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NAPKIN-HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

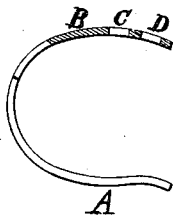


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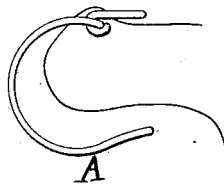


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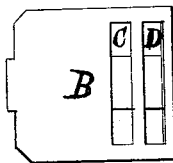


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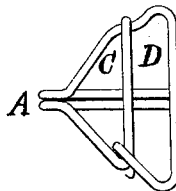


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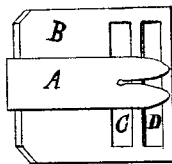
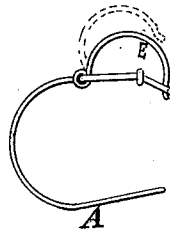


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IMPROVEMENT IN NAPKIN-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 191,148, dated May 22, 1877; application filed May 5, 1877.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT W. HUSTON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Holders; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, that 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 same letters and figures of reference are used to indicate the corresponding parts.

After describing the invention, its nature and extent will be shown in the claims.

The nature and object of my invention consist in a napkin-holder, which is designed to supersede the napkin-ring now in common use for holding the napkin when it is not being used. It can readily be attached to one corner of the napkin without sewing or any permanent fastening, and can as quickly be detached without any injury to the napkin or any change whatever in its appearance.

The hook is made of spring steel or of any other suitable material, and firmly clasps the napkin when folded and not in use. It may also be attached to the top of the bosom or shirt-collar, while one corner of the napkin is fastened on the opposite end of the holder by folding it in the double slot.

Thus the holder causes the napkin to completely cover the bosom and protect the front garments from being soiled while eating. The holder may thus be used to hold a handkerchief or any piece of cloth over the bosom to shield it from dust when riding in the cars.

Figure 1 shows a sectional vertical view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a top view, and Fig. 3 is a bottom view. Fig. 4 shows a side view of the holder when made entirely of wire, and Fig. 5 shows a top view of the same. Fig. 6 shows a side view when made of wire, and provided with a hinged convex shield, which gives the holder an ornamental appearance, and may be used as an engraving-surface for the name of the owner, or for any other desired engraving.

A is the hook. B is the plate for engraving or any ornamental purpose. C and D are oblong slots, by which the napkin is attached to the holder. E is the hinged shield above described.

When the napkin is no longer desired for use it may be folded up and firmly held by the spring-steel hook A.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A napkin-holder made of wire or of sheet metal, and provided with the spring-steel hook A and the slots C and D, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

2. A napkin-holder made of wire or of sheet metal, and provided with the spring-steel hook or holder A, the slots C and D, and the shield E, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of April, 1877.

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