

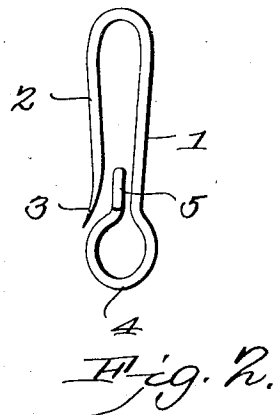
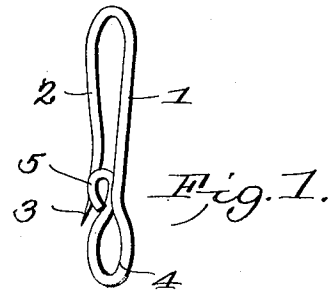
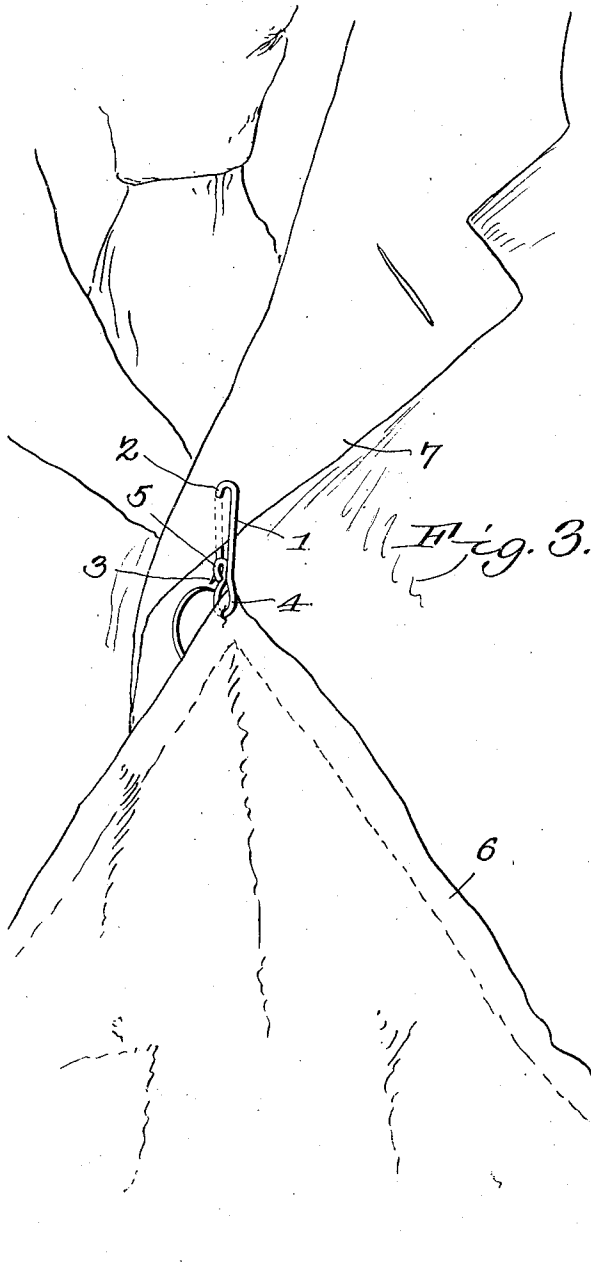
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, STEPHEN O. HICKOK and RICHARD W. McLAIN, citizens of the United States, residing at Allen, in the county of Hillsdale and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Napkin-Pin, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to napkin-pins, and is primarily designed to provide a novel form of pin which is particularly designed for use for holding a napkin upon the clothing of the user thereof.

It is proposed to form the device from a single length of spring-wire, which is bent to form a pin capable of being inserted through the napkin and then engaged with some portion of the apparel to support the napkin in position for use.

The device is also arranged for convenience in handling the same, to connect and disconnect it with a napkin and a portion of the apparel, and also to insure the proper retention of the napkin upon the clip when the latter is in use.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, it being understood that changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device of the present invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the device employed for supporting a napkin upon a portion of the apparel of the user of the napkin.

Like characters of reference designate corresponding parts in all of the figures of the drawings.

Referring at first more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, it will be seen that the present device is formed from a single length of spring-wire which is originally bent into a substantial U shape, having one side (designated 1) somewhat longer than the other and constituting the shank of the device, said other side 2 having a pointed outwardly-deflected terminal 3, so as to form a pin. The extremity of the shank portion 1 is bent to form a loop 4, lying across the interval between the shank and the pin, and

the extremity of the loop portion 4 is brought in between the free end of the pin and the shank and bent into a small loop or eye 5, disposed in a plane at substantially right angles to that plane which is common to the shank 1, the loop 4, and the pin 2.

In using the present device as a napkin-support, as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the pin is thrust through one corner of the napkin, a conventional form of which has been shown at 6, the napkin being worked from the pin onto the shank 1 and then into the large loop 4, after which the pin 2 is engaged with some portion of the apparel—for instance, the lapel 7 of a coat—whereby the napkin is suspended from the coat in a very simple and expeditious manner without injuring the coat and the napkin.

It will here be explained that the loop 4 not only receives one edge or corner of the napkin, but also constitutes a handle for use in engaging the device with the napkin and with the apparel. The small loop or eye 5 is employed in order that the free extremity of the loop 4 may have a smooth terminal, and thereby prevent hanging of the napkin upon the free end of the loop, as said hanging of the napkin would materially interfere with the convenient use of the device.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A napkin-pin formed from a single length of spring-wire which is bent intermediate of its ends into substantially U shape, one side of the clip being pointed to form a pin, and the other side constituting a shank, the free end of which is bent into a loop forming a handle disposed in the same plane with the shank and the pin and located outwardly from the point of the pin, with its extremity lying between the pin and the shank, the extremity of the rebent portion of the shank being bent to form a rounded terminal disposed between the shank and the pin and spaced from these elements to provide an entrance-opening between the pin and the handle, and between the inner end of the handle and the shank.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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