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Napkin Ring and Holder.

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Fig. 1.

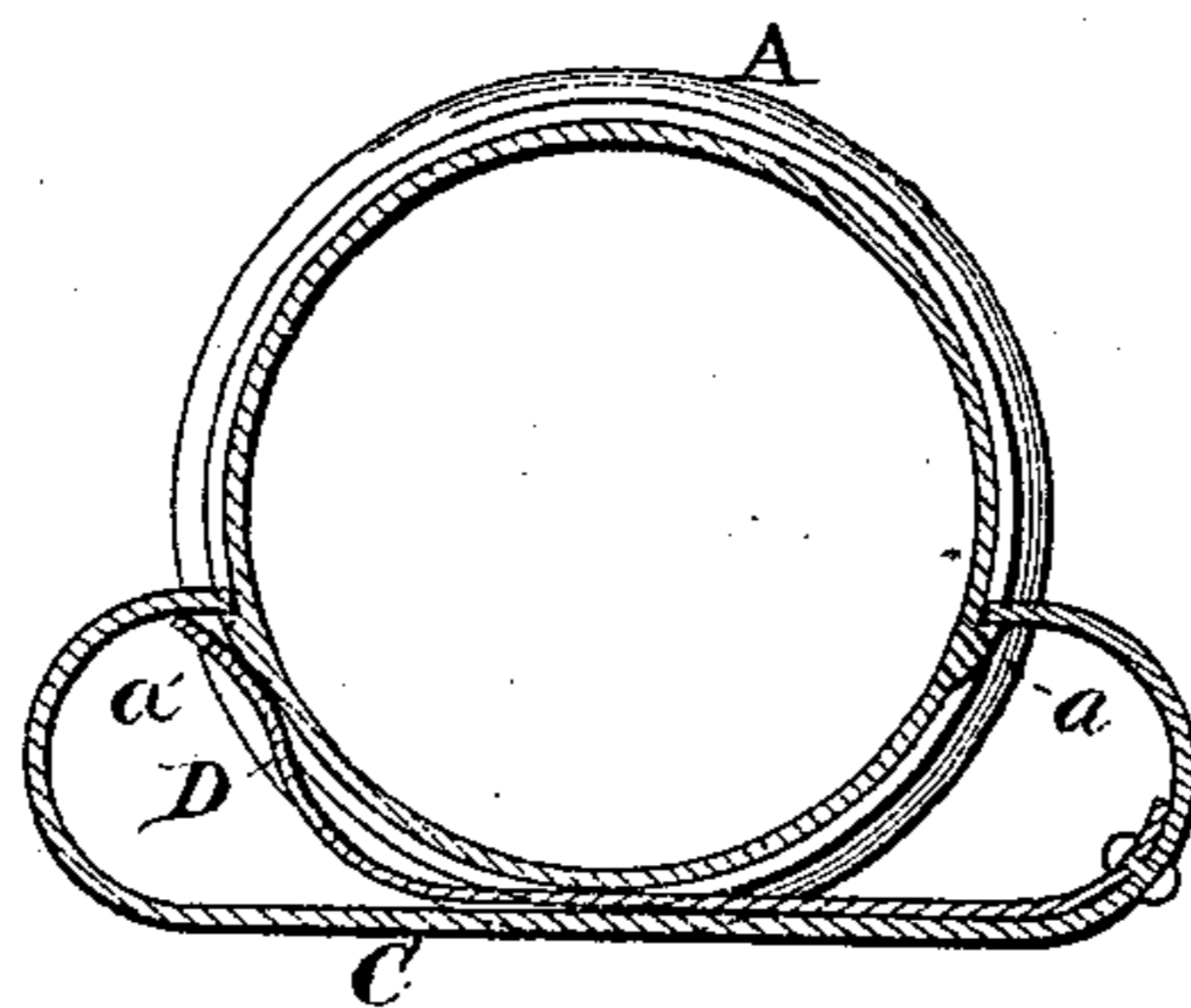
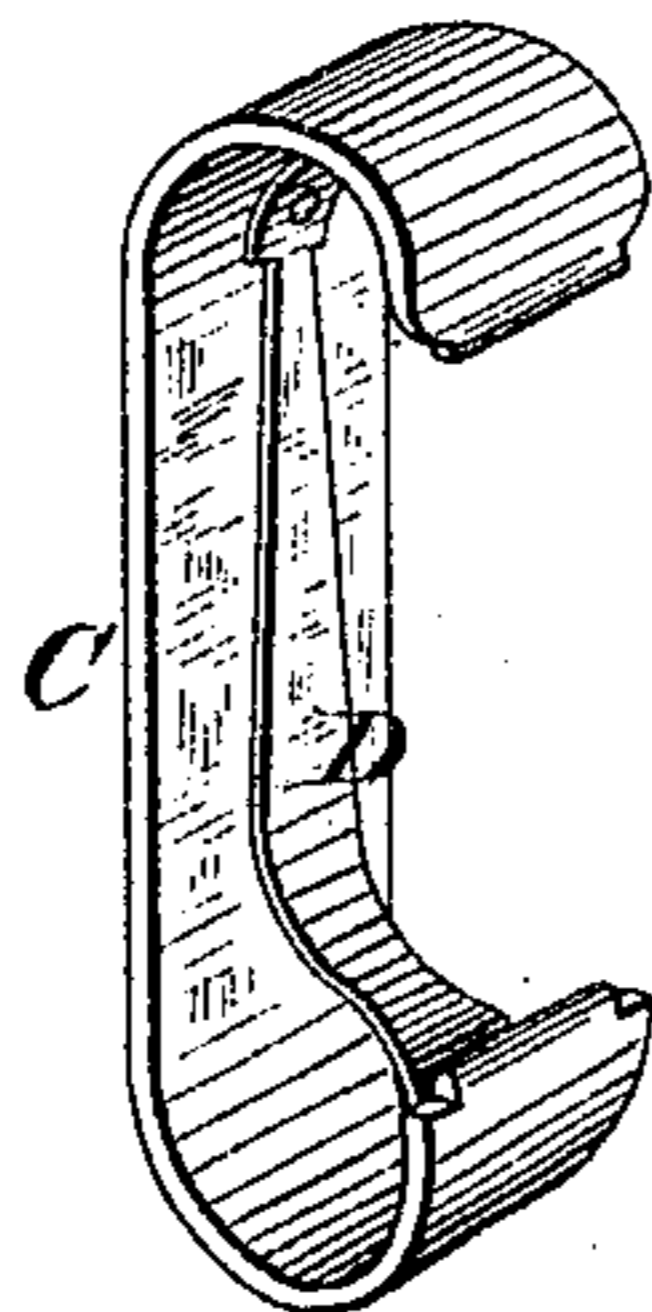


Fig. 2.



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JOHN HEBERLING, OF IOWA CITY, IOWA, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF HIS
RIGHT TO GEORG WILHELM MARQUARDT, OF SAME PLACE.

IMPROVEMENT IN NAPKIN RINGS AND HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HEBERLING, of Iowa City, in the county of Johnson, and in the State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin Rings and Holders; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to napkin-rings; and it consists in providing the same with a detachable double hook or clasp to form a napkin holder or supporter, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a central section of a napkin-ring with the double hook or clasp attached thereto, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the hook or clasp.

A represents an ordinary napkin-ring, which is provided with projections *a a*, (or indentations,) which answer for catches for the ends of the double hook or clasp C. When thus attached this double hook or spring-clasp makes an ornamental stand or support for the ring, holding it in two or more positions, as desired.

This attachment is designed to be used, when desired, for suspending the napkin from the collar or other neck-wear of a person, and is easily detached from the ring for that purpose by simply lifting one end of the hook or clasp over one of the catches *a*.

The double hook or clasp C is also, at one end, provided with a spring, D, for engaging the napkin. By letting the clasp rest on the table with the open side up, the napkin can be easily inserted by pressing the spring down, and the arrangement of this spring is such that the harder the napkin is pulled the more firmly it is held.

Another advantage of the arrangement of the spring is, that when attached to the napkin-ring the spring is almost entirely out of sight.

The general design of the whole may be very much changed, and the double-hook attachment may be made to resemble the form of a man, animal, or other object, and may be profusely ornamented, and may have different designs attached for legs or stand.

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

1. A napkin-ring provided on its exterior with projections or indentations for the attachment of a detachable napkin-supporter, as herein set forth.

2. A double hook or clasp provided with an interior spring, and adapted to be attached to a napkin-ring, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of September, 1877.

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