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Fig. 1



Fig. 2

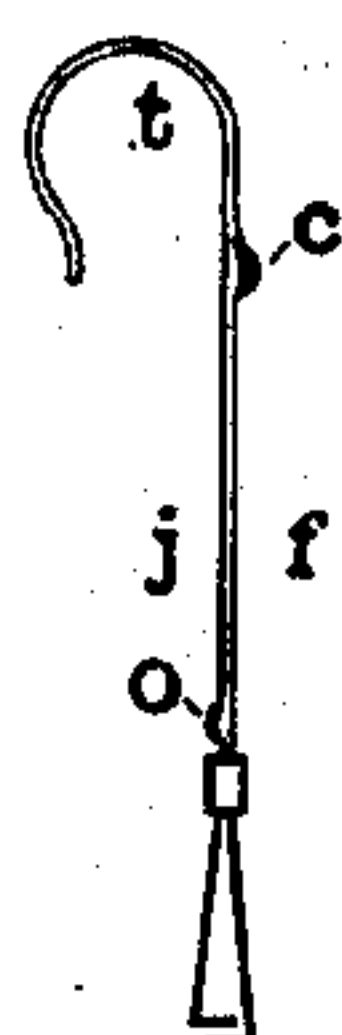
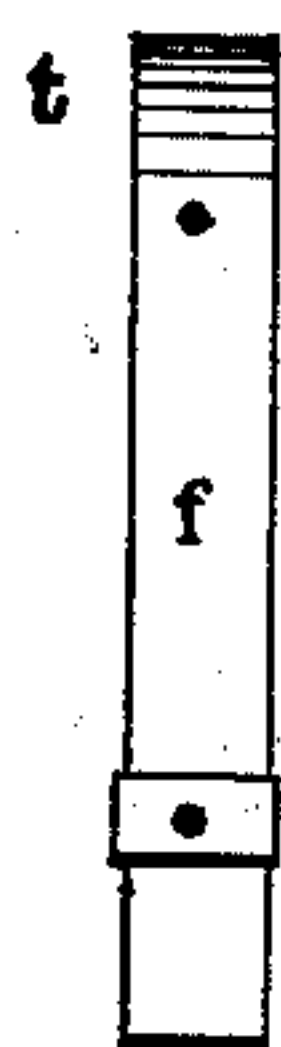


Fig. 3



Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, D. FRANK HALE, of Springfield, Hampden county, State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Drawers-Supporters, Cuff-Fasteners, and Napkin-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and letters of reference marked thereon.

My improvement consists in the novel construction of the combined hook and clasp, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a side view of my device with the jaws open. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same with the jaws closed. Fig. 3 is a side view of the hook end opened somewhat more than in the others; and Fig. 4 is a view of one side, showing a modification.

The body, hook, and jaws of the device are constructed of one piece of metal bent as shown. To prevent the slipping of the collar at the hook end, I provide the projection C, and to prevent the slipping of the collar on the body when in use I provide the projection O. The collar is made to slide easily on the body, and the projection O is of such size as to pass through the collar when the two parts of the body are sprung closely together. If desired, both these projections may be upon the same piece. I construct the projections by stamping or bending the metal in the shape shown. They may, however, be made in any other manner and the result be substantially the same; or the collar may be

provided with a projection which enters recesses or indentations on the body and accomplish the same result in substantially the same manner.

When the device is used as a napkin-holder the hook may be opened slightly, as shown in Fig. 3, thus rendering it more convenient to adjust. The napkin is grasped between the jaws, the collar moved in the direction of the jaws until it passes over the projection O. The hook is then caught over the collar in the usual way. When used as a drawers-supporter or a cuff-holder it is adjusted in the same manner as other similar devices.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a combined hook and clasp made of one piece of sheet metal bent at its upper end so as to form the hook with two thicknesses of metal, and overlapping spring-jaws, each jaw being provided with projections or elevations, which elevations of the metal are located near the upper part of one of the spring-jaws, and the other near the clamping portion of the other jaw, the same being provided with a slide which is adapted to move over the elevation near the clamping-jaws, but which will be retained upon the clasp by the projection in the upper part of the other jaw and overlapping portion of the clasp, substantially as shown and described.

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