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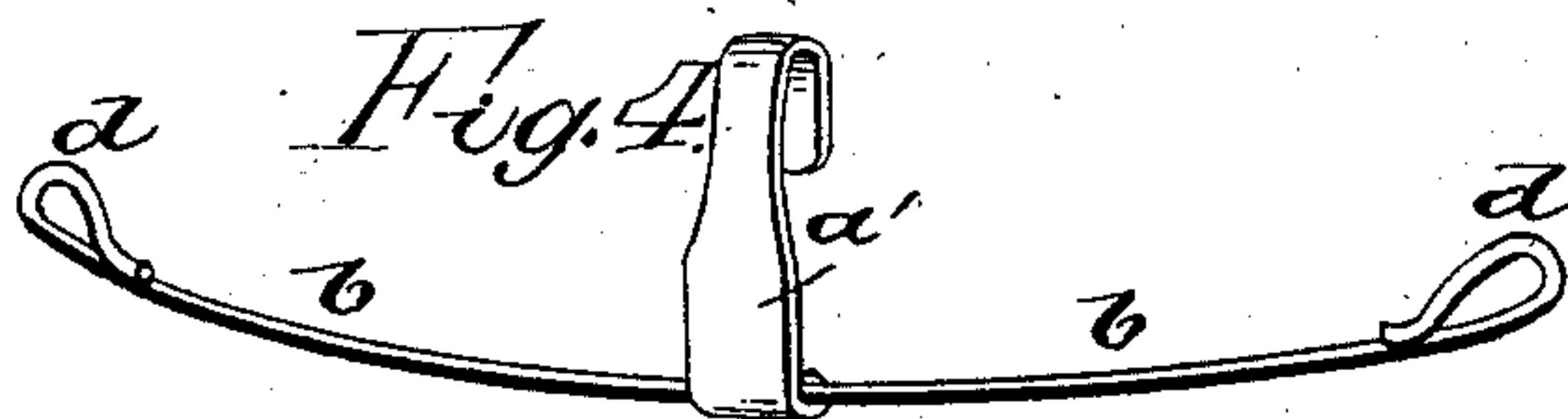
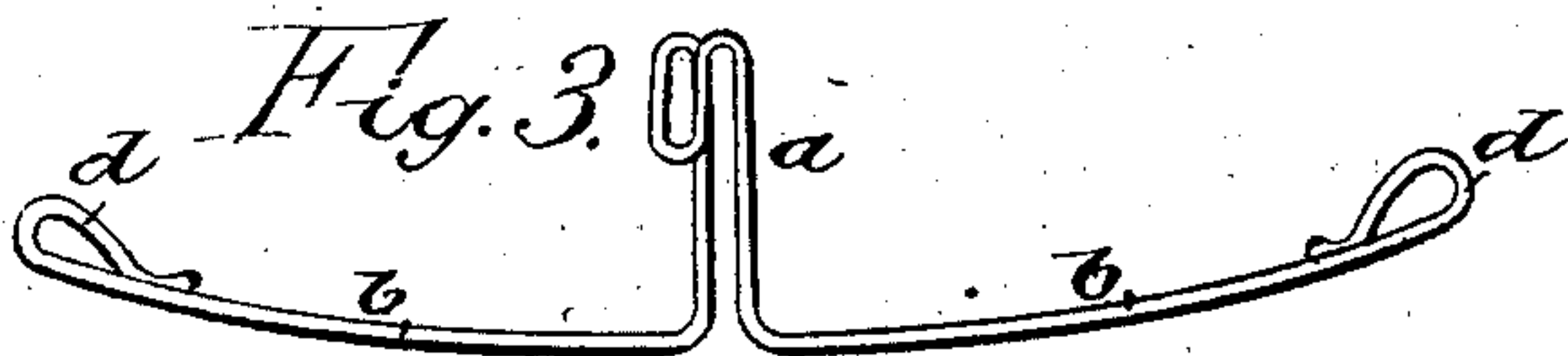
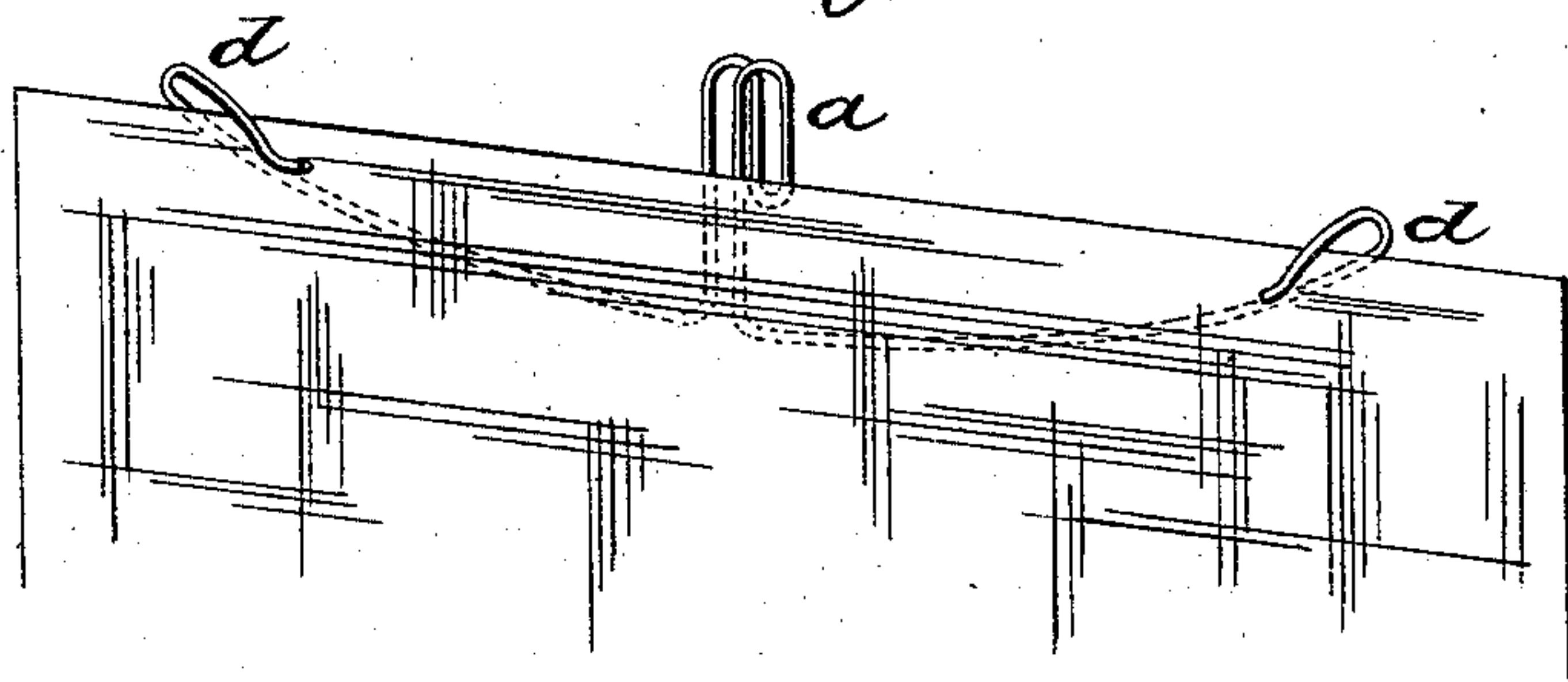
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT H. MEISENBACH, of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Napkin-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to that class of napkin-holders which are adapted to be hooked into the collar; and it consists of a napkin-holder adapted to hold the napkin well up under the chin, and at the same time well spread out over the chest.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 represents my invention as it appears when in use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing the napkin and holder ready to be hooked to the collar. Fig. 3 is a full perspective view of the holder; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view, showing a modification.

The holder is composed of three main parts—the central hook, *a*, that hooks into the collar, and the two lateral arms *b b*, that are formed or provided with the clasps *d d* at their ends, for holding the upper edge of the napkin. The holder is by preference made of one continuous piece of wire, which may be silver or nickel plated or coated with any substance to give it a nice appearance. When made of a single piece of wire, the wire will first be bent upon itself in the center, and the parallel portions thus formed bent over to form the hook *a*. Then at the ends the wire will be bent back upon itself to form the clasps *d d*, and the arms *b b* will by preference be slightly curved upward, as shown.

Instead of making the holder of a single piece of wire, the central hook may be formed of a separate piece of wire, or preferably the hooked plate *a'*, which is soldered or otherwise secured to the center of the main wire, which forms the side arms and the end clasps, as clearly shown in Fig. 4.

In use the edge of the napkin is to be placed under or in the clasps *d d*, as shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 2, and the central hook, *a*, is then simply to be hooked to the collar or some article of dress worn about the neck, thus holding the napkin well up under the chin and fully spread out over the chest, furnishing perfect protection for the garments.

Thus constructed the holder is cheap, durable, handy, and easy of use, and presents a nice appearance, and overcomes all annoyances of holding the napkin, and overcomes all danger of soiling the garments while eating.

I am aware that it is not new in napkin-holders to hook them over the collar-band or to provide lateral arms having end clasps; but

What I do claim as new and of my invention is—

A napkin-holder formed of a single wire doubled in the middle, and there bent to form the hook *a*, bent laterally upward and in opposite directions to form the arms *b b*, and bent forward at the ends of the arms to form the clasps *d d*, as shown and described.

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