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Fig. 1.

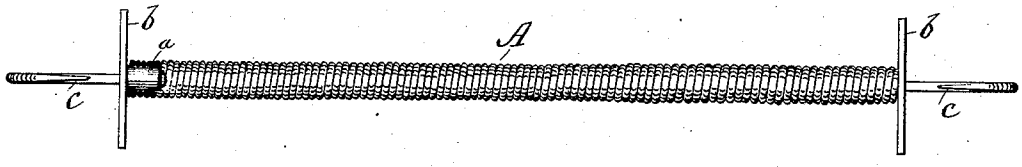
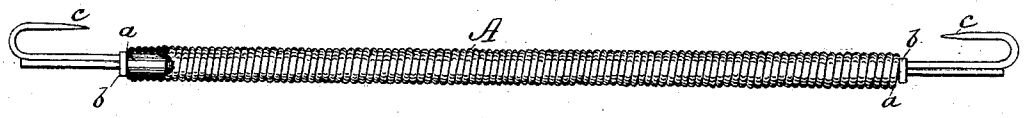


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. TUTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spring-Holders for Napkins, Handkerchiefs, &c., of which the following is a description.

Figure 1 is a side view of the device, and Fig. 2 is a similar view with the device turned one-quarter of a revolution.

My invention relates to that class of devices in which a spiral spring is combined with fastening devices at the ends thereof for catching and holding on to portions of a garment for holding it to any desired adjustment—as for holding a napkin to the chin, holding up a lady's skirt, holding a handkerchief at the waist, &c.; and it consists in combining with the ends of said spiral spring a sharp-pointed hook with a rigid cross-bar, one being fastened to each end of said spring, so that when the spring is distended by the fingers by pulling the cross-bars away from each other and the pointed hooks are entered into the garment, the contraction of the spring draws the hooks together and holds the garment to the desired adjustment, or forms a support for the attachment of a napkin or handkerchief, as hereinafter described.

In the drawings, A represents the spiral spring, in the opposite ends of which are inserted plugs *a a*, which are rigidly connected by soldering to the convolutions of the spring, and also to a cross-bar, *b*, at each end, and a sharp-pointed hook, *c*, which latter extends in a line with the spring, and is bent back or folded upon itself.

For applying this device when used for holding a napkin to the chin, the fingers of each hand are placed behind the opposite cross-bars, *b b*, and the spring is distended and the pointed hooks are embedded in the dress or clothing upon opposite sides of the breast, so that the spring occupies a horizontal position. The napkin is then thrown over and around the spring. The same adjustment of the device at the waist serves to hold the handkerchief.

The device may also be used in a vertical position to hold up the skirt of a dress, or it may be applied in any other way.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is—

The spring-holder for napkins, handkerchiefs, &c., consisting of the combination of the spiral spring A, having attached to its opposite ends rigid cross-bars *b b* and pointed hooks *c c*, as and for the purpose described.

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