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Fig. 1.

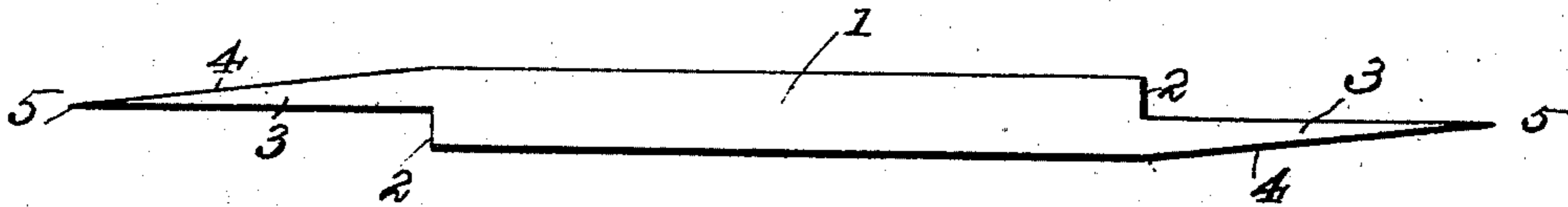


Fig. 2.

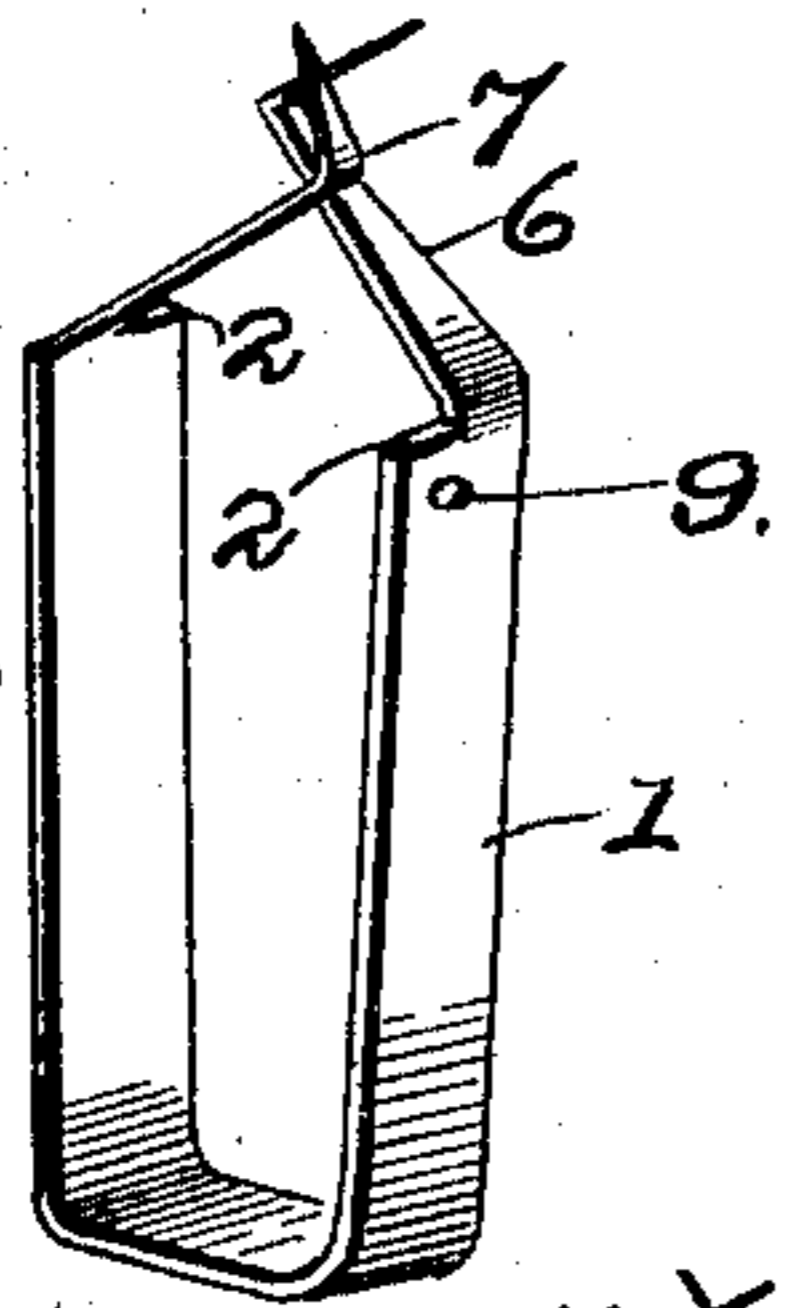


Fig. 3.

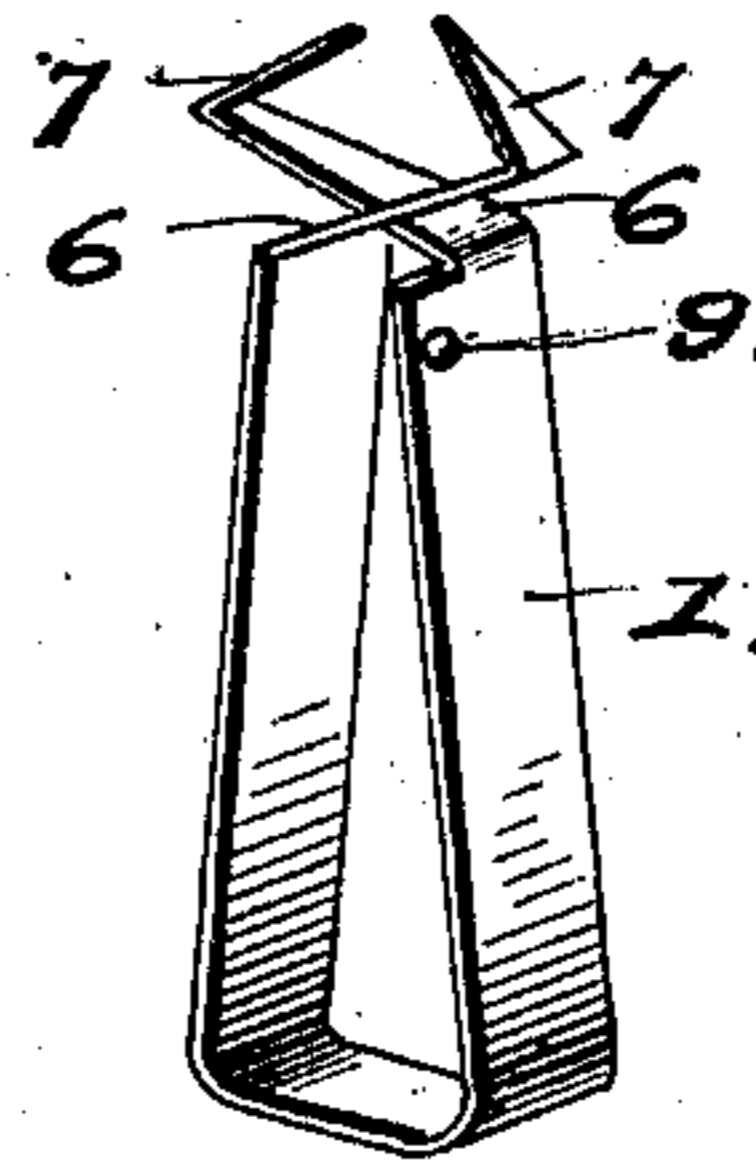


Fig. 4.

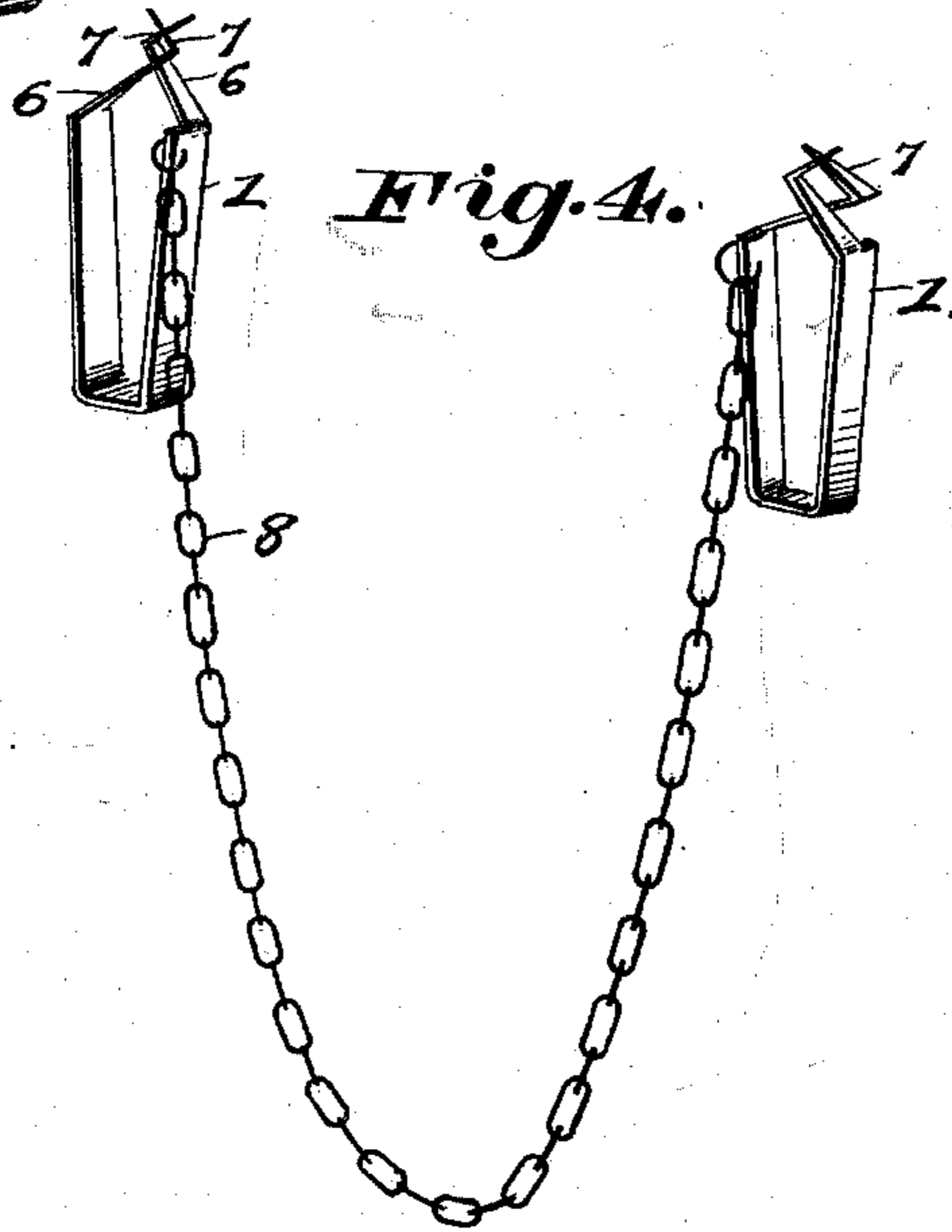
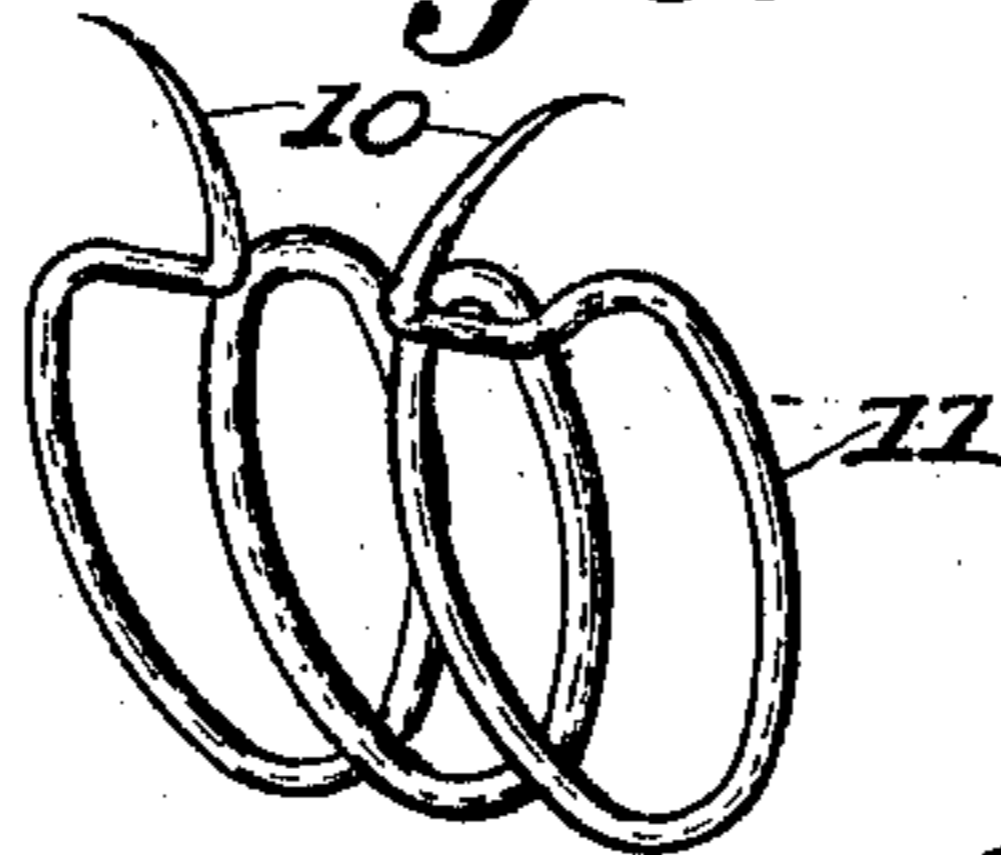


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRISTOPHUS C. SCOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Celina, in the county of Mercer and State of Ohio, have invented and produced a new and original Napkin or Paper Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, showing a part thereof.

This invention relates to napkin or paper holders, and has for its object to improve devices of this class and render the same more convenient in use, strong and durable, and easily applied.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of a sheet-metal blank from which one form of the holder is shaped. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the holder formed from the blank shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the holder shown in Fig. 2, in open position for engagement. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of two of the sheet-metal holders connected by a chain. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a coiled wire holder constructed in accordance with the invention and slightly modified.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a flat spring metal blank, having shoulders 2 cut therein in reverse positions near the opposite ends to form fingers 3, which have their outer edges 4 beveled to form entrance-points 5.

To construct the holder in the form shown by Figs. 2, 3, and 4 from the blank shown by Fig. 1, the body of the said blank is first bent into substantially rectangular form, and the fingers 3 converged inwardly past each other, as at 6, and the pointed ends thereof then bent in reverse directions, as at 7, and across each other, being normally held in this position, and the resiliency of each clasp is of such a nature as to cause the said fingers to assume

the position shown in Fig. 2 after opening the same for engagement as shown in Fig. 3. The shoulders 2 permit the fingers to move past each other without obstruction, and it will be understood that each clasp or holder may be used individually or united in pairs, as shown in Fig. 4, by a chain 8, or other suitable means, and for this purpose the holder is formed with an eye 9.

When used singly the holder may be suspended by suitable means, and when applied is positioned as shown in Fig. 3, so that the fingers are spread apart, and when released they automatically penetrate the paper or napkin to which they may be applied.

The form shown in Fig. 4 is adapted specially for holding a napkin and engaging the two parts of the latter, it being understood that the chain goes around the neck of the wearer.

In Fig. 5 the holder is constructed from a spring coil of wire and the two ends are bent inward and up and deflected laterally to pass by each other, thus forming pointed engaging fingers 10, which are drawn together by compressing the body 11 of the coil, in making an attachment with the paper or napkin to be held thereby, and then allowed to spring apart in their normal position, as shown. It will be understood that two of these spring-coil holders may be employed and connected as in the arrangement shown by Fig. 4.

The device in either of its forms may be made of any suitable size to adapt the same for the purpose to which it is desired that it shall be applied, and it is obviously apparent that changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. The herein described napkin holder consisting of a loop-shaped body-portion formed of strong metal, said body having its terminals pointed and offset from each other and adapted to be sprung past each other to engage a napkin or the like and to lock the same in position by their tendency of expansion.

sion, and a suspension device therefor substantially as specified.

2. The holder for the purpose specified, consisting of two yielding bodies having reversely arranged shoulders and tapered fingers convergingly extended inward and past each other and bent outwardly adjacent their

ends, and a chain connecting the two bodies, substantially as specified.

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