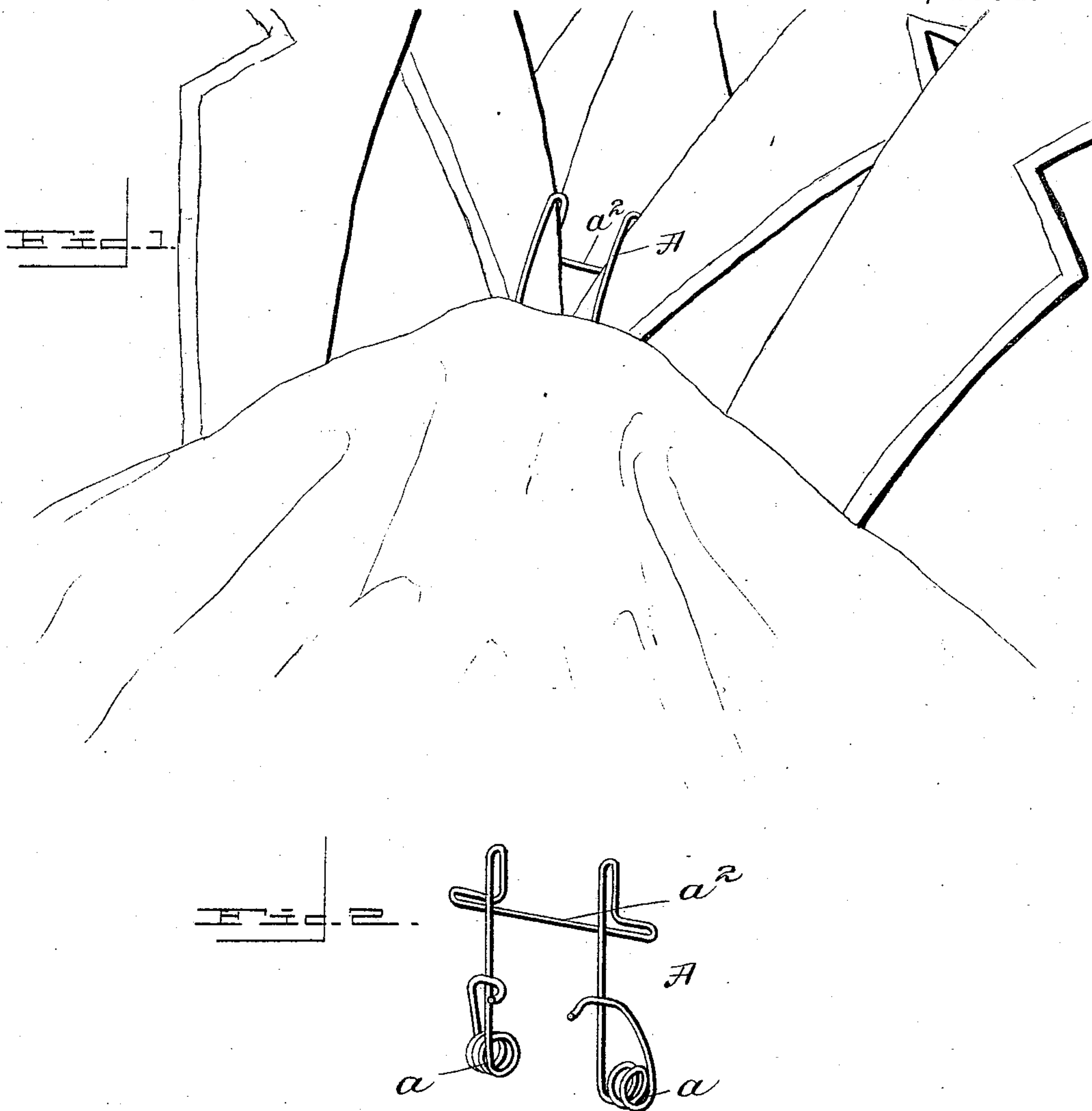


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSHUA H. PIERREPONT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Trenton, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Napkins, &c., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holders for napkins, &c.

The object is to produce a simple and inexpensive device, by which a napkin, bib, towel, or like article, may be held, without puncturing, and readily and conveniently retained in position.

With these objects in view, the invention consists in a holder, formed from a single piece of wire, having bent up portions, serving as spring clamps, by which the article is held, and an engaging hook, for retaining the article in position. Furthermore, in a holder, formed from a single piece of wire, looped, and coiled adjacent the free ends of the loop, the ends being bent inward, forming spring clamps, and the curved portion of the loop, doubled upon itself, to serve as an attaching hook; and finally, in details of construction.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

Figure 1, is a view in perspective, of one embodiment of the invention, applied. Figure 2, is a similar view of the holder, detached, showing a single piece of wire, bent as a loop, and coiled adjacent the free ends thereof, the extremities being then turned inward, across the legs of the loop, to act as spring clamps,

and the curved end of the loop doubled upon itself, to form an attaching hook.

In the drawings: A, represents the holder, constructed from a single piece of wire, having spring clamps *a, a*, formed by the coiled and bent up extremities of the legs of the loop-like body thereof; the curved portion of the loop being doubled upon itself, to serve as an attaching hook, *a*².

In use, the article, such as a napkin, bib or towel, is placed under the spring clamps of the holder, where it is securely held, without injury, and by means of the hook, is attached in position, for example, at the neck, by being placed over the collar.

The advantages of the device in the way of its extreme simplicity of construction, effectiveness and general usefulness, will be at once apparent.

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

A holder formed of a single wire, comprising an attaching hook, combining two series of loops formed at right angles, each series extending in an opposite direction; and spring clamps, formed by coiling the wire adjacent the ends of the attaching hook, and turning the extremities inward upon the legs of the hook, as specified.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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