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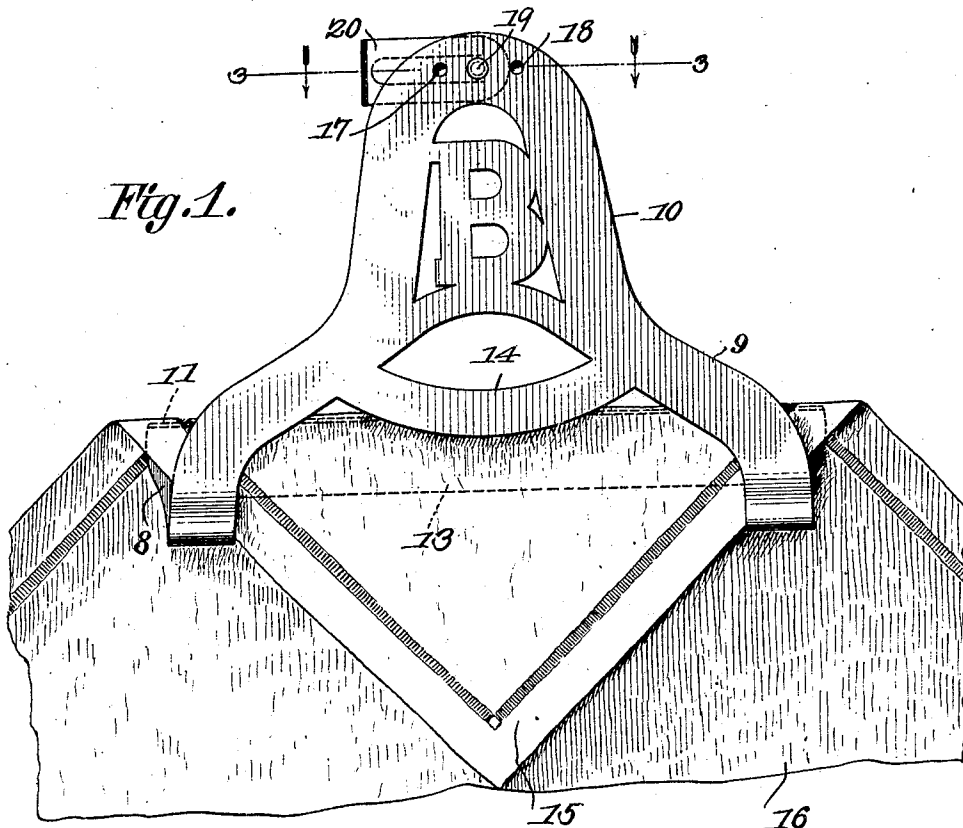


Fig. 1.

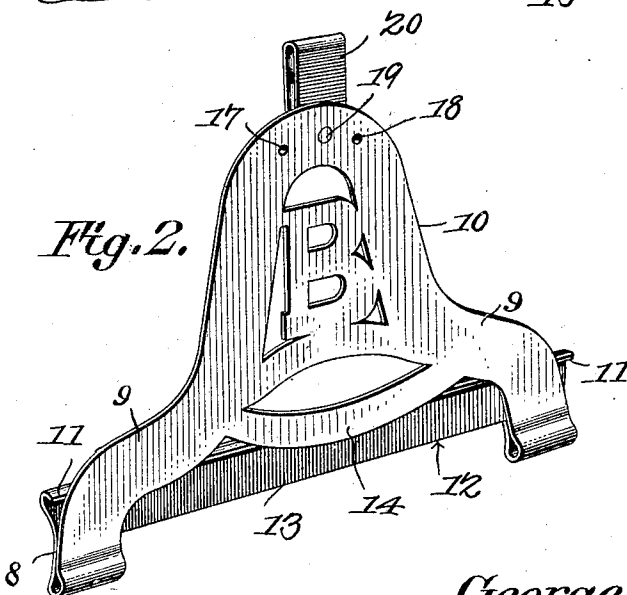


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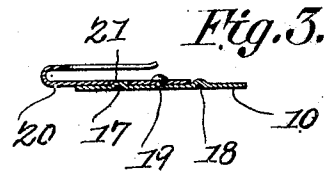


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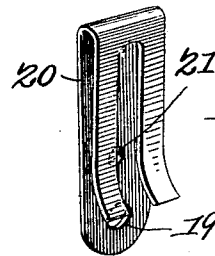


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. PETERS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Canal Winchester, in the county of Franklin and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Napkin-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for holding a napkin, bib, towel, or the like in convenient position and without puncturing or otherwise injuring the same.

With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improved device applied. Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of the improved device. Fig. 3 is a transverse section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a perspective view, enlarged, of the catch-hook.

The device consists of a plate 10 of resilient metal having diverging arms 9 at one end, which are folded to form spring-clips 8. These clips are connected by an integral cross-bar 13, having an inwardly-extending flange 11 along its upper edge. This flange is adapted to contact with the arms 9 and with a curved intermediate strip 14, which connects the upper portions of arms 9. Pivoted to the upper end of plate 10 upon the pin 19 or other suitable device is a hook 20, the free end of which is slotted so as to embrace a button. An aperture 21 is formed near the base of the hook, and by swinging said hook upon its pivot 19 the same can be

sprung over either of two projections 17 and 18, so that the projection will be seated within the aperture and hold the hook parallel with the cross-bar 13. When the hook 20 is in the position shown in Fig. 2, its forked end can be placed in engagement with a button of a garment, and by swinging the hook into the position shown in Fig. 1 the same can be slipped over the edge of a garment. When in either of these positions the device will be held firmly upon the garment. When it is desired to suspend a napkin by means of the device, the same is placed back of the arms 9 and one corner of the napkin is folded down between the flange 11 and intermediate cross-strip 14 and within the clips 8. It will thus be seen that the napkin is gripped at five points—to wit, within each clip 8, between the flange and both arms 9, and between said flange and the strip 14. The napkin is thus held along its center as well as at points removed therefrom, and therefore will be kept outspread and cannot be accidentally detached.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

In a napkin-holder the combination with a resilient plate and a garment-engaging clip pivotally connected thereto; of diverging arms integral with and extending from said plate, each of said arms being folded upon itself to form a napkin-engaging clip, a flanged cross-bar connecting and integral with the clips, and an intermediate cross-strip connecting the arms, said flange adapted to clamp a napkin upon the arms and cross-strip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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