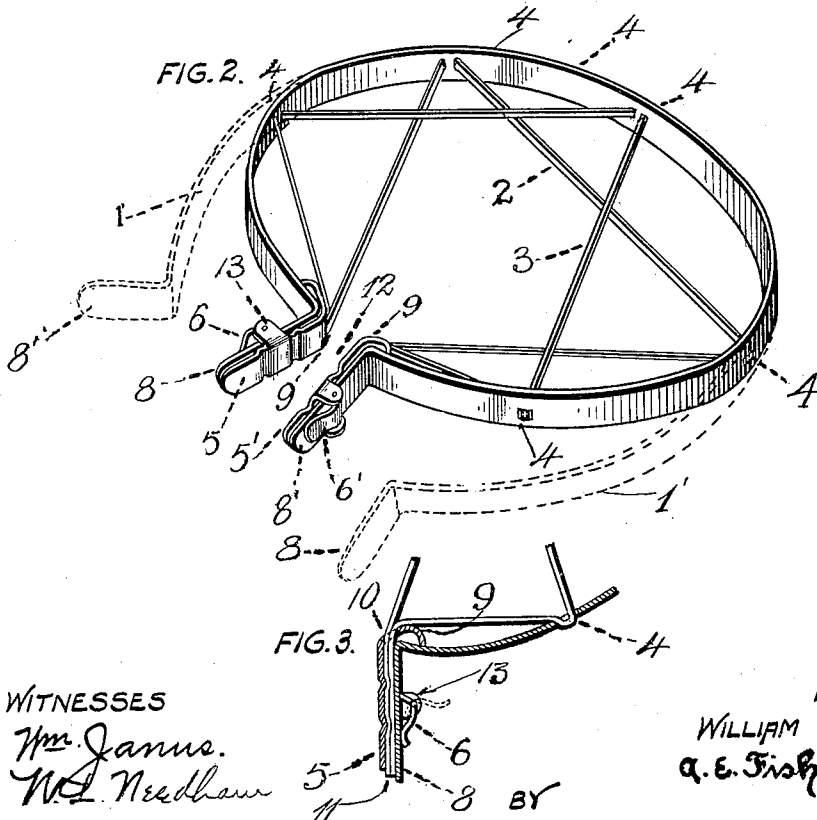
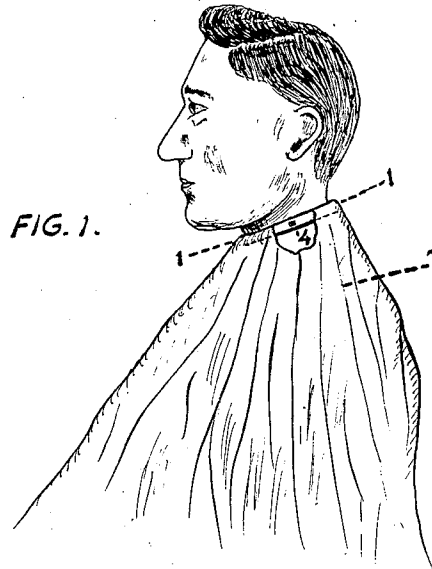


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM KRIZ, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel, Garment, and Napkin Holding Devices, of which the following is a clear description and specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings,
10 and the general object of my said invention being to construct a holding or retaining device which will securely hold towels, napkins, socks, trousers, &c., in the desired position upon a person in a simple,
15 sanitary, and comfortable manner.

I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I is a view of said device in actual use with a barber's towel secured in place around the neck; Fig. II shows a perspective view of the entire device. Fig. III
20 is a side view of the locking mechanism.

Similar figures refer to similar parts
25 throughout the several views.

Referring now in detail to said drawings, 1 represents a supporting frame or band, preferably circular in form, and constructed preferably of some resilient or flexible material such as spring wire, spring band steel,
30 celluloid or hard rubber, but may be constructed of any other suitable material. As preferably constructed said frame is not continuous, but has an opening in one side or portion thereof, as at 12, whereby it may
35 be sprung open at said point and may be readily adjusted in place about the neck or upon the leg of a person, to secure either a towel or napkin upon the neck or a sock or
40 stocking upon the leg of a person. The ends of said band at said opening 12, may be turned or flared outward as shown in Fig. II. Around the inner side or circumference
45 of said band or frame 1, and connected with or supported from it in any suitable manner, such as by holes, eyelets or slots cut at intervals in said frame or band, as shown at 4, runs one or more cords or ribbons, preferably
50 elastic and of any desired cross-sectional shape, as shown at 2 and 3 in Fig. II, which cord or cords may be either immovably attached at said points of connection and support 4 with said frame 1, or, preferably,
55 a free or sliding connection may be made therewith through and by means of

said slots or eyelets. The ends of said cord or cords, where they emerge at the opening in said frame or band 1, may be held and locked at any desired degree of tension, as
at 5 in Fig. II and 11 in Fig. III. Said ends 60 of said cords 2 and 3 may be so locked as at 5 and 5' by any suitable means.

In the locking mechanism shown in the drawings, 5 and 5' are plates secured against
the outwardly turned ends 8 and 8' of said 65 frame 1, by means of ears 13 extended at an angle from said plates 5 and 5' and overlapping said ends 8 and 8' of the frame or band 1, and upon which ears are pivoted the
clamps 6 and 6' the ends whereof being 70 pressed downward draw the plates 5 and 5' securely up against the counter faces 8 and 8' thereby locking the ends of the cords 2
and 3 which emerge from the frame 1 at these points, firmly between the faces of the
75 plates 5 and 8 and 5' and 8'. The exteriorly projecting ends of said cords are of sufficient length that when the levers 6 are turned to release the plates 5 from the plates
8 to make an adjustment, the said ends of
80 said cords will not pull out from between said plates by reason of released tension or otherwise. The plates 5 and 5' are provided
with shoulders bent inwardly as at 9 and 9' and these shoulders are pierced each with an
85 eyelet as at 10 and 10' through which the cords 2 and 3 emerge from the frame 1 and run into the locks. To add efficiency to said locking mechanism, the respective plates 5
and 5' may be crimped upon their inner 90
sides which press against said cords.

It will be seen that the locking mechanism described is by virtue of its construction, slidingly mounted upon the ends 8 and 8' of
the frame or band 1, so that the plates 5 and 95 5' may be drawn outwardly or projected inwardly toward the center of frame 1, carrying the ends of the cords 2 and 3 along therewith in such manner as to increase or
decrease at will to adjust the device more
100 readily to different sizes of necks, the opening formed at the center of said frame 1 by the crossings of said cords 2 and 3.

In actual use, a towel or napkin is placed
about the neck, the holder is sprung open so 105 as to encircle the neck and is then superimposed upon the towel in such manner that the tension of the band 1, in conjunction with the tension of the elastic cords 2 and 3,
110 presses the towel or napkin firmly up

against the neck at all points, and in a very efficient and comfortable manner. The device may be used in barber shops, for private shaving, to hold napkins at table, to hold
5 children's bibs, to hold socks or stockings upon the limbs, to hold the lower portion of trousers from contact with a bicycle when riding same, or for other similar purposes.

While I have herein described specific
10 constructions of said device, I reserve the right to follow any other construction wherein the salient features of the invention are observed.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

In a retaining device for towels, napkins, etc., the combination of a suitable supporting frame having an opening in one portion thereof, one or more auxiliary cords or tapes
20 strung interiorly from and supported by said frame, and suitable locking mechanism to secure the ends of said cords to said frame at any required degree of tension.

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