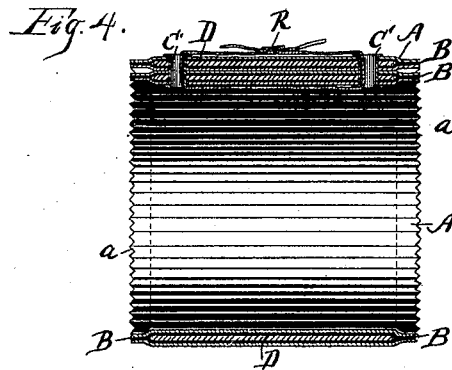
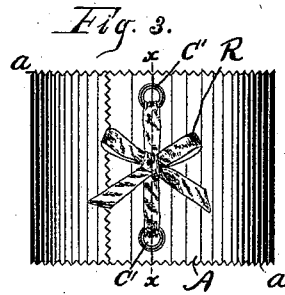
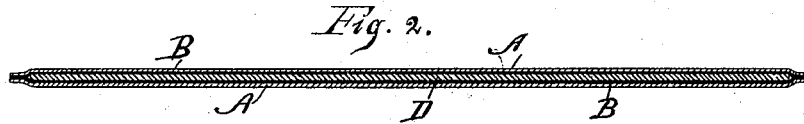
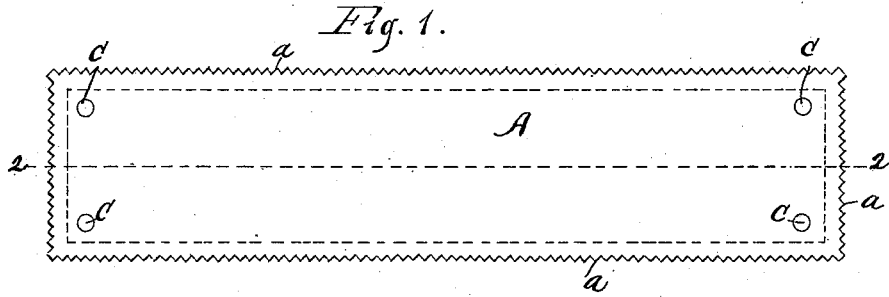


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ENOCH C. BOWLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Rings; and I do 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The invention consists simply of a metal band of suitable width and length having a covering of fabric on both sides, which is secured thereto by means of interposed strips of gutta-percha tissue or cement. The ends of said band are lapped one over the other, and are secured together by eyelets, through which a ribbon is passed and tied to partly hide the eyelets and as an ornament. The projecting ends of the gutta-percha tissue and fabrics at the ends and sides of the band are pinked or scalloped to give the ring an ornamental appearance and to prevent fraying of the fabrics. The covering fabrics are to be of plush, silk, or satin of various colors, and the ribbons are also of various shades and colors, which makes the ring very attractive, and by the foregoing construction enables it to be manufactured at a slight cost, and yet produce a substantial, useful, and attractive napkin-ring, which will not tarnish or require cleaning, all of which will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and the essential features of the invention pointed out particularly in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the specification, Figure 1 is a top plan of the device prior to its being formed into the ring. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section taken on dotted line 22 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a top plan of the ring complete. Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-section of Fig. 3, taken on dotted line *xx*.

With reference to the drawings, A represents

the covering fabrics, which may be of any suitable color or grade, but preferably of silk and satin.

D shows a metal strip or band of suitable width and length, and may be of steel, brass, tin, or any suitable flexible material, which is embedded and secured between the covering fabrics A A by means of the strips or sheets of gutta-percha tissue or cement, B, which by the application of heat firmly cements the parts together.

C C show holes passing through the end portions of the bands, as shown in Fig. 1, through which the eyelets *c'* pass, securing the overlapped ends together.

R represents a ribbon or silk cord, which is passed through said eyelets and has its ends tied on the outer side of the ring, as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Said ribbon or cord serves as an ornament, and also to more firmly secure the overlapped ends together and to partly hide from view the eyelets *c'*.

a shows the pinked or scalloped edges of the fabrics, which prevent their fraying and gives to said edges a neat finish.

It will be seen that the fabrics and gutta-percha tissue project slightly beyond the ends and edges of the flexible band, so as to allow said fabrics to be united by the gutta-percha tissue to firmly secure the band therein.

Having thus fully set forth my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described napkin-ring, comprising a metallic band covered with textile fabric, the ends lapped and secured by eyelets, and a ribbon or cord passed through said eyelets and tied on the outer face of said ring, as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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