To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLSWORTH C. RINK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Napkin Supporters and Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a combined napkin supporter and holder, the object being to provide a cheap and simple device by means of which a napkin can be supported in front of persons in the proper manner and when not in use the napkin can be folded and held in such folded condition by the holder, the napkin being attached to the holder at all times so that it is ready for immediate use by simply attaching the support to the body and disconnecting the napkin from the holder portion of the device and permitting it to drop in front of the body as usual.

The device is particularly adapted for the purpose of arranging a napkin in front of children and provides a cheap and simple means of quickly and easily attaching and detaching said napkin, and avoids the necessity of pinning the napkin around the neck of the child or the necessity of tucking an edge of the napkin into the collar.

While the invention is particularly adapted for supporting the napkin for children, it will of course be understood that its use is equally as well adapted for older persons.

The invention consists also in certain details of construction and novelties of combination all of which will be fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification:—Figure 1 is a view showing the practical application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view showing a napkin attached to the support and holder, portions of the napkin being broken away in order to clearly illustrate the holding hooks. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view showing the napkin folded and arranged in the folding hooks, and Fig. 4 shows a slight modification of the device.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a pair of bars A preferably made of metal, but it will of course be understood that these bars may be of any suitable material. At their upper ends they are curved as shown at A' so that they can be arranged upon the shoulders of the person for the purpose of hanging the entire device from the shoulders. These bars are arranged parallel and at their upper portions which before being curved they are split and turned back upon themselves providing spring clips B and at their lower ends they are bent upwardly to provide hooks C. A cross bar D connects the lower ends of the parallel bars A and this bar D is preferably curved to conform to the shape of the body so that the device as a whole will rest close to the body.

The napkin E has its upper edge slipped beneath the spring clips B and is in this manner quickly and easily attached to the device and when it is desired to arrange the napkin in front of the person hooks A' are arranged upon the shoulders as shown in Fig. 1 and the napkin drops in front of the body and thereby protects the clothing. The lower end of the napkin is entirely free and is therefore ready for use as usual. When the napkin is no longer to be used, it is rolled up from the lower edge and the rolled or folded napkin inserted in the hooks C and the device as a whole is detached from the body and placed away for future use. When it is desired to use the device and napkin a second time the frame is connected to the body as heretofore described and the napkin disconnected from the hooks C and dropped as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. A device of this kind avoids the necessity of pinning the napkin around the neck or tucking the napkin into the collar and provides a means whereby a napkin can be properly held in front of a person and also provides means whereby the same napkin can be quickly and easily attached and detached as desired.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a very slight modification in which the side bars A instead of extending over the shoulders are provided with eyes A' and have supporting wires A' connected thereto which wires are curved so as to be hung upon the shoulders. In other respects the form shown in Fig. 4 is identical with the construction shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 and the operation of the device is identical.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A napkin supporter and holder comprising parallel bars curved at their upper ends forming supporting members and bent back upon themselves at their lower ends.

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to form hooks, a bar connecting said bars arranged between said hooks and the remaining parts of said first mentioned bars and spring-clips formed on the parallel bars adjacent their curved portions, for the purpose described.

2. A device of the kind described comprising parallel upright bars curved at their upper ends and provided with upwardly projecting hooks at their lower ends and spring clips adjacent their upper ends, the lower ends of the said bars being connected by a cross bar, for the purpose specified.

3. A napkin supporter and holder comprising parallel upright bars curved at their upper ends and bent back upon themselves at their lower ends said bars being split and bent back upon themselves to form spring clips and a bar connecting said first named bars secured under the bent back portion at their lower ends, for the purpose set forth.

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