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Fig. 1.

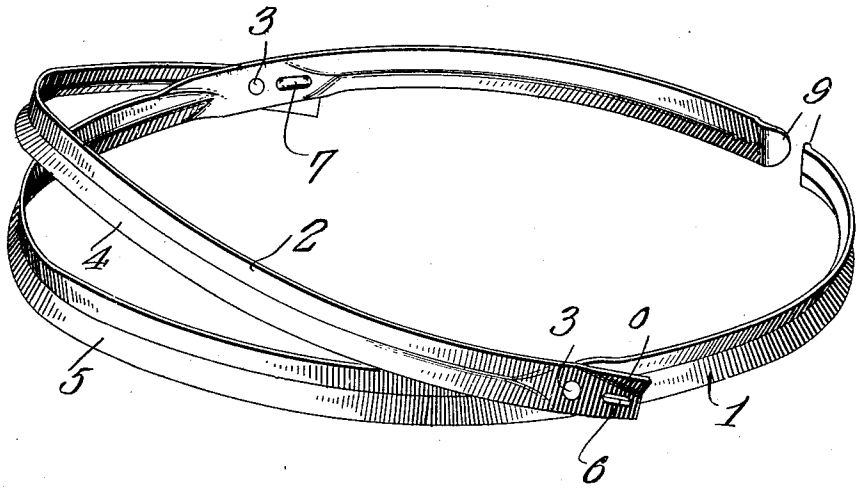


Fig. 2.

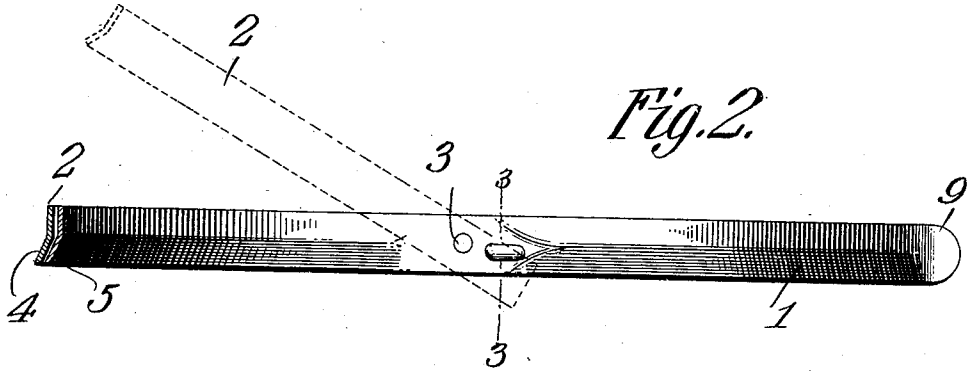
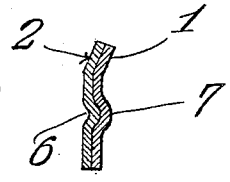


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. FRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fricks, in the county of Bucks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Napkin-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to napkin holders.

The object of the invention is to provide an article of this character that may readily be positioned upon the neck of the wearer and which shall be provided with novel means for clamping the napkin in position, and in the best condition for use.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a napkin holder as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts,—Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the holder showing the napkin clamping member raised. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through the holder showing the napkin-clamping member in operative position in full lines and in inoperative position in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view on an enlarged scale, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

The article embodies a neck-engaging member 1 and a napkin-clamping member 2, which is pivotally connected to the neck-engaging member by rivets 3. These two members are constructed from sheet metal, preferably one that is resilient, and are for a greater part of their length longitudinally guttered in order to afford a coöperating groove and rib, the groove being formed in the neck engaging member of the device, and the rib being formed on the napkin clamping member.

As clearly shown in Fig. 2, that portion of each of the members which will project upward when the article is in position is disposed at right angles to the length of each of the members, while that portion that will be beneath or downward when the article is positioned is disposed at an angle to the length of the member, forming thereby two angularly-disposed clamping jaws 4 and 5. The guttering or bending of the two members not only provides the clamping means above referred to but also materially strengthens the article and braces it against liability to bend when roughly used.

As shown in Fig. 1, the gutter of the member 2 terminates short of its ends in order that the portions through which the rivets pass will be flat, thus to bear evenly against the outer sides of the member 1, which is provided with flattened portions at the pivotal point of connection of the member 2. In order to limit the downward movement, the terminals of the member 2 are provided with longitudinal inward projecting teats 6 that are designed to engage the depressions formed by similar teats 7 on the member 1, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, and if desired the ends of the member 2 may be deflected to provide stops 8 for still further checking the pivotal movements of the member 2 relatively to the member 1, and also to provide a positive means to hold the member 2 from passing below the beveled portion 5 of the member 1. In order to render the article easy to apply and also to prevent injury to the user the terminals 9 of the member 1 are outturned, and are rounded, as will be clearly seen by reference to Fig. 1. By the peculiar shape of the members 1 and 2 in cross section, a napkin can readily be clamped between them and be so held as firmly to withstand any tendency of removal when used.

What is claimed is:—

1. A napkin holder comprising a neck-engaging member, and a napkin-clamping member pivotally connected therewith, the two members being guttered to form respectively a groove and a rib of corresponding contour.

2. A napkin-holder comprising a pair of pivoted clamping members, each having wings extending at an obtuse angle with respect to each other, and affording a groove and a rib of corresponding contour.

3. A napkin holder comprising a neck engaging member, and a napkin clamping member pivotally connected therewith and having its ends projecting beyond the pivot, the said ends being deflected to afford stops for limiting the movement of the napkin clamping member in one direction.

4. A device of the class described comprising a neck engaging member, a napkin clamping member pivoted to the neck engaging member and having its ends projecting beyond its pivot, and means upon the said ends for engagement with the neck engaging member to lock the napkin clamping

member in clamping engagement with the neck engaging member.

5. A napkin holder comprising a neck engaging member and a napkin clamping member pivoted to the neck engaging member, the said napkin clamping member having its ends extended beyond its pivot and formed with studs, the neck engaging member being formed with seats for said studs whereby the napkin clamping member may be locked in clamping position with respect to the neck engaging member.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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