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Fig. 1.

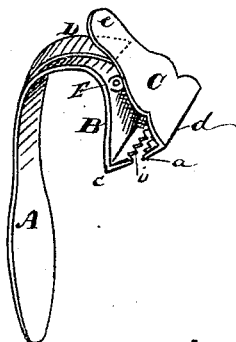
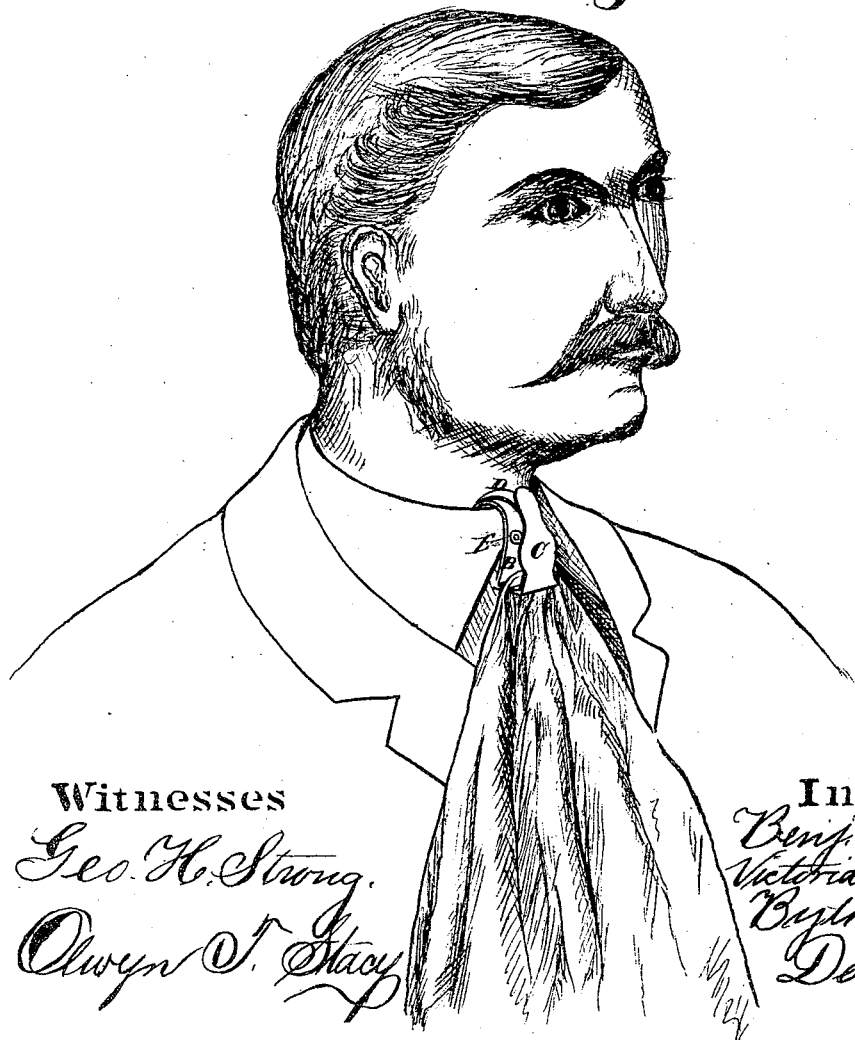


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN NAPKIN-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, BENJAMIN F. HARDY and VICTORIA A. HARDY, of San Francisco city and county, State of California, have invented an Improved Table-Napkin Holder; and we do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use our said invention without further invention or experiment.

Our invention relates to that class of napkin-holders that hook into the collar of those using the napkin; and it consists in certain details of construction, as hereinafter specifically set forth and claimed.

Our device is composed of a clamp and hook combined, so that the corner or edge of the napkin can be griped or held by the clamp, and the hook passed over the neck-band of the shirt, or other article of clothing, thus effectually attaching the napkin so that it can be spread across the breast, and confined in any suitable manner, the hook to hold the napkin to the collar being bent at right angles, and provided with teeth for one side of the clasp, while the other side is formed of a piece pivoted to the hook, and provided with teeth on its edge bent inwardly, and actuated by a spring attached to the collar-hook.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our napkin-holder. Fig. 2 shows the application of our invention.

A represents a bent plate or piece of metal, one end of which forms, by means of rectangularly-bent edge *c* and teeth *i i*, the permanent jaw B of a clamp or griper, while its

opposite end forms a hook. C is the movable jaw of the griper or clamp, provided with a rectangularly-bent edge, *d*, and teeth *a a*, and is secured to the permanent jaw by a hinge-joint, E, and provided with a handle or thumb-piece, *e*. D is a spring, one end of which is secured to the plate A, while its opposite end presses upon the extension *e* of the hinged jaw C, so as to press the jaws firmly together.

In use, the corner or edge of a table-napkin is placed between the jaws B C, so that it is firmly held. The hook end A is then passed over and down inside of the neck-band of the shirt, or other article of clothing, so that the hook will sustain the jaws and napkin end firmly in place under the chin of the wearer.

We are aware that napkin-supports have heretofore been made to hook into the wearer's collar, and the napkin confined between two metallic elastic plates with smooth faces, as shown in the patent to Betts, of March 14, 1876, and hence we confine ourselves to our precise construction.

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

A napkin-holder, composed of the hook A B, having the rectangularly-bent edge *c* and teeth *i i*, in combination with the piece C, provided with the thumb-piece *e*, bent edge *d*, and teeth *a a*, connected by the hinge E, and having the intervening holding-spring D, all constructed, arranged, and operated as set forth.

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