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Fig. 1.

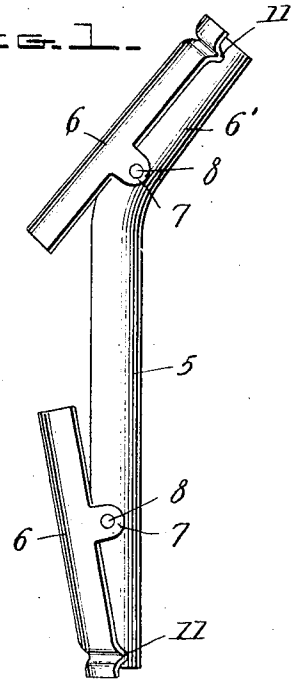


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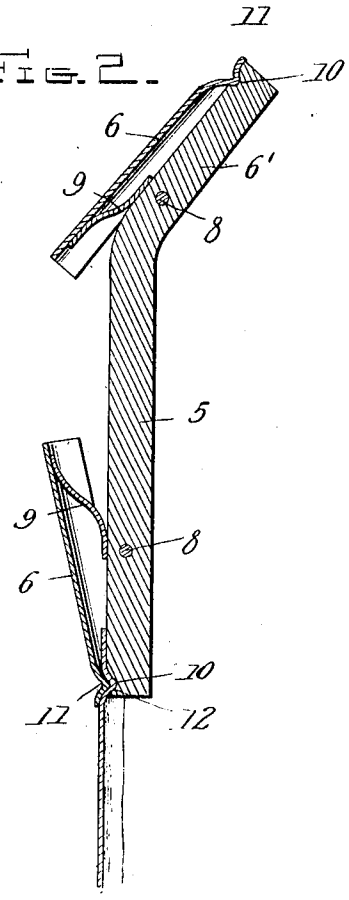
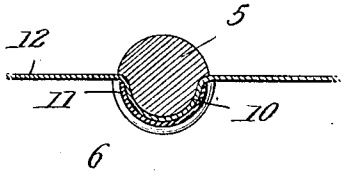


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHARLES H. FORD and EUGENE H. BOSTON, citizens of the United States, residing at Richmond, in the county of Wayne and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holders, and more particularly to holders for napkins, and has for its object to provide a device of this kind by which a napkin may be securely and quickly attached to the clothing, thus obviating the necessity of tucking it into the neck or pockets.

Another object is to provide a holder of this kind which will be simple and cheap, and which may be carried in the pocket.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and it will be understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views: Figure 1 is an enlarged elevational view of the present invention, Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section showing a napkin engaged in the holder, Fig. 3 is a transverse section through one of the clips on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawings, the present invention comprises an elongated member 5 which is circular in cross section and which, adjacent to one end is bent laterally at a slight angle, as shown at 6'.

A clip 6 is provided for each end of the member, these clips each consisting of a concavo-convex plate having side tabs 7, which are oppositely disposed. These clips receive the end portions of the member 5 in their concavities with their tabs at opposite points diametrically of the member, and engaged in these tabs and the member are pivot pins 8 upon which the clips are thus arranged to move to bring their outer ends into and out of engagement with the member. Springs 9 are engaged between the inner ends of the clips and the member 5 and thus hold the clips with their outer ends yieldably in engagement with the member.

As shown, grooves 10 are formed in the member 5 adjacent to the ends thereof and circumferentially of the member 5, and these grooves are disposed to receive therewithin ribs 11 which are stamped inwardly from the clips toward the member, thus presenting rounded surfaces to engage fabric disposed between the clips and the member, as shown at 12.

It will of course be understood that a napkin 12 is to be engaged in one of the clips, while the other is engaged with the clothing of the user.

What is claimed is:

1. In a napkin holder, the combination with an elongated cylindrical member, said member having transverse grooves adjacent to its ends, of clips pivoted upon the member one adjacent to each end, said clips having their outer end portions crimped to present inwardly directed ribs, said ribs being located for engagement in the grooves of the elongated member, and springs arranged to hold the clips yieldably with their ribs in the grooves of the member.

2. As an article of manufacture, a napkin holder comprising a cylindrical member having a transverse groove therein, a clip formed of a piece of metal curved transversely to present a concavity for the reception of the cylindrical member, said clip having tabs disposed opposite to each other and located at opposite sides of the member, pivot pins engaged in the member and in the tabs, said clip having one end crimped to present an inwardly directed rib for engagement in the groove of the member, and a spring arranged to hold the clip yieldably with its rib in the groove.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures, in presence of two witnesses.

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