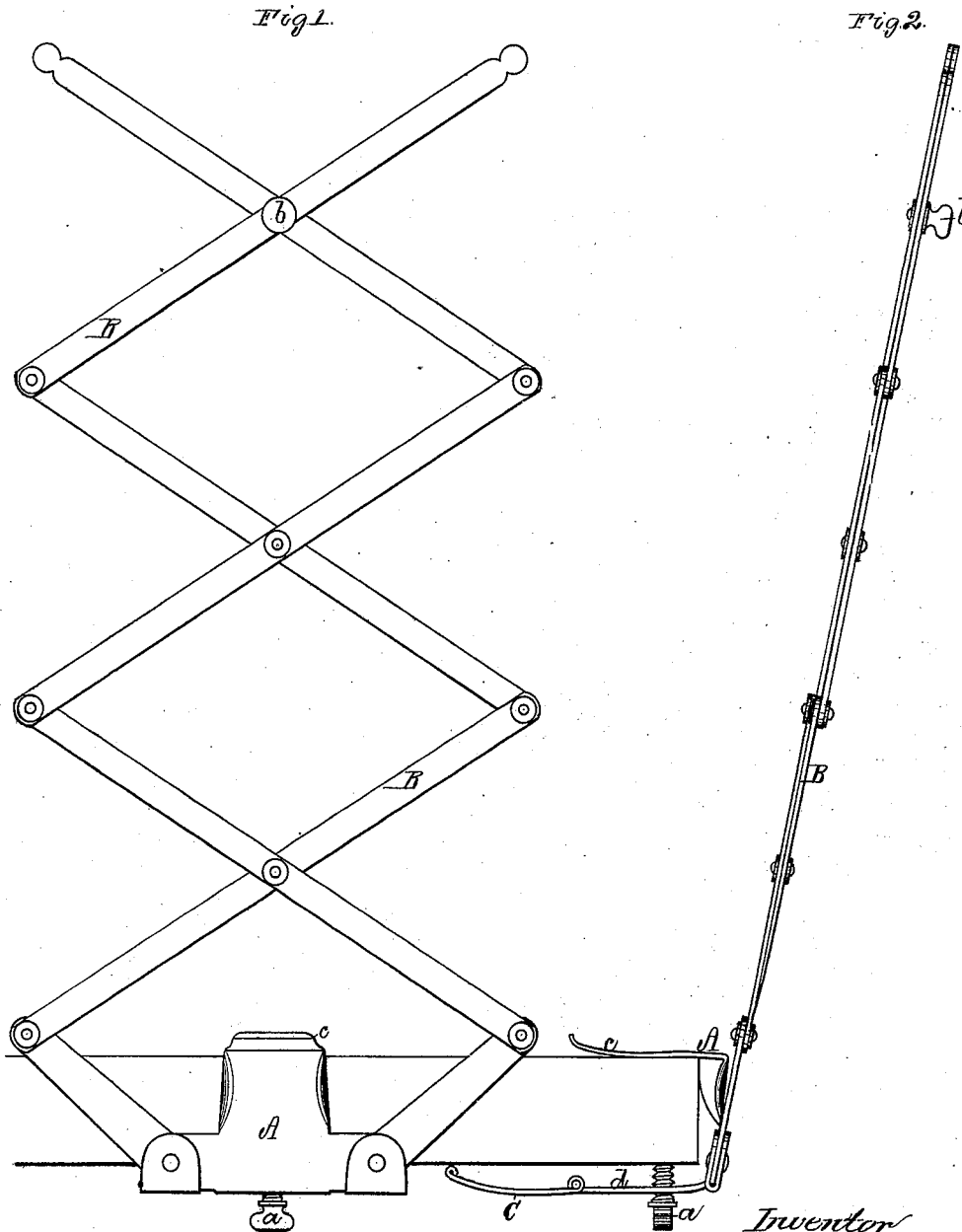


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IMPROVEMENT IN NAPKIN-SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARSHALL BURNETT, of Hyde Park, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Napkin-Supporters; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a side view, of a supporter embracing my invention.

The invention consists of a screw-clamp and lazy-tongs pivoted thereto, or of such and of a clasp pivoted to the clamp, all being essentially and for use as set forth.

In the drawings, A denotes the clamp, such as usually employed for fixing an article to the edge of a table or bench. The screw of the clamp is shown at *a*. To this clamp is pivoted the lazy-tongs B, to whose upper joint there may be fixed a button or small knob, *b*. Furthermore, the clasp represented at C is hinged to the outer end of one of the jaws *e* *d* of the clamp, extends across the opening between such jaws, and hooks upon the outer end of the other jaw, all being formed and arranged as shown in the drawings, in which the lazy-tongs are exhibited as inclined at an obtuse angle to the clamp, such, when the article is placed in front of a sitter at a dining-table and clamped to the latter, causing the said tongs to incline toward him, in order that

when a napkin is laid and extended down in front of the tongs, any food that may accidentally escape from the person while eating, or while being transferred from the table or plate, may fall upon the napkin and be retained thereby, or be deflected by it into the plate or upon the table.

The clasp applied to the clamp is to enable the latter to be used like a napkin-ring to support a napkin when not in use or hung on the lazy-tongs, in which case the latter are to be closed.

From the above it will easily be seen how the clothing of a person, while he or she may be at table and engaged in eating, may be protected by a napkin duly applied to the lazy-tongs of the supporter; also, how afterward or before the supporter may be used to hold the napkin in a folded state.

I claim—

1. A napkin-supporter consisting of the clamp and the lazy-tongs, applied essentially as set forth.
2. A napkin-supporter, substantially as described, consisting of the clamp, the lazy-tongs, and the clasp, arranged and applied in manner and to operate as and for the purpose or purposes specified.

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