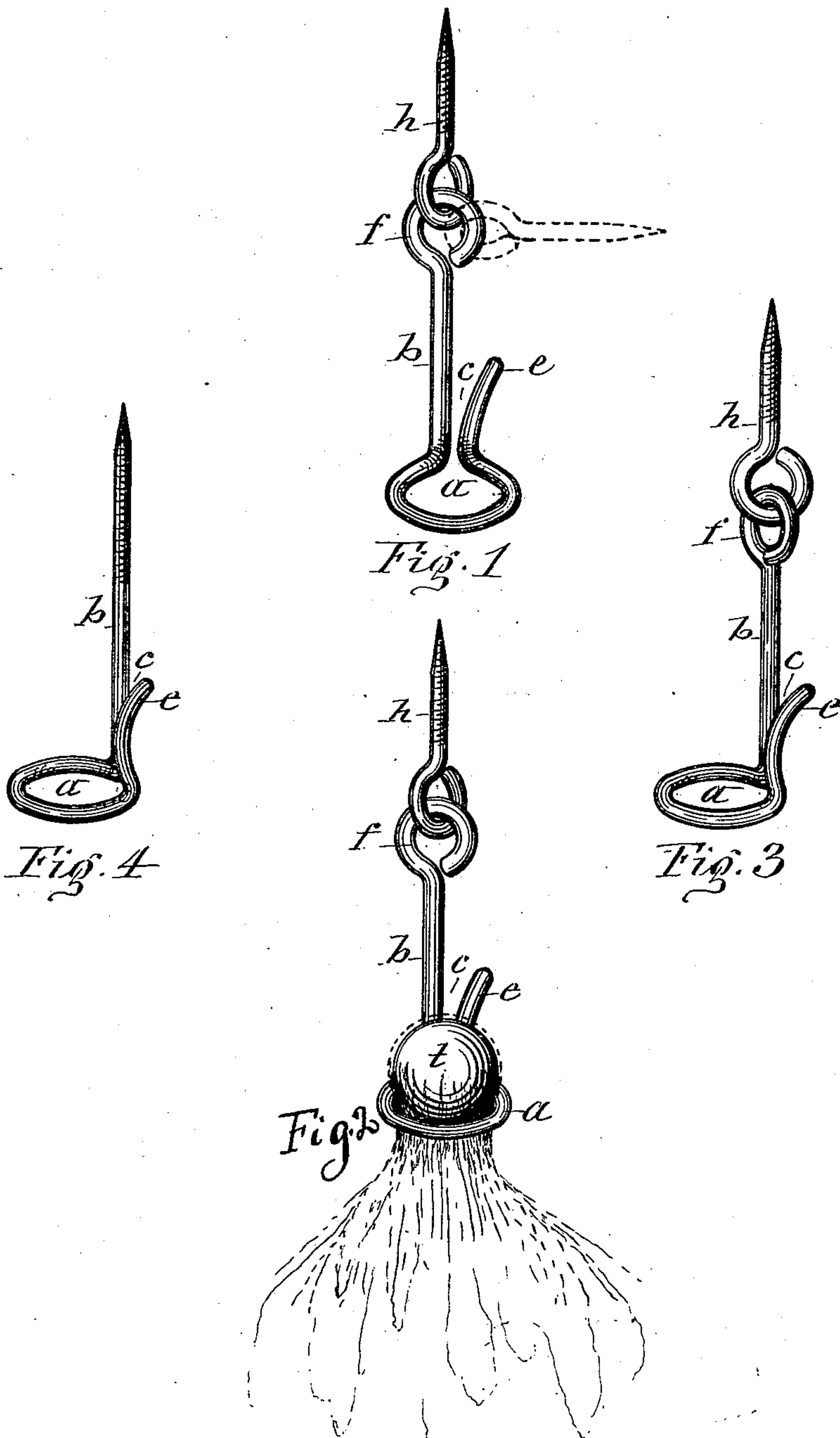


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS H. REDFIELD, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and
5 useful Improvements in Towel-Holders, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to the class of towel-
10 holders which are usually attached to the counters of restaurants and saloons.

The object of the invention is to provide a towel-holder which shall be simple and inexpensive in its construction and convenient
15 and efficient in its operation; and to that end the invention consists, essentially, of a ring provided with a sustaining-shank on one side and formed with an inlet to the eye of the ring adjacent to the aforesaid shank, as here-
20 inafter more fully described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

In the annexed drawings, Figures 1 and 2 are front views of towel-holders embodying my invention, and showing the same respect-
25 ively without a towel and with a towel connected thereto and indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a side view of the same, and Fig. 4 illustrates a modification of my invention.

The towel-holder proper consists of the ring
30 *a*, which is provided with the sustaining-shank *b* on one side, and is preferably made to project laterally therefrom and with its plane nearly or quite at right angles to said shank. Adjacent to this shank is an inlet *c* to the
35 eye of the ring *a*. I preferably form said towel-holder in one piece of wire by bending one end thereof into the shape of the ring *a* and terminating it thereat with the upwardly-extending guide-finger *e* near the side of the
40 main portion of the wire. The opposite end of said wire is bent into the shape of an eye *f* for the reception of the eye of the screw *h*, by which the towel-holder is attached to the counter.

45 Although I prefer to employ the screw-eye

h in connection with the towel-holder, because it permits the latter to be attached to either the side or under side of the counter, yet I do not wish to be limited to such means of at-
50 taching the towel-holder, inasmuch as the shank *b* may be terminated with a screw-threaded portion on its upper end, as shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings. The towel-holder thus formed can be screwed into the under
55 side of the counter.

To connect the towel to the described holder, a ball *t* is placed in one of the corners of the towel and inclosed in a fold thereof. Then the folded corner portion of the towel is slipped
60 through the inlet *c* and into the ring *a*, with the ball above the ring, as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawings. The ball with the fold of the towel around it being larger in diameter than the eye of the ring, and the portion of
65 the towel around the lower portion of the ball being gripped by the ring, prevents the towel from being drawn down through the ring. In case a ball is not obtainable, a knot
70 may be tied in the corner of the towel and the towel slipped into the ring *a* through the inlet *c*, with the knot above the ring.

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

The improved towel-holder formed in one
75 piece of wire bent at one end into the shape of the ring *a*, extending laterally from one side of the main portion of the wire and terminating with the inlet *c* at the side of said
80 main portion, and the opposite end of the wire bent into the shape of an eye for the reception of the attaching-screw, in combination with the ball *t*, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, this 14th day of March, 1891.

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