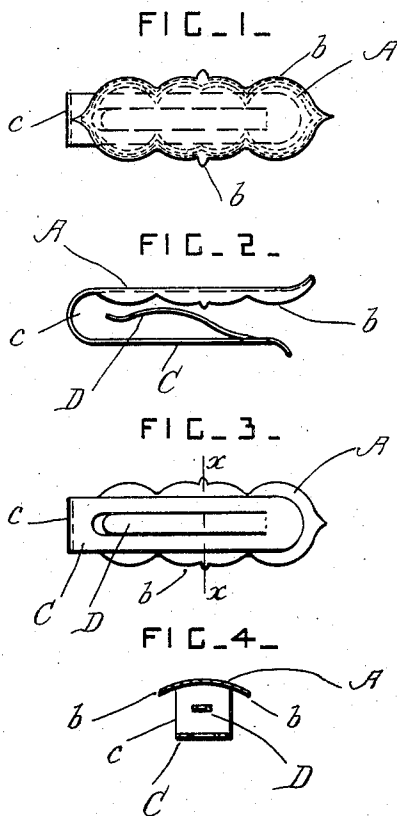


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN S. DALTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Auburn, in the county of Cayuga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to marking-plates or name-plates for attachment to table-napkins; and it consists of the novel construction of the marker, as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the marker. Fig. 2 is a side view, and Fig. 3 is a rear view, of the marker. Fig. 4 is a cross-section taken on the line *x x* in Fig. 3.

A is a concavo-convex name-plate which forms the front part of the marker. This plate is ornamental and is provided with projections or serrations *b* at its side edges, which form a part of its ornamentation. Its surface ornamentation is of any approved design.

C is the back plate of the marker, which is flat and not so wide as the front plate.

The front and back plates are connected at one end by a loop *c*. The free end portions of the front and back plates are spread apart

slightly to facilitate the introduction of a folded napkin between them. The back plate is provided with a spring-tongue D, which is struck up from the metal of the back plate and suitably curved. This spring-tongue is arranged in the space between the two plates and has its free end in the loop *c*. This spring-tongue may be dispensed with, if desired; but it is useful in giving the device a better hold on the napkin.

A name, initial, or monogram is placed on the name-plate, and the device is used in place of the ordinary napkin-ring.

What I claim is—

A napkin-holder, comprising a clasp U-shaped in form, one member of the said clasp being concavo-convex in cross-section and wider than the other member and having serrated side edges projecting downwardly in the plane of its curvature, and the other member having an integrally-formed spring-tongue which projects toward the first said member.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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