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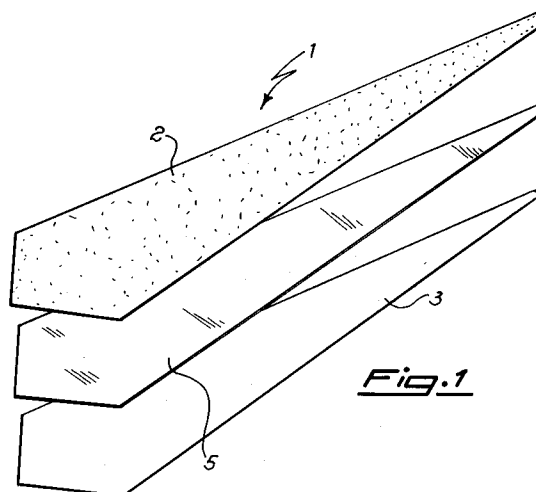
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(54) **Easily-made high-strength tie**

(57) The present invention relates to an easily made neck-tie (1) comprising a tie body (2) of strip shape to the reverse side of which there is applied a lining (3) and having its two longitudinal edges bent on the reverse side.

The subject tie has the main feature that its body comprises a single piece fabric strip.

**Fig.1****EP 0 686 355 A1**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an easily made neck-tie construction.

The subject tie, moreover, is very elegant and has a duration greater than that of conventional ties.

As is known, conventional ties usually comprise a strip tie body, made of a high quality fabric, such as, for example, silk, the longitudinal edges whereof are bent on the reverse side of the tie and sewn to one another.

The reverse side of the tie body is lined by a lining, and, between the tie body and lining, is usually arranged a portion of a reinforcement fabric.

The tie body of a conventional tie usually comprises two fabric pieces, of which a first piece constitutes the part of the tie to be used for forming the tie knot and to be exposed to the view, whereas the second piece usually forms the tie "tail" and is arranged, with the tie being worn by an user, on the rear of the first tie piece.

A third fabric piece can be optionally included for forming that portion of the tie encompassing the user neck.

These different pieces of a conventional tie-body are assembled to one another by seams which conventionally extend according to slanted seaming lines with respect to the longitudinal extension of the tie.

The assembling of the several pieces forming a tie body is a process which requires a comparatively long time and, accordingly, negatively affects the end cost of the tie.

Moreover, as a tie is subjected to a washing operation, the seam lines can be undesirably damaged, with a consequent partial detachment of the pieces forming the tie.

Moreover, the provision of seaming lines on the periphery of the tie can also cause, because of the differences between the seaming threads and the fabric forming the tie, wrinkles negatively affecting a proper ironing operation on the tie and which, furthermore, are susceptible to damage a good aesthetic aspect of the tie.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, the aim of the present invention is to overcome the above mentioned drawbacks, by providing a tie construction which can be made in a comparatively small time and accordingly with a very reduced cost, with respect to conventional ties.

Within the scope of the above mentioned aim, a main object of the present invention is to provide such a tie which has a mechanical strength larger

than that of conventional ties.

Another object of the present invention is to provide such a tie which is not subjected to wrinkles upon washing.

Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a tie which can be simply and quickly ironed.

According to one aspect of the present invention, the above mentioned aim and objects, as well as yet other objects, which will become more apparent hereinafter, are achieved by an easily made tie comprising a strip-like tie body to the reverse side of which there is applied a lining and having the two longitudinal edges thereof bent on said reverse side thereof, characterized in that the body of said tie comprises a single-piece fabric strip.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Further characteristics and advantages of the invention will become more apparent hereinafter from the following detailed disclosure of a preferred, though not exclusive, embodiment of a tie according to the present invention, which is illustrated, by way of an indicative, but not limitative, example, in the accompanying drawings, where:

Figure 1 is an exploded view illustrating the component elements constituting the tie according to the present invention, before the assembling thereof;

Figures 2 to 4 illustrate operating steps for assembling the tie according to the invention;

Figure 5 illustrates the tie having a formed tie knot;

Figure 6 is a schematic view illustrating a cutting step for cutting the body of the tie according to the present invention from a fabric piece.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference to the number references of the above mentioned figures, the tie according to the present invention, which has been generally indicated at the reference number 1, comprises a tie body 2 including a single piece fabric strip.

On the reverse side of the body 2 there is applied a lining 3, whereas the longitudinal edges of said body 2 are bent on said reverse side of the body 2 and being joined to one another by a seam 4.

Between the lining and body 2 there is preferably arranged a reinforcement fabric strip 5.

The body 2 of the tie is formed from a single piece fabric strip, as stated, which strip is cut from a fabric piece 6, preferably according to a direction which is slanted with respect to the longitudinal extension of the fabric piece.

Thus, differently from conventional ties, the tie according to the present invention is constituted by a single piece tie body which does not require any seaming operation for forming it and, accordingly, can be made in a very reduced time and with a very small cost with respect to those required for forming conventional ties. 5

In actual practice, the assembling operation for assembling a tie according to the present invention requires merely that the lining 3 be applied on the reverse side of the body 2, with an optional application of the reinforcement strip 5, with a subsequent seaming of the two longitudinal flaps of the body 2 on the reverse side of said body. 10

Since the tie body is made as a single-piece, the tie body will have a great strength and, moreover, any undesired creases upon washing will be prevented from occurring. 15

From the above disclosure and the observation of the figures of the accompanying drawings, it should be apparent that the tie according to the present invention fully achieves the intended aim and objects. 20

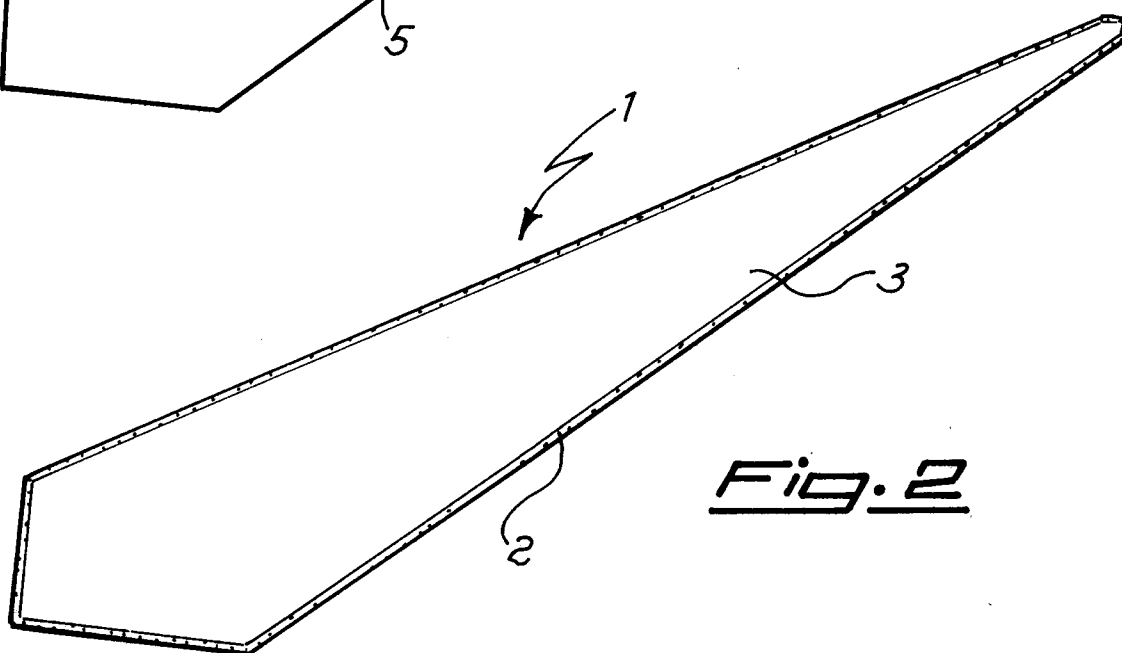
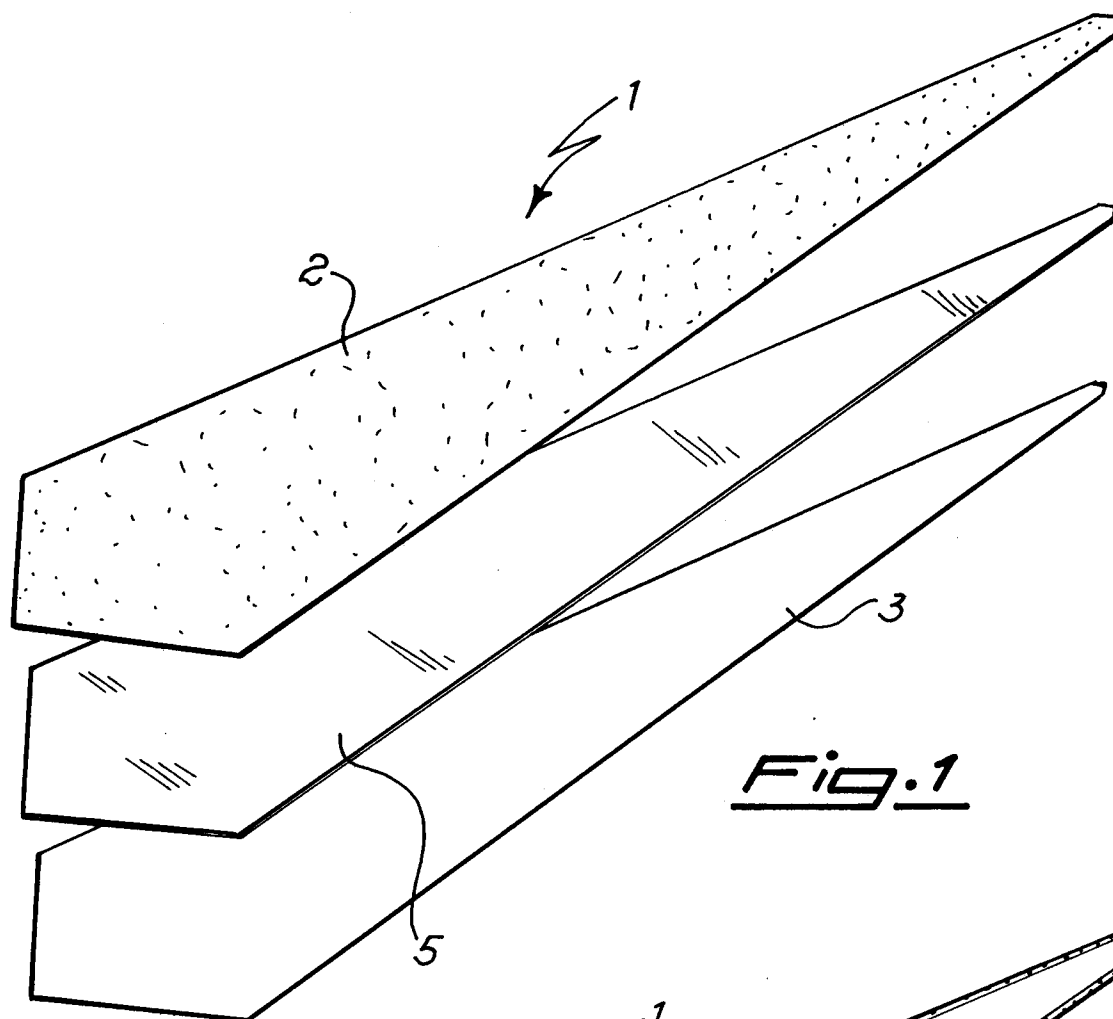
In particular, it is to be pointed out that a tie has been provided which, in addition to having a strength greater than that of conventional ties, can be made at a very reduced cost. 25

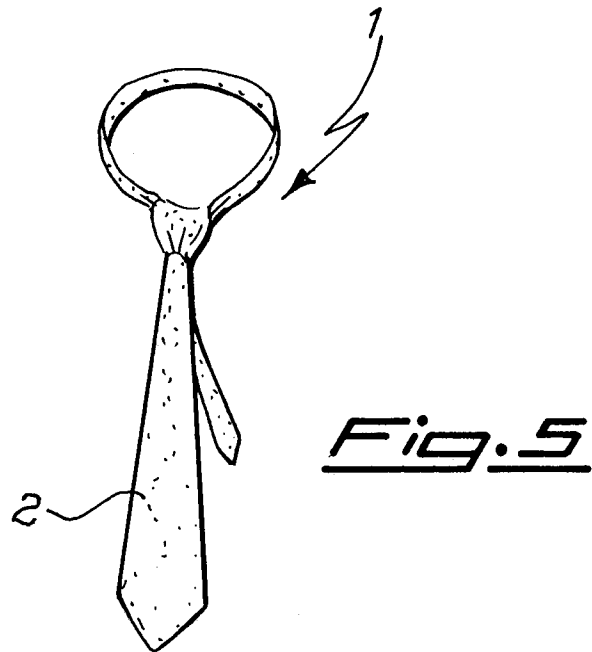
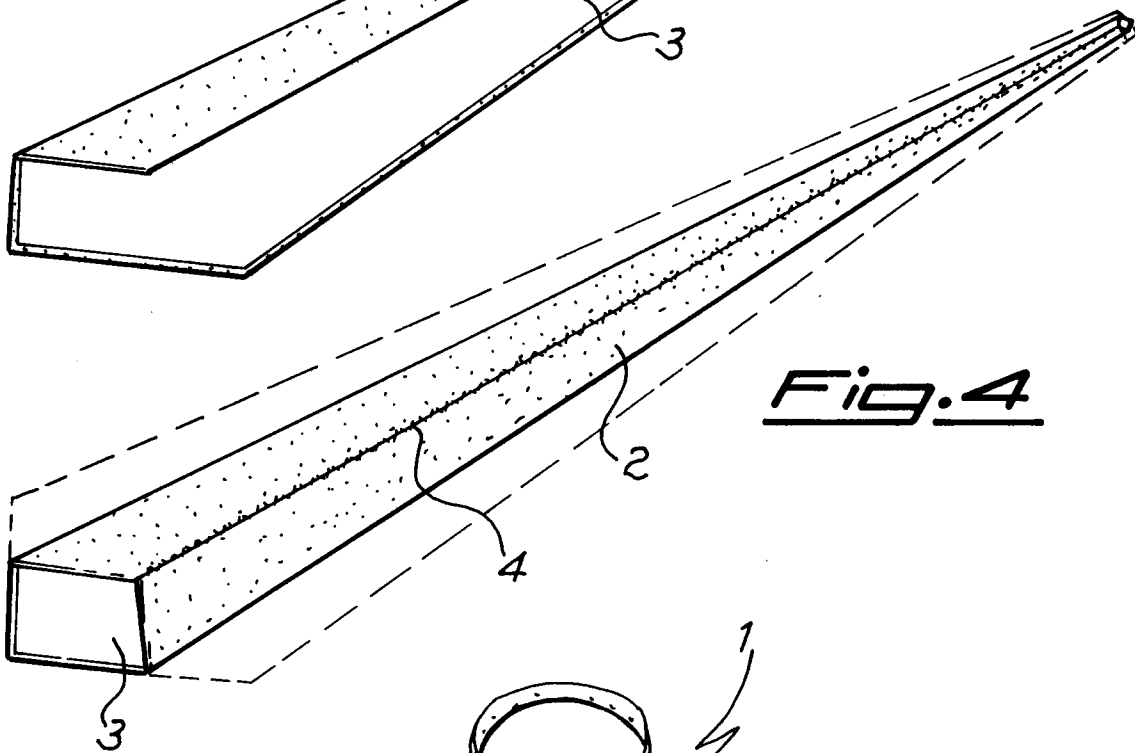
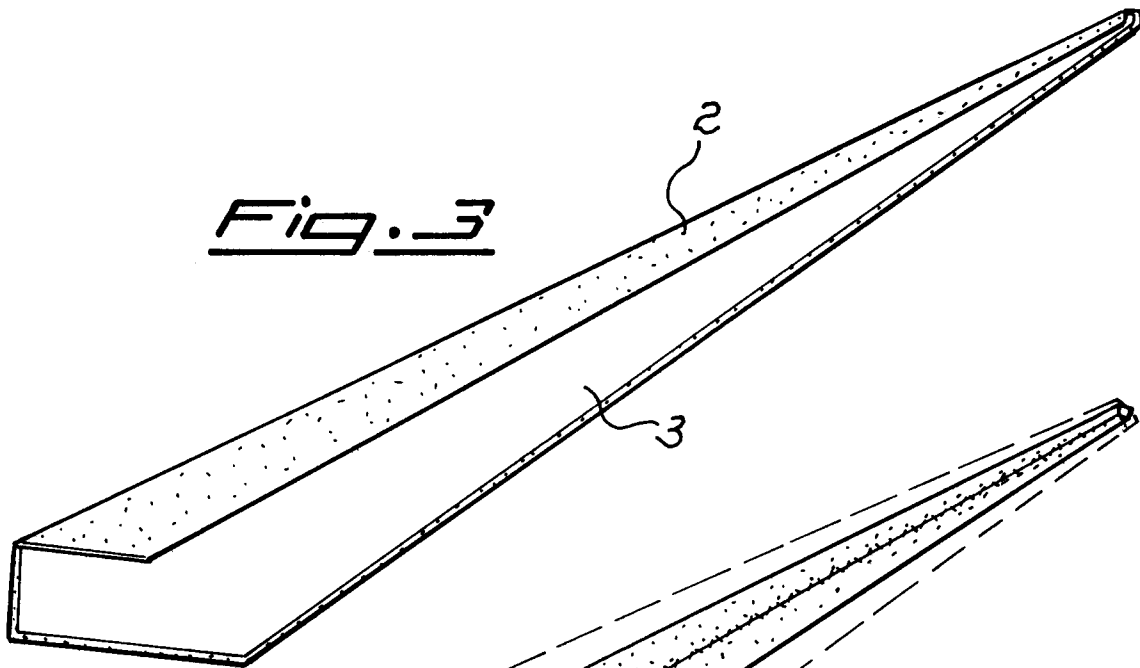
In practicing the invention, the used materials, as well as the contingent size and shapes can be any, depending on requirements. 30

Claims

1. An easily made tie comprising a strip-like tie body to the reverse side of which there is applied a lining and having the two longitudinal edges thereof bent on said reverse side thereof, **characterized in that** the body of said tie comprises a single-piece fabric strip. 35
2. A tie, according to Claim 1, wherein between said lining and body there is arranged a reinforcement fabric strip. 40
3. A tie, according to Claim 1, wherein said longitudinal edges are seamed to one another on said reverse side of said body. 45
4. A tie, according to Claim 1, wherein said tie body comprises a fabric strip cut as a single piece from a fabric piece according to a direction slanted with respect to the length direction of the fabric piece. 50

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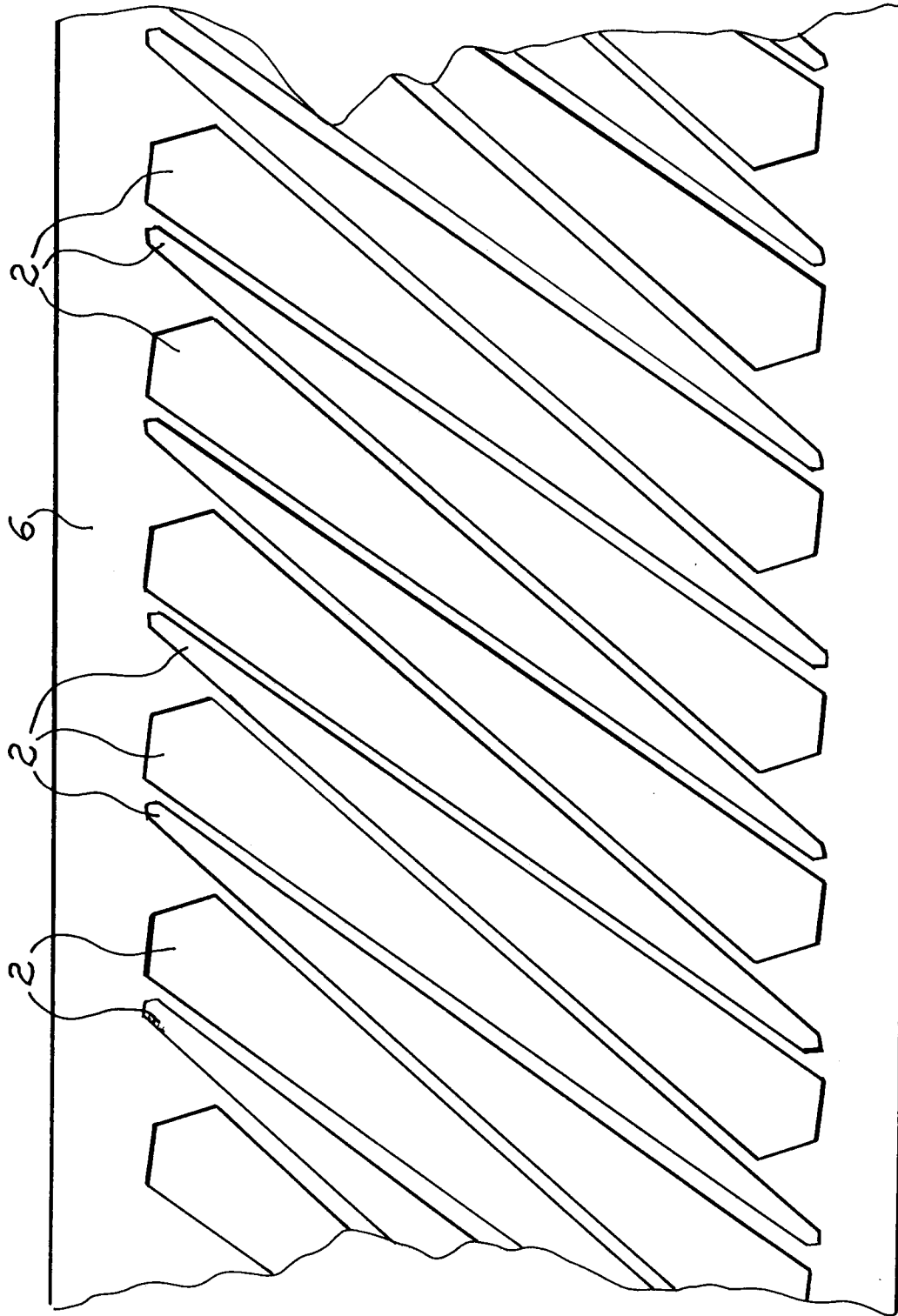


Fig. 6



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