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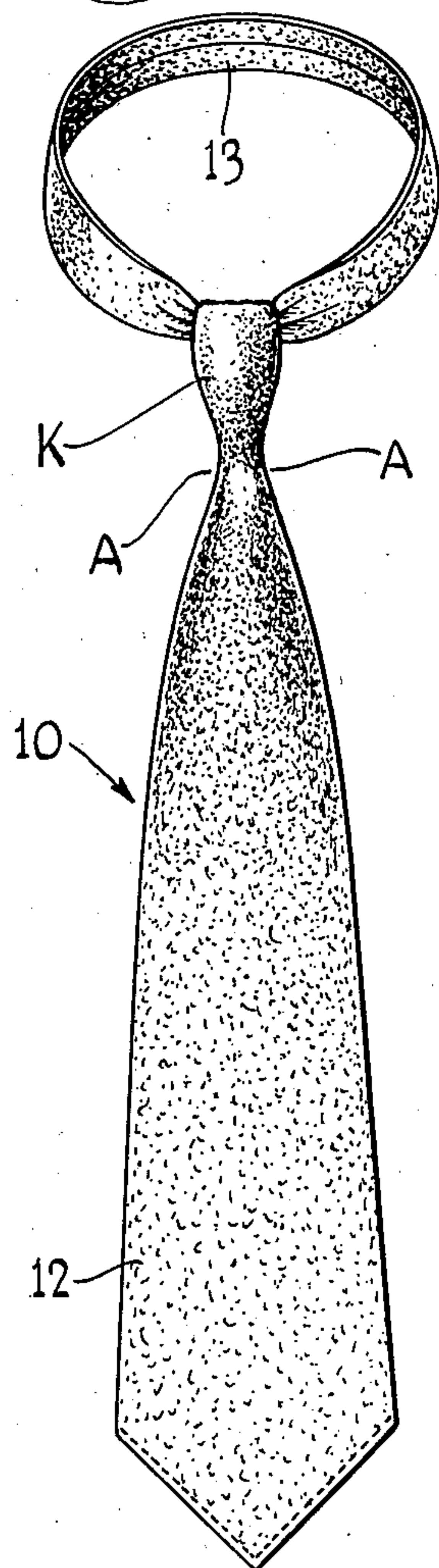
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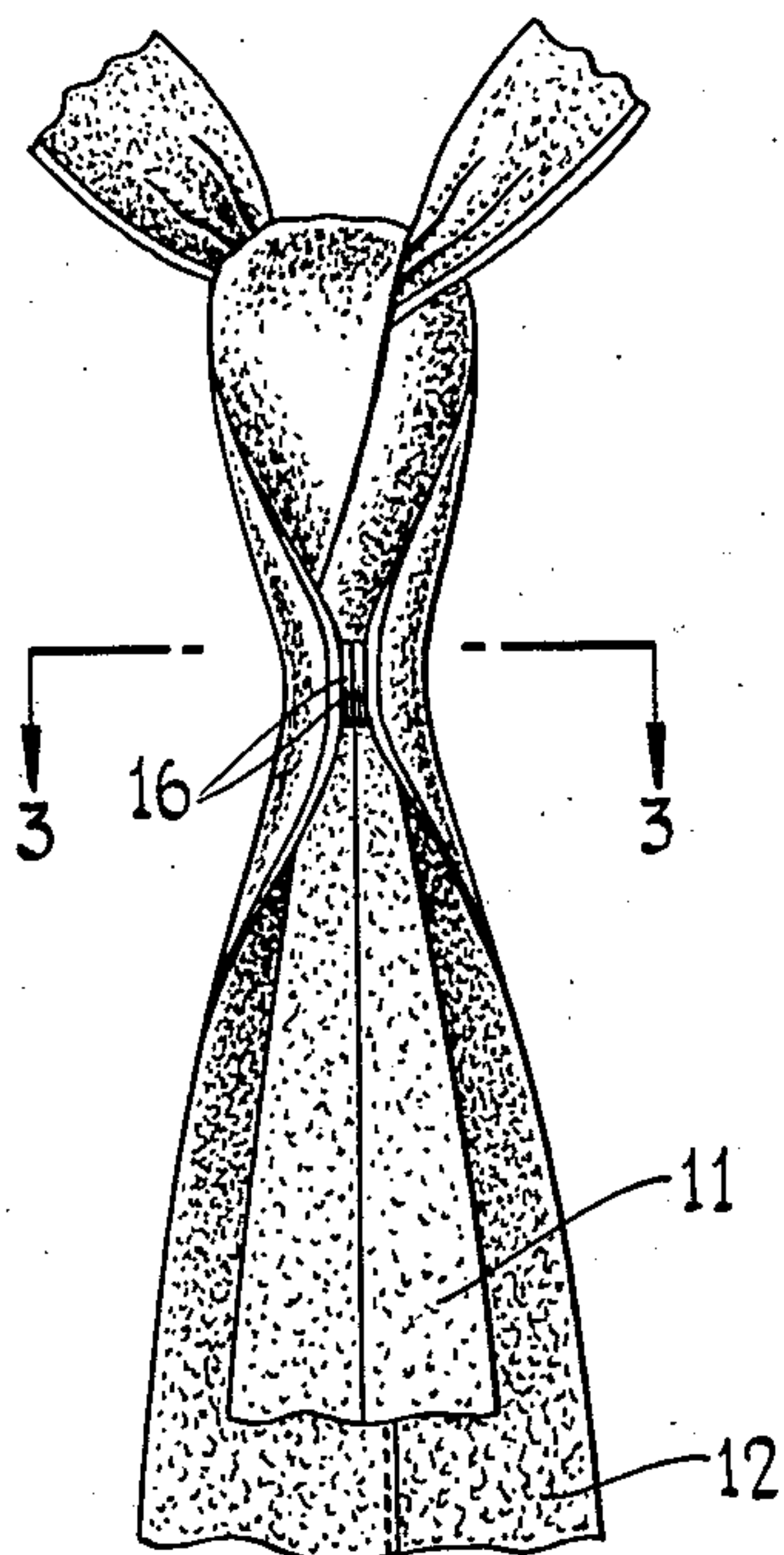
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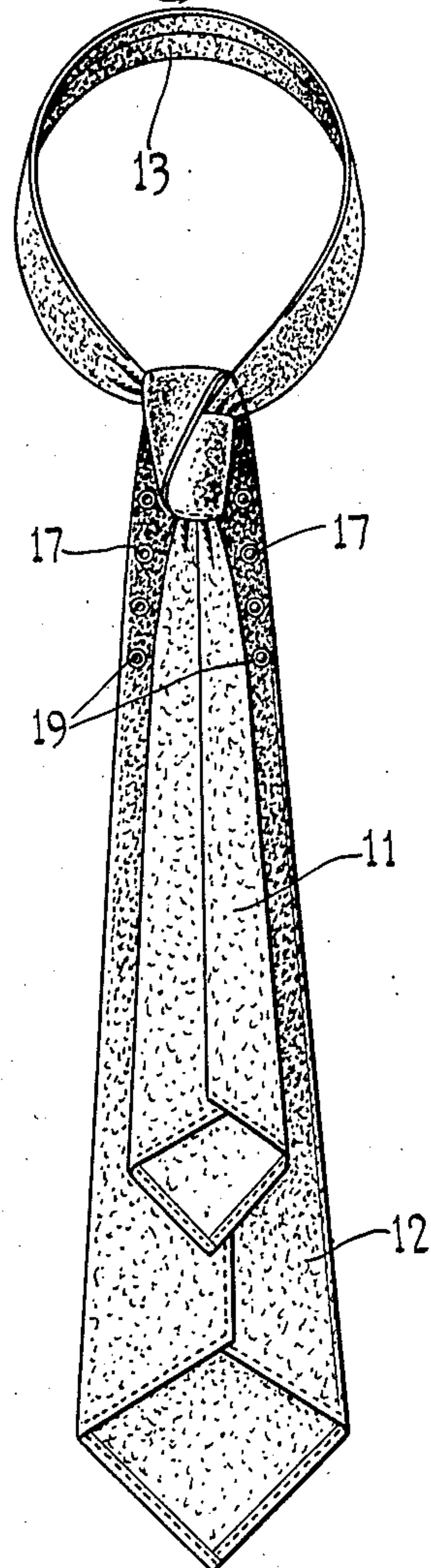
*Fig. 1.*



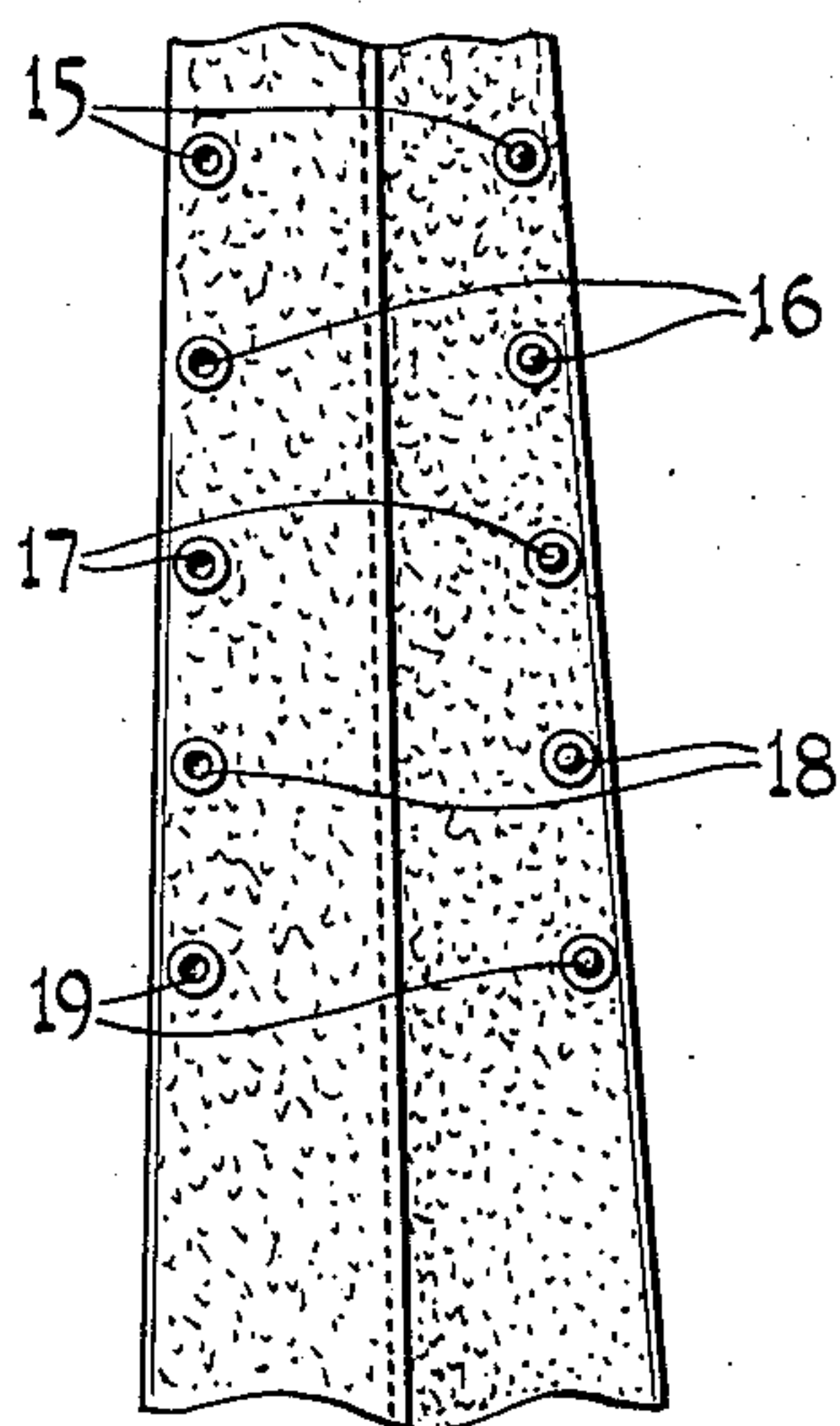
*Fig. 2.*



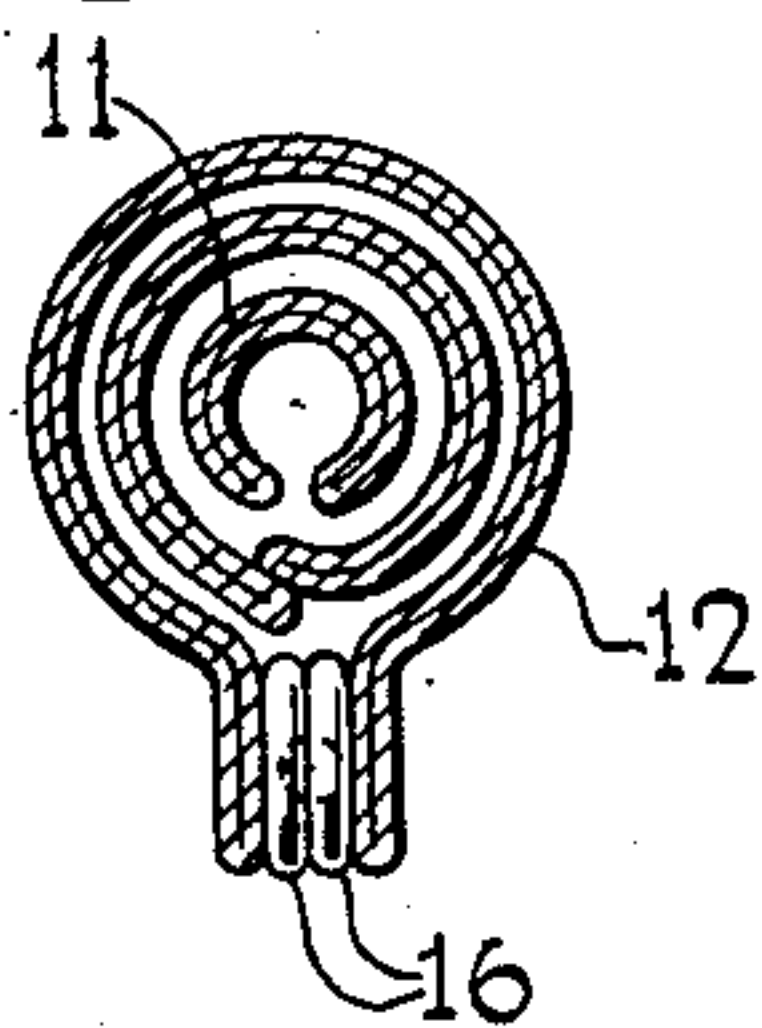
*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 3.*



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This invention relates generally to neckwear. More particularly, the invention relates to an improved construction for four-in-hand neckties.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a four-in-hand necktie of the character described, which is designed to present a smooth, non-wrinkled appearance when the knot is tied.

Another object of my invention is to provide a four-in-hand necktie of the character described in which the knot portion thereof may be adjusted to any desired size.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a four-in-hand necktie construction of the character described which shall comprise relatively few and simple parts, which shall be relatively inexpensive to manufacture, which shall be highly attractive in appearance, which shall provide a minimum of wrinkling, which shall be durable and at the same time possess a high degree of efficiency and utility.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a four-in-hand necktie embodying my invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary rear view of a portion of the necktie illustrated in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is a rear elevational view of the necktie shown in Fig. 1 but illustrating the method of tying the same; and

Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary view of a portion of the necktie illustrated in Fig. 4.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, there is shown a necktie 10 of the four-in-hand type constructed in accordance with my invention and which is so designed that the same may be tied into a knot which presents a neat and non-wrinkled appearance.

The necktie 10 may be made of any suitable necktie material cut and sewed together in the manner well known in the art, and comprising a relatively narrow tab 11 and a relatively wide tab 12 interconnected by a neckband 13. On the obverse side of the tab 12 at a predetermined portion thereof I have provided a plurality of pairs

of cooperating snap fastener elements 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, the said snap fastener elements being disposed in alignment and adjacent the opposed longitudinal edges of said tab 12. The necktie is adapted to be tied in the conventional manner with the exception of the final step. That is, instead of the customary way of inserting the relatively wide tab 12 through and between the layers of the knot formed by causing the tab 12 to encircle the tab 11, by my invention, in the final stage of tying the necktie, the tab 12 is simply made to overlie the top surface of the knot in the manner clearly shown in Fig. 4 of the drawing, in which the said necktie is viewed from the rear. It is noted that the sets of cooperating snap fastener elements 15 to 19 are so disposed as to be in the area of the knot when the tie is worn, so that after the relative lengths of the tabs 11 and 12 have been satisfactorily adjusted, it is merely necessary to bring together any one pair of cooperating snap fastener elements, such as for example the fastener elements 16 shown in Fig. 2, to loop the portion of the tab 12 at the area of the said snap fasteners around the tab 11, which at the same time causes the tab 12 to be pinched at the points A to define a non-wrinkled appearing four-in-hand necktie knot.

In accordance with my invention it is seen that the size of the knot K may be adjusted in any desired manner by selectively fastening together any one set or sets of snap fastener elements. Thus, for example, if the snap fastener elements 19 were joined instead of the elements 16, as shown, the knot portion of the tie would be lengthened.

It is thus seen that by my invention I have provided a more simple and quicker method of tying a four-in-hand necktie, while at the same time I have eliminated the final step employed in the conventional manner of tying a tie, which final step is responsible to a large extent for the wrinkled and unsymmetrical appearance which occurs in four-in-hand neckties when they are tied in a hurry or tied by inexperienced hands, also there is eliminated to a large extent the permanent wrinkles which are formed due to the conventional manner of making the knot.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiments above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter



herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

5 1. As a new article of manufacture, a four-in-hand necktie comprising a pair of tabs interconnected by a neckband, the outer tab of said pair of tabs being provided with complementary rows of fastener elements disposed along the opposed longitudinal edges on the rear side thereof and 10 in the region where a knot is usually formed for selectively joining complementary pairs of said fastener elements to form a simulated knot of adjustable length when the necktie is worn.

15 2. As a new article of manufacture, a four-in-hand necktie comprising a pair of tabs interconnected by a neckband, the outer tab of said pair of tabs being provided with complementary rows of fastener elements disposed along the opposed longitudinal edges on the rear side thereof and 20

in the region where a knot is usually formed for selectively joining complementary pairs of said fastener elements to form a simulated knot of adjustable length when the necktie is worn, said simulated knot being provided with only one 5 transverse edge disposed at the top thereof.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a four-in-hand necktie comprising a pair of tabs interconnected by a neckband, the outer tab of said pair of tabs being provided with complementary rows 10 of fastener elements disposed along the opposed longitudinal edges on the rear side thereof and in the region where a knot is usually formed for selectively joining complementary pairs of said fastener elements to form a simulated knot 15 of adjustable length when the necktie is worn, said simulated knot forming a part of an uninterrupted fabric surface of the said outer tab.

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