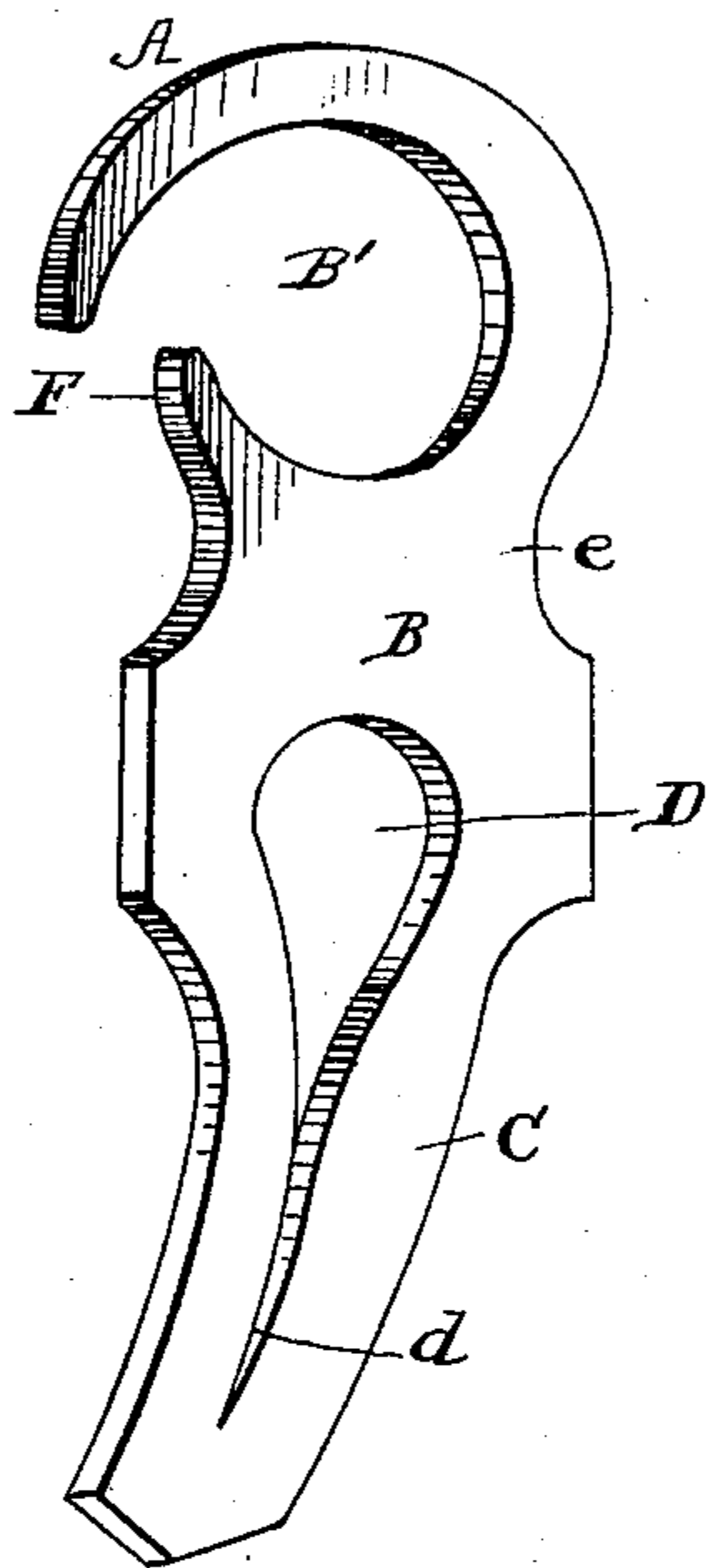


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## NAPKIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN WESLEY REED, a citizen of the United States, residing at Paxton, in the county of Ford and State of Illinois, have  
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to  
10 make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention has relation to improvements  
15 in napkin-holders; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The figure of the drawing represents a perspective view of my improved device.  
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Referring to the drawing, the letter A represents a hook on the upper end of the holder.

B denotes an enlarged body or middle portion, and C is the lower portion of the device.

25 The letter D indicates an enlarged transverse opening through the body portion B, said body portion below the point *e* being curved outward. *d* is a slot in the lower portion, C, which communicates with the opening D afore-  
30 said, said slot and opening merging into each

other, and both representing in contour an elongated pear.

On the upper side of the holder, opposite from the base of the hook A, is a short projection, F, which forms with the hook a bearing, 35 B'. The hook is turned slightly inward from the surface of the body B.

The operation of my device is as follows: The hook A is passed through a button-hole and engages over one of the buttons. The inward turn of the hook permits the outside or 40 exposed part of the holder, including the projection F, to lie flat upon the wearer's breast.

Having described my invention and the operation thereof, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 45

The herein-described napkin-holder, consisting of the body and lower end portion provided with a pear-shaped opening, said end portion being bent outward and the upper portion of 50 said holder having a projection and the inwardly-bent hook above said projection, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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