

COLLARS.

THEIR ORIGIN AND HISTORY

The Failures and Successes of Shakespeare, Orlington, Bummell, Byron, D'O'say, and Hunt.

THE FUNCTIONS OF FRILLS AND FURBELLOWS.

How and When Paper Collars Came into Use.

TRIBULATIONS OF THEIR INVENTORS.

Statistics of the Trade.

THE PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

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into popular use as an article of apparel, without having any special significance attached to the wearing of it.

But the ruffles in which the "admirable" Orlington took such excessive pains to arrange himself before venturing into the presence of royalty, had their acknowledged inconveniences.

The Shakespeare collar was equally inconvenient on account of size, although free from the smothering tendencies of the other pattern.

IN THE BEGINNING. When that quaint old gentleman, surnamed Diederich Knickerbocker, wrote his veritable history of New York, he proceeded upon first principles, and commenced at the creation of the world.

It cannot be disputed that the ancients were, in this one respect at least, much wiser than their degenerate descendants.

THE INVENTION OF PAPER COLLARS. As early as 1847 the idea of using paper as a substitute for linen in the manufacture of collars was conceived by an ingenious Frenchman.

THE NEW COLLAR ENCOUNTERS RIVALRY AND OPPOSITION. When Galileo declared his belief that the sun remained stationary in the heavens, while the earth revolved around it, he was regarded on all hands as a lunatic.

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VENICE there was also an order known as the Knighthood of the Collar, called also the Order of St. Mark or the Medal.

THE DAWN OF THE TRUE COLLAR ERA. It was not, however, until the spirit of chivalry—we refer to that of the ancient sort—was nearly extinct, that the genuine collar came

they offered their wares in this city even went so far as to order them to leave their stores, with the intimation that they had better seek employment in some calling which would not expose them to a suspicion of insanity.

Some specimen boxes of the new commodity were sent to Europe, where its success was not more flattering than it had been at first on this side of the water.

BEFORE MR. HUNT had secured his letters-patent, he disposed of half his interest in the invention for the paltry sum of four thousand dollars, the purchaser being Mr. John W. Ridgway, of Boston.

IN SEPTEMBER, 1856, Mr. Valentine brought a sample box, containing one hundred of the collars, to Philadelphia, and endeavored to persuade Mr. William E. Lockwood, then a dry goods commission merchant, doing business in this city, to undertake the sale of them.

THE FIRST RIVAL IN THE FIELD was Mr. Solomon S. Gray, of Boston, who procured a patent on the 14th of April, 1853, for a "paper collar struck up or pressed from a flat piece into any desirable form."

WHEN GALILEO declared his belief that the sun remained stationary in the heavens, while the earth revolved around it, he was regarded on all hands as a lunatic; and if he had persisted in asserting this scientific dogma, he would have been burned at the stake as a dangerous combination of heterodoxy and witchcraft.

IT WAS ABOUT THE time of Mr. Gray's first patents that the business of patenting collars came to rival that of manufacturing them.

AS A MATTER OF course, the claims arising under these various patents were found to conflict in many instances, while the ingenuity of counsel skilled in the law was not lacking to conjure up imaginary conflicts.

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plished patent lawyers in the country were availed on the opposite sides. The newspapers teemed with manifestoes from the rival inventors, one party threatening vengeance in the shape of damages on all who were guilty of an infringement, while the others hurled defiance in their teeth, and summoned their retailers and customers to the conflict.

THE RESULT was precisely such a one as might have been guessed at. After tens of thousands of dollars had been transferred to the pockets of counsel, the principal parties to the quarrel came together a few months ago in an amicable spirit.

THE OWNERS AND CLAIMANTS of the several patents took stock in this Company according to the assessed value of their patents, according to the Company in return the right, title, and interest that they held in them.

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folded on a straight line they will invariably pucker on the inside, and be thus rendered unfit for use, or at best very uncomfortable.

THE PAPER COLLAR is also becoming popular, and paper bosoms are made, although not extensively worn at the present writing.

WE SEE IN REASON why the process of doing a man up in paper should stop just here.

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