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Fig. 1

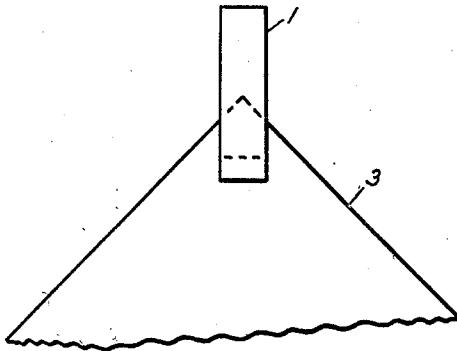


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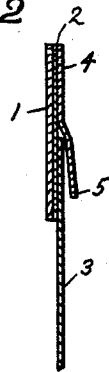


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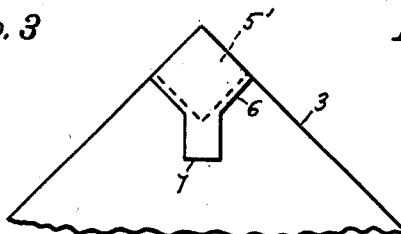


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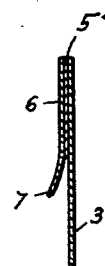


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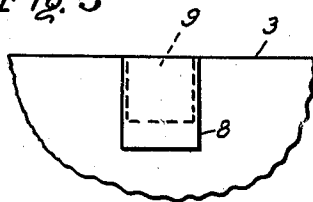


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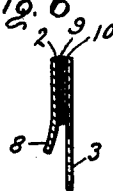
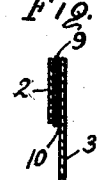


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My invention relates to napkins and has particular reference to holding attachments for napkins.

Certain light grades of napkins, especially those made of tissue paper, are less convenient than heavier linen napkins mainly because they do not stay on the user's lap, but fall off when there is even a slight draft of air, or when the user moves. Light paper napkins do not even stay very securely on the table and are easily blown off or brushed off to the floor.

The object of my invention, therefore, is to provide a simple device for holding napkins made of paper or similar light material securely in places where they can be used conveniently during meals.

Another object of my invention is to provide a holding device for napkins, which will enable the napkin to be instantly attached or removed by the user, without leaving any marks on the surfaces to which the napkin is thus removably attached.

I found that certain adhesive compositions, such as crude rubber or unvulcanized rubber compositions, provide a very convenient means for temporary attachment of napkins to clothing, furniture, etc. Such adhesive compositions, even when used on a very small area, adhere with sufficient strength to various surfaces so as to prevent the napkin from being blown off or brushed off these surfaces.

The adhesive composition may be directly applied to a small portion of the surface of the napkin, or it may be applied to a piece of tape, the latter being then attached to the corner of a napkin, or to its edge.

Still another object of my invention is to provide means for covering the adhesive material until the napkin is ready to be used. For this purpose I employ a piece of "Cellophane" or similar material temporarily adhering to the composition.

My invention is more fully described in the accompanying specification and drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a view of a portion of a napkin provided with my holding attachment, Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same, Fig. 3 is a view of a modified attachment, Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the same, Fig. 5 is a view of still another modification, Fig. 6 is a sectional view of the same, and Fig. 7 is a similar sectional view with the protective cover removed.

My holding device consists of a piece of tape covered on one side with an adhesive composition

2. The tape may be conveniently made of some light fabric, or it may be made of a strong paper. For the adhesive composition I prefer to use unvulcanized or crude rubber or its compounds. Such a rubber compound, when prepared so as to have proper consistency, firmly adheres to various surfaces, such as fabrics, glass, metal, wood, etc., yet it can be easily detached from these surfaces without leaving any noticeable marks on the finest clothing or furniture. The piece of tape 1 may be made of such length that a portion of it is permanently attached to a corner of a napkin 3, and the other portion extends beyond the napkin for a sufficient length so as to be used for attaching the napkin to clothing and other surfaces. The tape can be attached by using the same compound 2 and applying sufficiently strong pressure to cause the compound to partly penetrate the pores of the material of the napkin.

When so attached, the tape 1 will remain on the napkin when the latter is used. The tape will adhere with its composition to the user's clothing or to the surface of the table when attached with a slight pressure. It can be easily pulled off when the napkin is no longer needed, without leaving any marks on the object to which it was attached.

In order to protect the adhesive surface when the napkin is not used, I provide a piece of "Cellophane" 4 pressed against the adhesive surface of the tape. The piece 4 may be of the same size as the tape 1. A portion 5 of the "Cellophane" will extend over the napkin when attached as shown in Fig. 2, so that this portion can be used for pulling the protective piece 4 off the tape when the napkin is ready for use. Any other suitable material can be used instead of "Cellophane", such as waxed or paraffined paper, varnished cloth, etc., the only requirement being that the surface of the protective material should be glossy and without noticeable pores, as otherwise the material may adhere to the composition 2 too firmly and may render its removal difficult.

The arrangement for holding the napkin may be simplified by covering a portion of the napkin with a layer 5' of adhesive material as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, and applying a protective piece 6 over this layer, using a tongue 7 for pulling this piece off the layer.

The adhesive layer or adhesive piece may be applied to any portion of the napkin, or to its straight edge, as shown in Fig. 5. The adhesive piece 9 is covered with a protective piece 8 and

is attached to the napkin 3 with a layer of glue 10. The piece 8 is shown removed in Fig. 7.

Napkins provided with my adhesive devices and with protective covers or pieces can be stored in 5 packages until ready for use.

The somewhat heavier portions with the tapes and adhesive compositions may be staggered when packaging the napkins so as to obtain packages of a more or less uniform shape.

10 Important advantages of my invention are that it provides means for removably holding paper napkins against the user's clothing or on the tables and other furniture, also that the napkins can be easily removed or replaced without 15 leaving any marks on the objects to which the napkins were so attached.

I claim as my invention:

1. A napkin having a layer of adhesive material on a portion of its surface, said material being adapted to removably hold said napkin attached to the user's clothing, and a piece of protective material removably covering said adhesive material when said napkin is not used. 20

2. In a napkin, the combination with a piece 25 of flexible material, the exposed portion of said flexible material being covered on one side with an adhesive compound adapted to removably adhere to various surfaces, and a piece of protective material removable covering said adhesive 30 compound when said napkin is not used.

3. A paper napkin having a small portion of its surface covered with a layer of adhesive compound of such consistency that said compound causes the napkin to removably adhere to various surfaces without leaving any noticeable marks 5 on said surfaces and means to removably cover said adhesive compound when said napkin is not used.

4. A napkin holding device, in combination a piece of flexible material, a layer of adhesive 10 composition on one side of said material, said piece being adapted to be attached to a portion of the surface of a napkin, the exposed portion of said material with said adhesive composition being adapted to removably adhere to various 15 surfaces and means to cover said adhesive composition, said covering means being adapted to be removed when said napkin is ready to be used.

5. A napkin holding device, in combination a piece of flexible material attached to a portion 20 of the surface of a napkin, an adhesive composition covering the exposed portion of the surface of said piece, said adhesive material being adapted to removably hold said napkin attached to various surfaces, and a piece of protective material 25 removably attached to said piece covering said adhesive composition when said napkin is not used.

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