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Fig. 1.

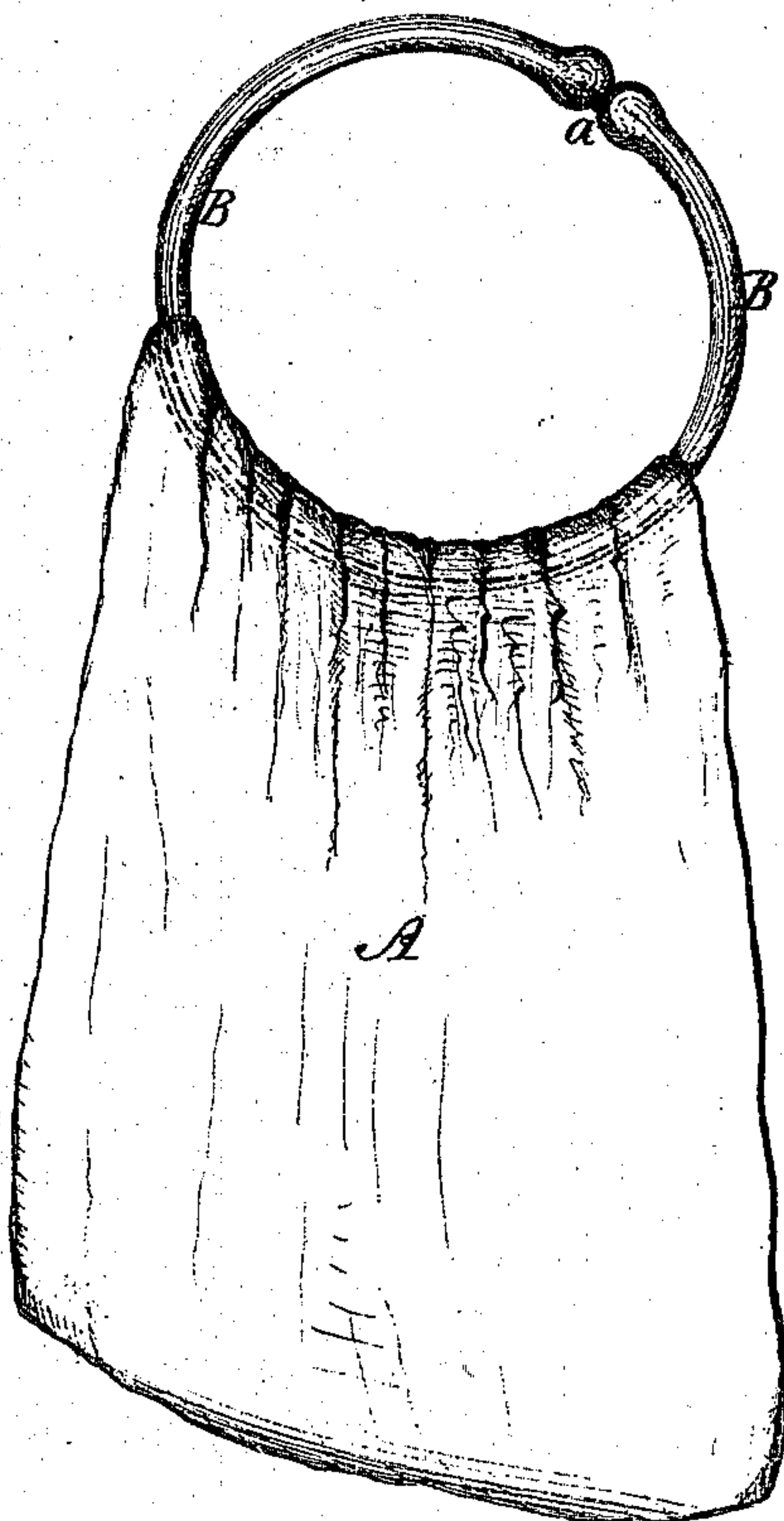
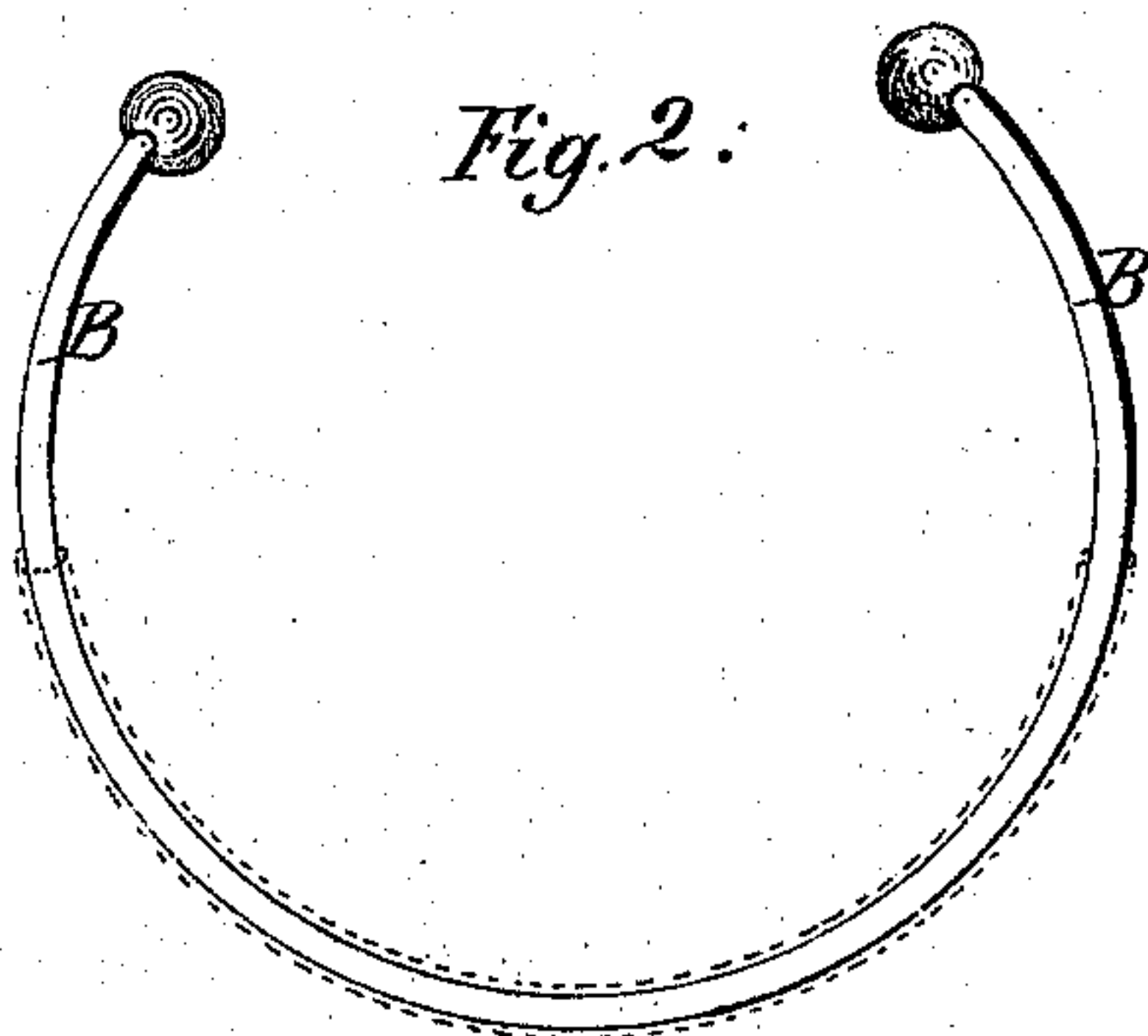


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR ATTACHING NAPKINS TO THE PERSON.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILIP H. RAIFORD, of Houston, in the county of Harris and State of Texas, have invented a certain new and improved Device for Attaching Napkins to the Person; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, the same consisting of a flexible metallic or gutta-percha band inserted in one of the hems of a napkin.

Figure 2 is a plan of the band detached and distended to illustrate the manner of attaching it to the neck.

My invention is designed to avoid the inconveniences attending the use of a napkin, and to prevent the rumpling or creasing of the clothes of the user, as now results from forcing the article between the collar and neck; and

It consists in inserting in one of the hems of the napkin a flexible metallic or gutta-percha band, slitted transversely, and terminating in knobs to prevent injury to the skin or clothes in adjusting it in position, which band is capable of being distended so as to encompass the neck, thus forming a secure attachment for the napkin, while at the same time it admits of its free use by the wearer without being liable to be withdrawn or misplaced from the bosom, thereby avoiding the inconvenience of readjustment while it is in use.

In the accompanying drawing—

A represents an ordinary napkin provided with one or more hems of a size to receive the annular band B. The latter is made of flexible metal or of gutta-percha, and is slitted transversely, as shown at *a*.

The ends of the said band are enlarged in the form

of a bulb, or so curved as to turn in their sharp edges, so that, in adjusting it about the neck of the user, the clothes or skin will not be injured by its contact.

When it is desired to use the napkin the band B is distended so that the bulbs will slip readily and easily over the neck and come together again by the elasticity of the spring, thus encompassing the neck.

This manner of attachment confines the napkin to its position over the bosom, while at the same time it is free to be taken up and used as occasion may require without liability of misplacement or necessity of adjustment.

Should it be found advisable, the napkin may be secured to the band in any other manner than that herein described.

I also contemplate, as a feature of my invention, the attachment of aprons to the body by the device herein described; and in this latter case there may be two springs, one to encompass the neck and the other the waist, thereby avoiding the loss of time occupied in tying them on, and admitting of their instant removal as may be required.

Having described my invention,
I claim—

The flexible metallic or gutta-percha band B, slitted transversely, and having a napkin attached thereto in any suitable manner, capable of being distended so as to slide over and encompass the neck, whereby the napkin is retained in proper position over the bosom of the user, as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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