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Fig. 1.

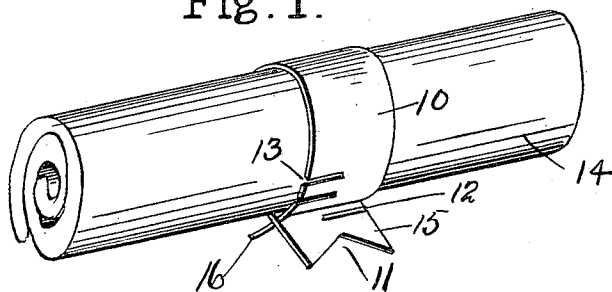


Fig. 2.

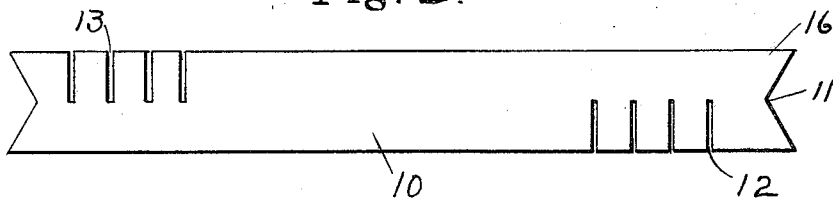


Fig. 3.

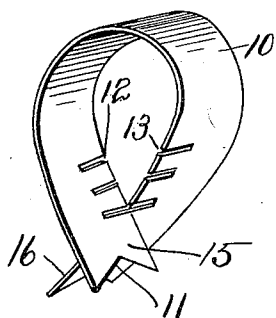


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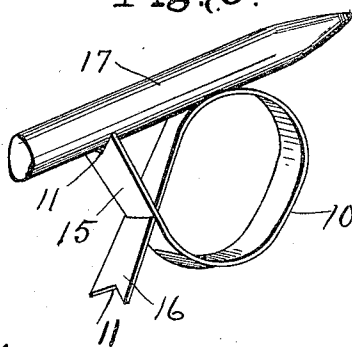
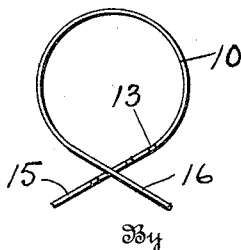


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, EUGENE FULLER and ALBERT LANGE, citizens of the United States, and residents of the city of Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to napkin holders, and has for its object to provide a holder of this character that is constructed of a strip of thin sheet material adapted to be bent into loop form to provide a band around the body of a rolled napkin, the opposite ends of the band being crossed and secured by interlocking the notched opposite edges of the strip thereby providing legs or feet on which the holder may stand.

A further object of the invention is to provide the end of one or both of the legs with a groove or depression whereby said looped holder when removed from the napkin may be laid upon its side to rest upon its body, and one of its legs, and to serve as a support for a lighted cigar, one end of which may rest in said groove and the opposite end upon the upper side of the body portion, thereby serving the double purpose of a napkin ring and also that of a cigar holder.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

Of the accompanying drawings: Figure 1— is a perspective view illustrating our improved napkin holder serving as a binding band for a rolled napkin. Fig. 2— shows the napkin holder as a narrow strip in extended position as blanked from sheet stock. Fig. 3— illustrates the strip as having been bent into loop or band form and the opposite notched edges in position to be engaged or interlocked one with the other. Fig. 4— is an end elevation illustrating the members in engaged position with oppositely extending supporting legs. Fig. 5— illustrates the combination napkin ring and cigar holder as supporting a cigar.

Referring to the drawings 10 designates the napkin holder which is constructed of a thin strip of material such as cardboard, celluloid, or other material, but the same is preferably constructed of thin sheet metal

blanked out into the form of an elongated strip, as illustrated in Fig. 2, having its ends recessed as at 11—11 for the purpose presently described and also provided with a plurality of notches 12 on one edge near one end of the strip said notches being substantially the depth of one-half the width of the strip. The strip is also provided with a corresponding set of notches 13 formed in the opposite edge and near the opposite end of said strip. A strip thus formed in being applied to a napkin 14, as shown in Fig. 1, is bent into the form of a loop around the napkin roll, thereby providing a binding band for securing the roll firmly in position, then the opposing notched edges are brought together one interlocking with the other thereby causing the opposite ends 15 and 16 to cross and to extend a short distance after crossing in opposite directions, thereby providing legs or feet upon which the holder is designed to stand. In other words, the band is carried tight around the napkin roll and the corresponding opposite notches are caused to engage each other thereby locking the band tightly onto the napkin roll and holding the legs or feet in juxtaposition or in a position near each other. By providing a plurality of these notches the holder may be readily adjusted to fit closely around a napkin roll of any size.

A further object of this invention is to so form the same that it may also be used as a cigar holder when not in use for retaining the napkin, in which case it is only necessary after removing the holder from the napkin to bend it back again into the loop form and lay it down on its side as illustrated in Fig. 5 where it is supported by one of its feet 16, the other foot extending on an angle upward. The lighted cigar 17 may now be supported on the holder one end of the cigar engaging the notched portion 11 of the foot 15 and the opposite end of the cigar resting upon the body portion of the holder. In this way the device may be used as a combined napkin ring and cigar holder.

The device is extremely simple and inexpensive in construction and adapted to serve a plurality of useful purposes.

We claim:

1. A napkin holder comprising a strip of sheet material having notches formed in

the opposite sides thereof adjacent each end, said strip being adapted to be formed into a loop with said ends crossed and said notches interlocked, the ends beyond said
5 crossing point being extended to form supporting legs.

2. A napkin holder comprising a strip of sheet material having notches formed in the opposite sides thereof adjacent each end,
10 said strip being adapted to be formed into a loop with said ends crossed and said notches interlocked, the ends beyond said

crossing point being extended to form supporting legs, the ends of said strip being also notched to form feet upon said supporting legs. 15

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

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