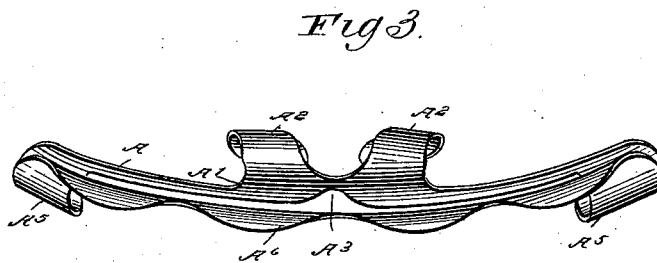
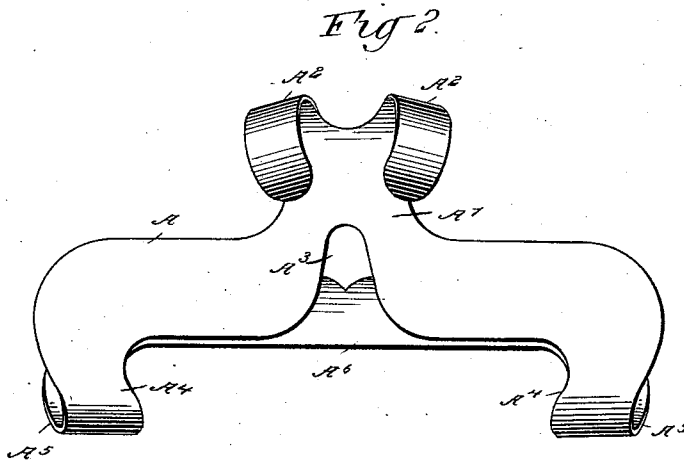
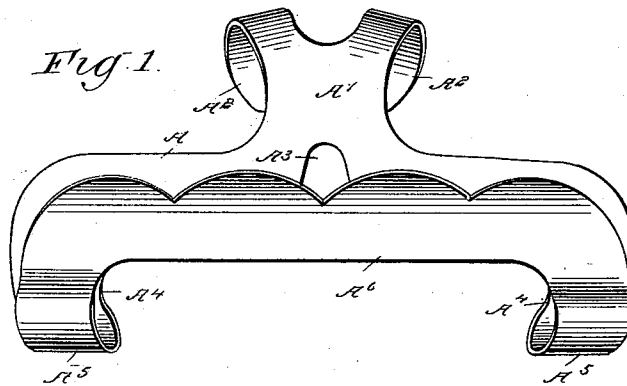


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER ANDREW VERNON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Owen Sound, in the
5 county of Grey and Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and Improved Napkin-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a
10 new and improved napkin-holder, which is simple and durable in construction, arranged to securely hold a napkin in place, and to permit the wearer to readily apply the holder on a collar or neckband.

15 The invention consists principally of a back plate, formed on its upper end with rearwardly-extending hooks, adapted for engagement with a collar or neckband, the said back plate being formed at its ends with a doubled-up
20 clamping-band to securely hold a napkin in position.

The invention also consists of certain parts and details and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter, and then
25 pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

30 Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the same; and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the improvement.

The improved napkin-holder is provided
35 with a body or back plate A, formed at or near its middle with an upward extension A', formed into one or more hooks A² for conveniently supporting the holder from a collar or neckband. In the back plate A is formed
40 a recess A³, extending upwardly into the extension A', as is plainly indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. The ends of the back plate A are formed with downwardly-extending extensions A⁴, each formed into a loop A⁵, having
45 its front end extending upwardly, and the two upper ends of the loops are connected with each other by a clamping-plate A⁶, reaching in front of the back plate A. Now it will be seen by reference to Fig. 1 that the upper

end of the recess A³ projects over the top edge 50 of the clamping-plate A⁶, so that one end of the napkin can be passed through the front end of the said recess A³ and drawn rearwardly a distance of four or five inches, at the same time permitting of spreading the sides 55 of the napkin into the space between the back plate A and the clamping-plate A⁶, to securely hold the napkin in position on the holder, and also to spread the sides thereof a suitable distance from shoulder to shoulder, to cause the 60 napkin to fully cover and protect the front of the wearer's dress.

The back plate A, as well as the clamp A⁶, are curved to conform as near as possible to the shape of a collar or neckband, to readily 65 fit the same. The upper edge of the clamping-plate A⁶ is preferably scalloped, as indicated in Fig. 1.

The device as shown is made of one single piece of material, preferably of sheet metal, 70 but it is understood that it may be made of wire and in several parts, if found desirable.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

75 1. A napkin holder, comprising a back plate formed at or near its middle with a recess and with rearwardly extending hooks, and a front clamping plate extending in front of the said back plate and connected therewith at the 80 ends, substantially as shown and described.

2. A napkin holder, made of a single piece of material, and formed with a back plate having an upward extension at or near its middle, hooks into which merges the upper 85 end of the said extension, downwardly-projecting extensions at the ends of the said back plate, bent upwardly at the front, to form loops, and a clamping plate connecting the upper ends of the loops with each other, the 90 said clamping plate extending in front of the said back plate, substantially as shown and described.

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