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Fig. 1.

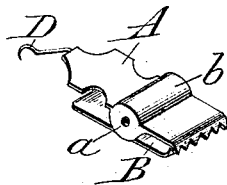


Fig. 2.

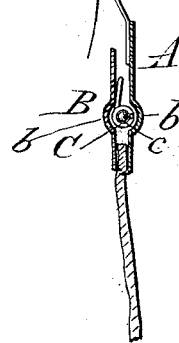
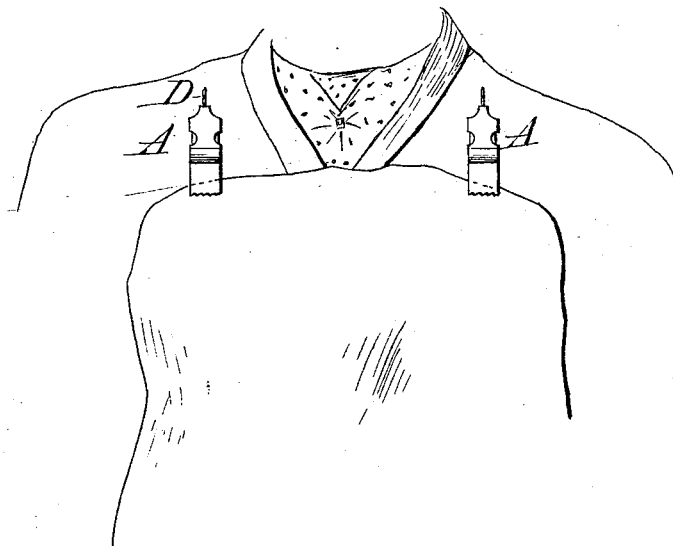


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, THOMAS TODD and GEORGE E. VINCENT, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Schenectady, in the county of Schenectady and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Hooks; and we 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to devices for attaching a napkin to the clothing; and it consists of a clasp composed of two jaws having curved serrated edges and transverse recesses for the reception of a spiral spring, said jaws or plates being united by a hinge-pin inclosed within the spring and passing through lugs formed on the plates at each end of the transverse recesses, and an attaching-hook being secured to the upper end of the outer plate, as herein-after more fully described.

In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a view of our improved napkin-holder. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, and Fig. 3 shows the manner of attachment.

Like letters indicate like parts.

The clasp or holder is composed of the plates A B, which are provided at their lower ends with inwardly-curved serrated edges adapted to grasp and hold the napkin securely. The plate A is provided with lugs *a a*, and the plate B has similar lugs, which fit within the lugs *a a* on the front plate, the two plates being connected by a pivot or hinge pin, *c*, which passes through said lugs, and is surrounded by a coiled spring, C. This coiled spring rests in concavo-convex recesses *b b*, which are formed in the plates A B and extend transversely across the same between the attaching-

lugs. The opposite ends of the wire forming the spring C bear outward against the inner surface of either plate at its upper end, and so hold their serrated lower ends in contact with the napkin, except when pressure is applied at the upper end of the clasp. To the upper end of the front plate, A, is attached a hook, D, for securing the clasp to the clothing.

The device is applied by passing the napkin between the gripping-edges of the spring plates or jaws A B and attaching the hook D to the clothing, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

We are aware that clasps have been formed of two flat parts having curved serrated edges and united by a hinge-pin passing through ears on each piece, a coiled spring surrounding the hinge-pin being interposed between the two parts or jaws of the clasp, in which openings are made to receive the projecting portions of the spring. Clasps have also been provided with a hook or loop by which they may be attached to the clothing or other fabric. This, however, we do not broadly claim; but,

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A napkin-holder composed of the jaws or plates A B, having serrated gripping-edges and transverse concavo-convex recesses *b b*, a coiled spring, C, arranged in said recesses and adapted to hold the gripping-edges of the plates in contact, a hinge-pin, *c*, inclosed in said spring and attached to lugs at each end of the recesses *b b*, and a hook, D, secured to the upper end of the outer or front plate, all as and for the purpose described.

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

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