fastened to the collar at the position shown in the accompanying drawing, the greater is the tendency for the flexible element to sag or drape below the tied knot of the necktie, as should be well understood. Some neckties, when tied, present relative large knots and in such cases the flexible element may at times sag or drape less and in fact may assume a substantially horizontal or transverse line across the necktie and yet not disturb the ornamental characteristics of the article or defeat the function of restraining the tie at the upper portion thereof.

As far as I know I am the first to provide a combined collar bar and flexible ornament per-

forming the dual function of holding down the spaced ends of outer flaps of soft or other collars and tying-in or restraining outward movement of the upper end of a tied four-in-hand necktie, and consequently, I do not wish to be limited to the use of a flexible element in the nature of a chain or any particular design of chain, or otherwise, to provide for the combined functioning of the present article including a flexible or resilient element associated with a collar bar for the purposes stated. The flexible element 2 may be formed otherwise than in chain form and of material other than metal and it may be secured to the collar bar in any suitable manner. The front face of the front member 1 may be embossed or otherwise ornamented in any suitable manner particularly for the purpose of harmonizing it with the character of the draped or flexible element 2.

In one different embodiment of the invention, a collar bar A' including a front member 1' having perforations 4' in its ends may have secured therein spaced flexible elements 11 and 12 by means of small rings 13 and 14, respectively. The outer ends of these flexible or resilient ornamental elements 11 and 12 may carry small rings 15 and 16, respectively, by means of which a pendant, ornament, panel for emblems, initials or the like device 17 may be secured to lie over the front of a tied necktie along with the flexible elements 11 and 12 and suspended from the latter for ornamental purposes and which flexible elements 11 and 12 diverge from the ends of the collar bar to the ornamental device 17, as shown. This second form of article of jewelry functions as does the first form described and it will be understood that the flexible elements 11 and 12 may be secured to the collar bar and the device 17 in any suitable manner other than that described and illustrated. In this second form of the invention it may be applied to the collar and necktie as in the form first described and as in this latter it may be superficially or otherwise ornamented.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination with a relatively long, continuous, narrow, ornamental collar bar having means for connecting the bar with the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar, of a flexible ornamental element of a length greater than the length of the collar bar connected at its ends to the ends of the collar bar to cooperate with the latter to form a loop to receive a tied four-in-hand necktie and display said flexible ornamental element in draped form across the front of the necktie at the upper portion of the latter.

2. In a necktie holder, the combination with a collar bar for connection with the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar and at its ends overlapping the said ends of said collar flaps and its intermediate portion to be concealed by a necktie, and a flexible ornamental element of a length greater than the length of the bar connected at its opposite ends to the opposite ends of the bar and in use draping downwardly from the ends of said bar on opposite sides of the necktie in spaced relation thereto with the intermediate portion of the flexible element extending loosely across the front of the necktie.

3. The combination with a collar bar for connection with the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar, of a flexible element connected at its ends to the ends of the collar bar to form a loop to receive a tied four-in-hand necktie and restrain outward movement of the necktie at the

upper end of the latter with relation to the collar bar.

4. A looped article of jewelry including means to hold down the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar and an ornamental chain secured to said means to drape over the front of a necktie at the upper portion of the latter adjacent the wearer's collar.

5. A looped article of jewelry comprising a relatively narrow collar bar including means to hold down the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar and a flexible ornamental element of a length greater than the length of said bar and in use suspended therefrom in draped form over the front of the necktie at the upper portion thereof to adorn the necktie.

6. The combination with a collar bar for connection with the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar, of a flexible ornamental element connected at its ends to the opposite ends of the collar bar and being of a length greater than the length of the bar to cooperate with the latter to form a loop to receive a tied four-in-hand necktie and display said flexible ornamental element across the front of the necktie at the upper portion of the latter, the size of said loop lengthwise being less than the width of one of the free ends of the tied necktie to prevent accidental downward movement of the looped article over the tied

necktie in event of accidental detachment of the collar bar from the wearer's collar.

7. A looped article of jewelry comprising means for attachment to a wearer's collar to hold down the spaced ends of the outer flap of the collar, spaced flexible ornamental elements suspended from the ends of the collar bar, and an ornamental initial insignia or like element suspended from the outer ends of said flexible elements to lie loosely over the front upper portion to a tied necktie.

8. A looped article of jewelry comprising means for attachment to a wearer's collar to hold down the spaced ends of the outer flap of the collar, spaced flexible ornamental elements of substantially equal length suspended from the ends of the collar bar, and an ornamental panel element suspended from the flexible elements to lie loosely on the front of a tied four-in-hand necktie substantially midway of the side edges of the necktie.

9. The combination with a collar bar for connection with the spaced ends of the outer flap of a collar, of a flexible ornamental chain supported by the collar bar to swing over the upper portion of the front of the necktie to ornament the latter and flexibly restrain outward movement of the upper portion of the necktie.

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