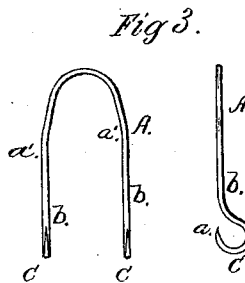
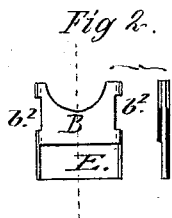
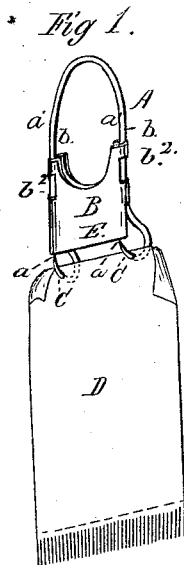


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IMPROVEMENT IN METALLIC LOOPS FOR COATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS W. TILTON, of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Loops or Hooks for Suspending Towels, Coats, and other articles, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to furnish a hook or loop by which a towel, coat, or other article may be suspended; and the invention consists of a hook constructed from a single piece of wire or metal bent into the form or shape of a **U**, and each of its ends being bent in a lateral downward and upward direction, and pointed to form a hook on each end, upon which the article is placed. The said hook is provided with a sliding guard, which can be moved on the two arms of the hook, to cause its lower edge to bear upon or against the points of the hooks, whereby the article hooked thereon is prevented from displacement, and the points are protected to prevent anything catching therein, as will be hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hook constructed according to my invention, showing a towel suspended therefrom; Fig. 2, a back and a central sectional view of the guard for preventing the displacement of the suspended article, and Fig. 3 a front and a side view, showing the improved hook.

The hook **A** is constructed from a single piece of spring-wire or other suitable metal, bent into the form or shape of a **U**, and the ends of the branches or arms are bent in a lateral direction, then downwardly and upwardly, as shown, to form the hooks **C C**, the external ends of the same being pointed to readily permit the article to be placed or hooked thereon for the purpose of suspending or holding it. The ends of the **U**-shaped wire are so bent as to bring their points *a a* in line with the front surface of the main arms or branches *b*. Upon the arms or branches *b* of the hook, is arranged a guard, **B**, which can be moved along said arms to cause its lower edge to bear upon or against the front edges of the hooks **C**, whereby, when the article is placed on said hooks, and the guard moved down, the article is effectually prevented from

accidental displacement, and the points of the hooks protected to prevent anything catching in them. This guard is constructed from sheet metal, and preferably doubled, a space being left between the two sides of the guard for the passage of the arms of the hook. One side of the guard is extended beyond or below the other side to form an apron or flange, **E**, Fig. 2, which is for the purpose of bearing upon or against the hooks **C**, as before described. It will be seen that, by the hook being constructed of spring-wire, when the arms *b* are compressed toward each other, to allow the guard to be placed in position, the said arms will spring apart and the guard will thus be held in any position to which it may be adjusted. The arms *b* of the loop are bent outwardly and inwardly near the top to form small projecting shoulders *a'*, which prevent the guard **B** accidentally moving upward. When it has been adjusted to prevent the displacement of the suspended article, the slots *b'*, formed in the sides of the guard, will fall over said shoulder and hold the guard in its adjustable position.

A hook or loop, constructed as above described, is intended to be attached or secured in any desired position or place for the purpose of suspending or supporting a towel, while in use, allowing it to be easily detached when soiled and replaced by a new one, or for holding a coat or other article, as before mentioned.

What I claim is—

1. The **U**-shaped hook or loop **A**, constructed from a single piece of spring metal, each of its branches or arms having a hook, **C**, in combination with the sliding guard **B**, having the apron or flange **E**, for preventing the displacement of the suspended article and protecting the points of the hooks, substantially as described.

2. In combination with the spring hook or loop **A**, constructed with the shoulders *a' a'*, the guard **B**, having the slots *b'*, and apron or flange **E**, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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