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Fig. 1.

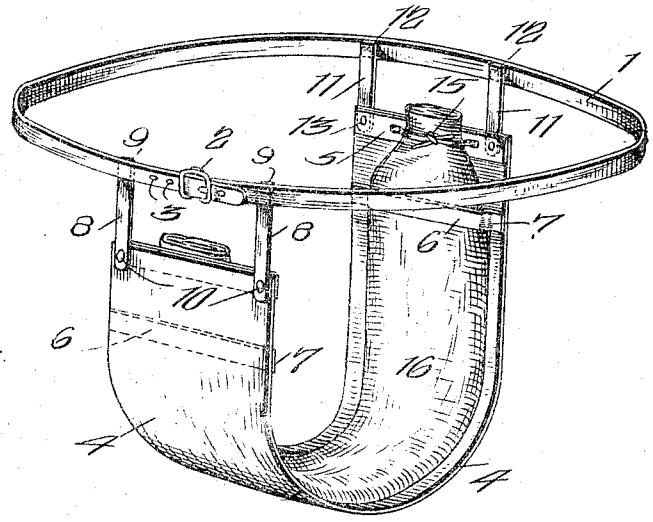
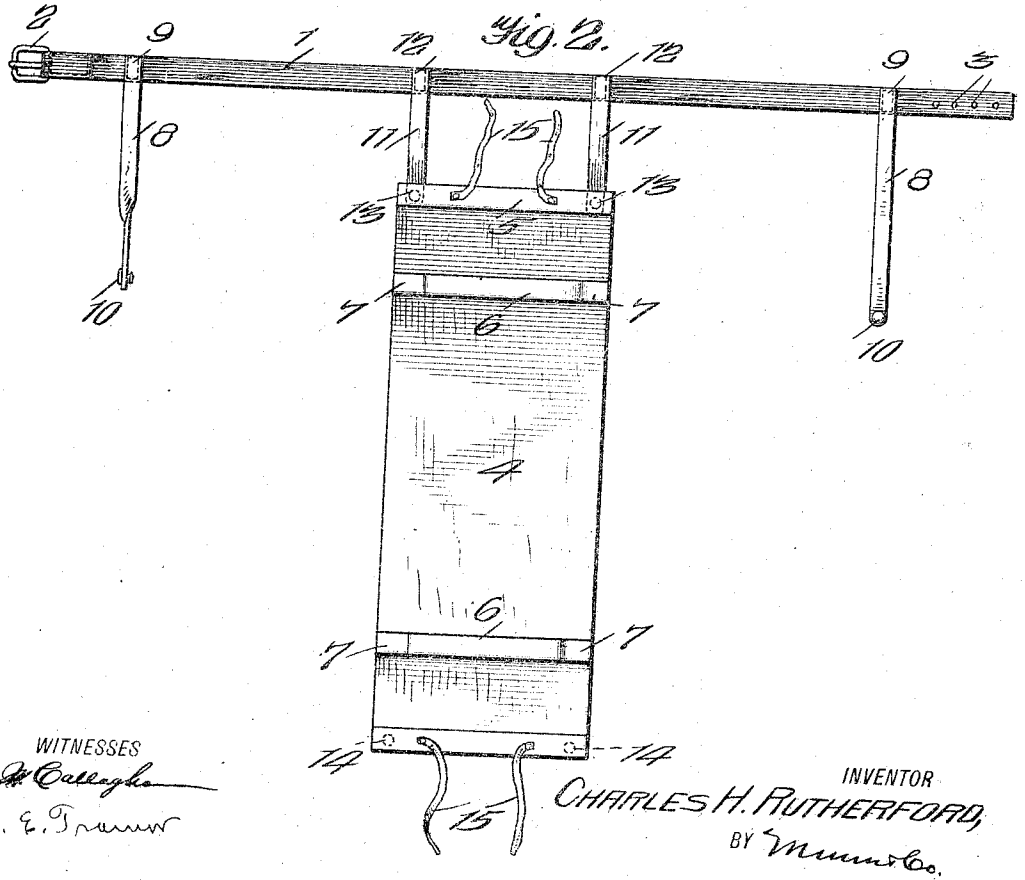


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. RUTHERFORD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Jerome, in the county of Yavapai and State of Arizona, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Napkin-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in napkin holders, and has for its object to provide a holder of the character specified, capable of being supported from the waist of the wearer and having means for supporting a folded napkin.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved holder with the napkin in place, and Fig. 2 is a top plan view with the parts out-spread.

The present embodiment of the invention comprises a belt 1 of suitable material, as for instance, leather, cloth, or the like, having at one end a buckle 2, and at the other a series of openings 3, for engagement by the tongue of the buckle to permit the belt to be placed around the waist of the wearer.

The holder proper is a strip 4 of rubber or the like, of suitable weight, width, and length, and the ends of the strip are reinforced as indicated at 5. Near each end and on the upper face of the strip 4, straps 6 of elastic material, as for instance, elastic rubber, are arranged transversely of the strip 4, the ends of the straps 6, being secured to the upper face of the sheet 4, as indicated at 7, by means of cement, or the like.

The straps 6 are of such length that their ends will be flush with the side edges of the strip 4, while the central portion of the said straps will be spaced slightly away from the face of the strip 4.

The belt 1 is provided with tabs 8 near its ends, the said tabs being secured at their upper ends to the belt by stitching as indicated at 9, or in any other suitable manner, and the lower end of each of the said tabs is provided with one of the sections 10 of a snap fastener, such for instance, as are used on gloves.

Each of the tabs 8 is near the adjacent end of the strap, and intermediate the ends of the strap other tabs 11 are arranged, the said tabs being secured to the belt at their upper ends as indicated at 12, either by stitching or in any other suitable or desired manner. The lower ends of the tabs 11 have sections 13 of snap fasteners, and each corner of the strip 4 is provided with a coöperating section 14 of the fastener, adapted for engagement by the sections 10 or 13, as the case may be.

Tapes 15 are secured to the ends of the strip 4 between the fastener sections 14, and the said tapes are of sufficient length to tie over the ends of a folded napkin 16 to hold the same in place. The napkin 16 is arranged as shown in Fig. 1, being folded longitudinally to lie upon the upper face of the strip 4, and the ends of the napkin are passed beneath the straps 6. The tapes 15 at each end are then tied about the ends of the folded napkin.

In the use of the improvement, the belt may be placed with the rear end of the strip 4 connected to the belt. The front end of the strip may be then connected with the front tabs 11, and the device is ready for use. When it it desired to change the napkin it is only necessary to detach the tabs 11 and 8 from the strip 4, and the belt may be left in place. The straps 6 act as an auxiliary holding means to prevent displacement of the napkin. Since the strip is of rubber and water proof, it may be easily cleaned by washing the same.

The belt is preferably of elastic material, as are also the rear tabs which support the strip. The strip is of sheet rubber, approximately six inches in width by twelve or fourteen in length, and there are no reinforces or enlarged edges to chafe and irritate. Neither are there any buckles on the strip nor the tabs, the only buckle being on the belt.

I claim:—

A device of the character specified, comprising a strip of rubber of approximately rectangular outline, reinforcing straps secured transversely of the ends of the strip, a pair of tapes connected to the strip at each strap, the members of each pair being connected at one end and free at the other end, and adapted to be tied together to hold a pad in place on the strip, holding straps arranged transversely of the strip near the ends thereof, each strap having its ends secured to the strip at the opposite side edges thereof, and having the body portion there-

of free from the strip, a belt, a plurality of pairs of tabs connected with the belt, the members of each pair being spaced apart from each other and from the members of the other pair to register with the corners of one end of the strip, and coöperating releasable fasteners in connection with the tabs and the corners of the strip for connecting the strip to the tabs.

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