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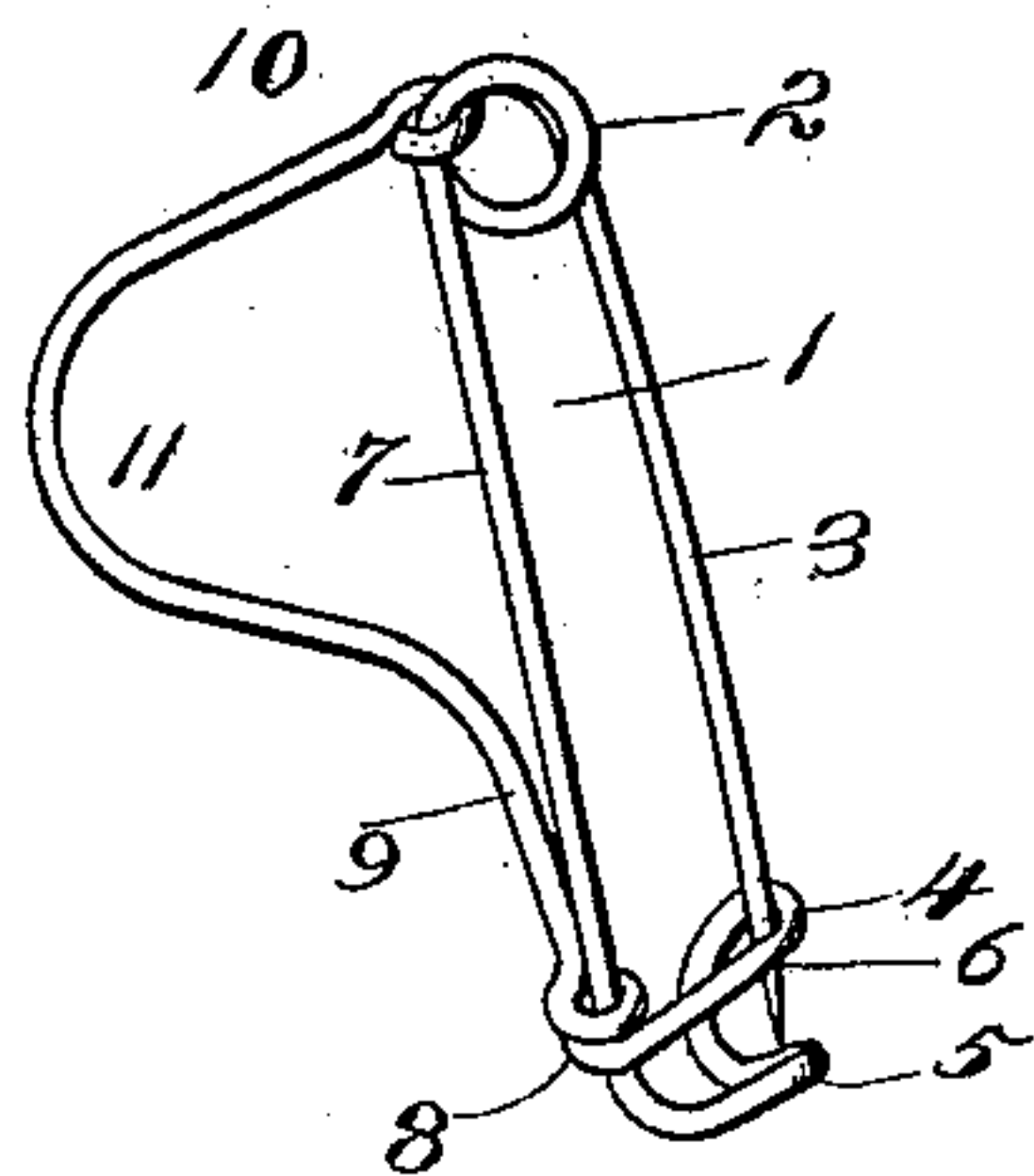
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER R. BALL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Corunna, in the county of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Napkin-Holders; and I do hereby 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 make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved supporting device or holder for napkins by means of which a napkin may be held or supported in the proper position when desired for use and may be readily applied and removed when desired.

The invention consists in a particular construction of the holder whereby it is especially adapted for the use indicated, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the application of my device, and Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of the holder detached.

Like reference-numerals indicate like parts in the two views.

My improved holder is preferably constructed of a single piece of wire, comprising a body 1 of substantially the form of a safety-pin, having a coil 2 at one end, a pin 3, leading from said coil, and a keeper 4 at the end opposite said coil, in which the pointed end of the pin is adapted to fit and be held.

The keeper 4 is formed by two parallel portions 5 and 6, the portion 5 being a continuation of the bar 7 of the body 1 and the portion 6, which lies parallel thereto, being coiled around the bar 7, as shown at 8, the wire leading from the coil 8 upwardly in close relation to the bar 7, but diverging slightly therefrom, forming a contracted aperture 9, as clearly shown.

At a point adjacent to the longitudinal center of the bar 7 the wire from which the contracted aperture 9 is formed extends laterally at substantially right angles to the bar 7 and is afterward bent inwardly, terminating in a loop 10, which passes through the coil 2 of the safety-pin. By this means a larger opening 11 is formed, which leads into the contracted aperture 9.

In using the device the same is applied to a garment worn by the user by inserting the pin 3 therethrough and securing the said pin in the keeper 4, the arrangement of the parts being such as to bring the body of the holder intermediate the pin and the arm forming the napkin-engaging loop with said parts in substantially the same transverse plane, thereby adapting the holder to lie flatwise against its support. If used by a man, the same is preferably located beneath the lapel of the vest or coat, so as to be out of sight, and the position of the device is vertical—that is, with the contracted aperture 9 extending downwardly. When in this position, the end of the napkin is inserted through the opening 11, which is of sufficient size to permit of its ready passage therethrough, and is then drawn downwardly into the contracted aperture 9, clamping the napkin and holding the same in place. The same may be readily removed by reversing this operation; but when the napkin is in place it cannot accidentally become detached, as a distinct and positive upward movement thereof in the aperture 9 is necessary.

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

1. A napkin-holder made in a single piece comprising side walls converging to their lower ends, one of the sides thereof forming the body of the securing-pin being provided at one end with a coil from which the pin extends, and at its opposite or lower end with a laterally-extending keeper having a return-arm coiled around the body portion and extending thence upward on the opposite side of said body portion from the pin in the same transverse horizontal plane with the body portion and pin, said extension forming the outer or downwardly-converging wall of the holder and having its upper end bent inward and terminating in a coil engaging the coil on the body portion from which the pin extends, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a napkin-holder formed from a single piece of wire, comprising a body portion, a converging holder portion on one side of said body portion, and a securing-pin on the opposite side of said body portion, said portion hav-

ing at one end a coil from which the secur-
ing-pin extends and at its opposite end a
keeper for said pin, having a return-arm
coiled around the body portion and diverg-
5 ing thence from the body portion above said
return-arm, its upper end being bent inward
and terminating in a coil engaging the coil
from which the securing-pin extends, said
diverging portion forming, in connection with

the body portion of the pin, the downwardly- 10
converging walls of the holder, substantially
as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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