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Fig. 1.

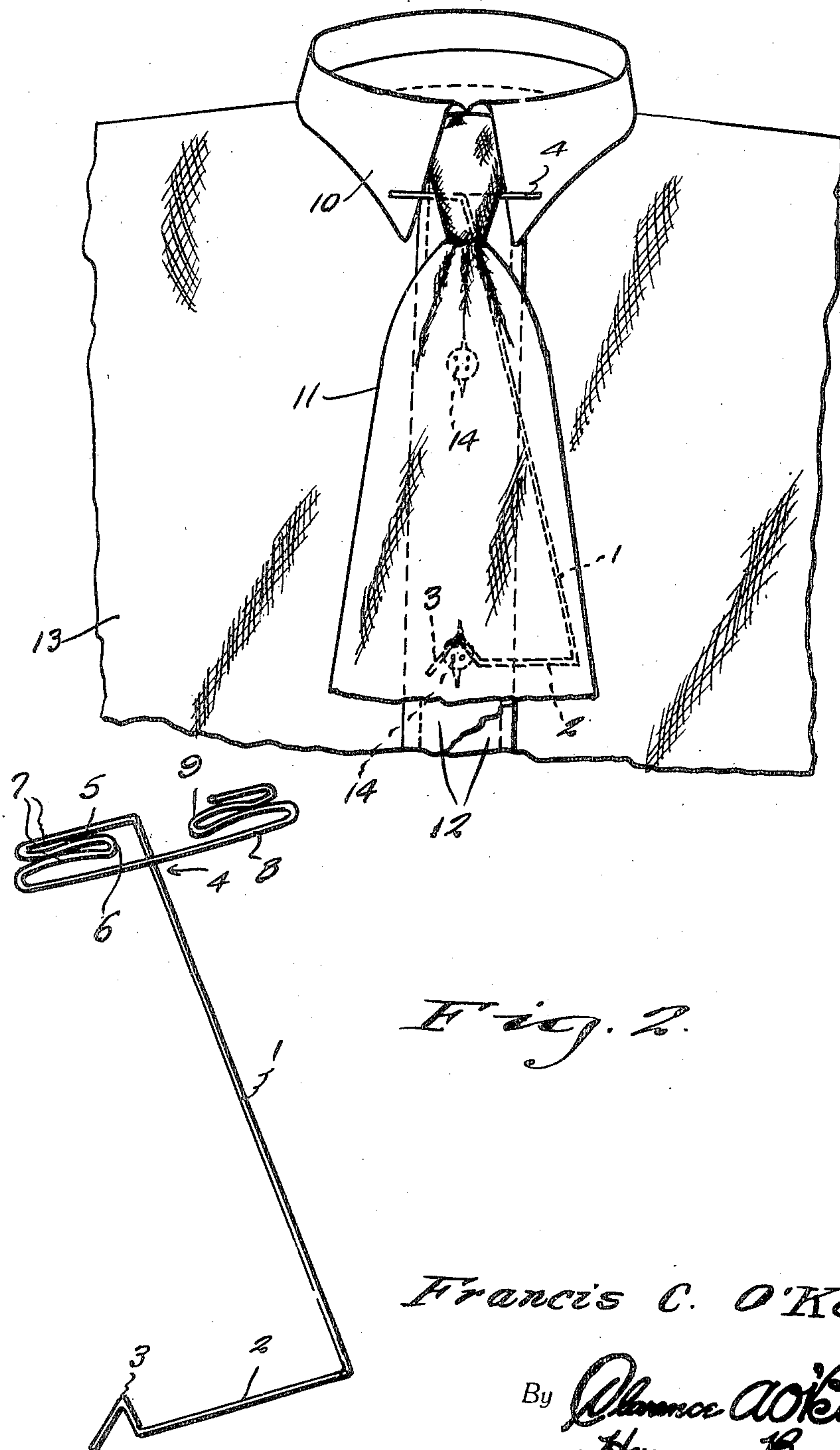


Fig. 2.

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My invention relates to improvements in combined collar clasps and shirt braces and the primary purpose of the invention is to provide an inexpensive device of this character adapted to both secure the wings of the collar together against disarrangement and to hold the shirt front down below the collar so that it will not wrinkle, bulge, or creep up in the V or opening of the vest.

Other objects are to provide a device of the character and for the purposes above set forth which is easy to apply, strong and durable, and may be hid from view below the collar by the necktie of the wearer.

To the accomplishment of the above, and subordinate objects presently appearing, a preferred embodiment of my invention has been illustrated in the accompanying drawing, set forth in detail in the succeeding description, and defined in the claims appended hereto.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a view illustrating my improved collar clasp and shirt brace attached to a collar and shirt, and

Figure 2 is a view in perspective of the combined collar clasp and shirt brace detached.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, the device of my invention comprises a single length of semi-resilient wire bent upon itself to provide a straight shank 1, a lateral lower end extension 2 terminating in a preferably triangular upstanding hook 3, and a collar clasp 4 disposed substantially parallel with the extension 3 at the upper end of the shank 1. The collar clasp 4 is formed by bending the length of wire at substantially a right angle, as at 5, in the same direction as the extension 2, then inwardly toward the shank 1 and outwardly therefrom to form a loop 6 on one side of the shank 1 opening outwardly and having bowed normally engaging sides 7 adapted to clampingly engage one wing of the collar, and then bending said wire to provide a substantially straight front bar 8 on the clasp extending across the shank 1, and finally bending the extremity of the length of wire to form a loop 9 similar to loop 6 but on the opposite side of the shank 1 and designed to similarly engage the other wing of the collar. As will be understood the parts described as comprising the clasp 4 are disposed in substantially a common plane at a right angle to the axis of the shank 1 and with

the loops 6 and 9 and the bar 8 in front of the shank 1.

In attaching the described device, the clasp 4 is applied, in the usual manner, to the wings of the collar 10 behind the necktie 11. The extension 2 is then inserted between the flaps 12 of the shirt 13 and the hook 3 placed over the thread of one of the shirt buttons 14. The length of the device is such that with the clasp 4 attached the hook 3 will take over the thread of the second button from the top.

As will be clear, in the attached position of the device the knot of the necktie 11 overlies the bar 8 of the clasp 4 and prevents the device from moving upwardly so that when the hook 3 is attached, as described, the front of the shirt 13 in the region of the vest opening is positively held against creeping upwardly or wrinkling.

A feature of the invention is that the extension 2 and hook 3 are designed to be positioned with the extension 2 flexed upwardly thereby tensioning the flaps 12 and the adjacent areas of the shirt 13. Also the device being flexible, it may be applied to shirts in which the distance from the collar to the second shirt button varies.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly my invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept and right is herein reserved to all such modifications falling within the scope of the subjoined claims.

What I claim is:

1. A combination collar clasp and shirt brace formed of a single length of resilient bent wire and including a straight shank, a lateral straight extension at one end of the shank terminating in a hook, and a collar clasp at the other end of said shank.

2. A combination collar clasp and shirt brace formed of a single length of bent wire and including a straight shank, a lateral straight extension at one end of the shank terminating in a hook, and a collar clasp at the other end of said shank, said clasp comprising a pair of loops upon opposite sides of the shank, respectively, opening in opposite directions and including bowed normally engaging sides, and a substantially straight bar connecting said loops and extending in front thereof and of said shank.

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