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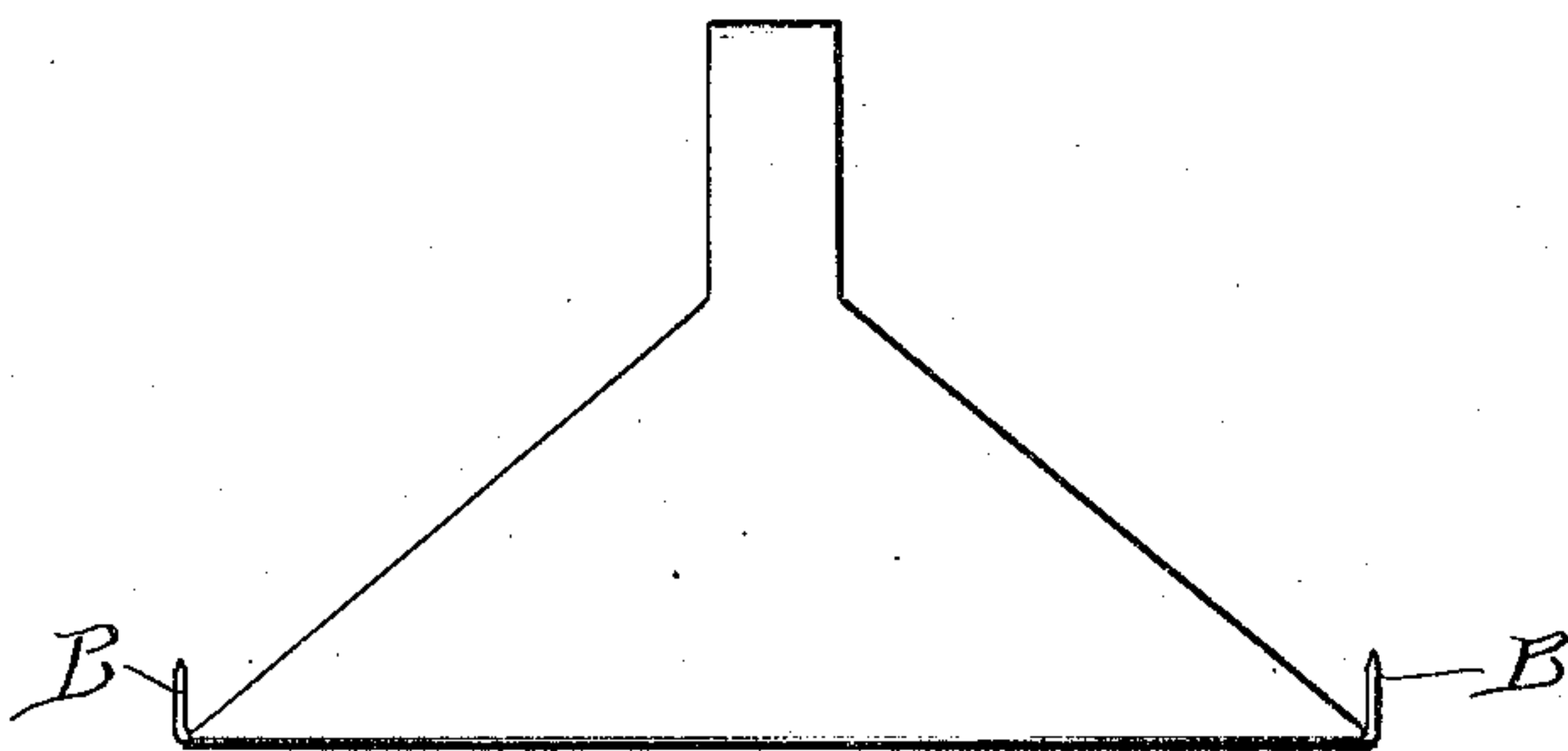
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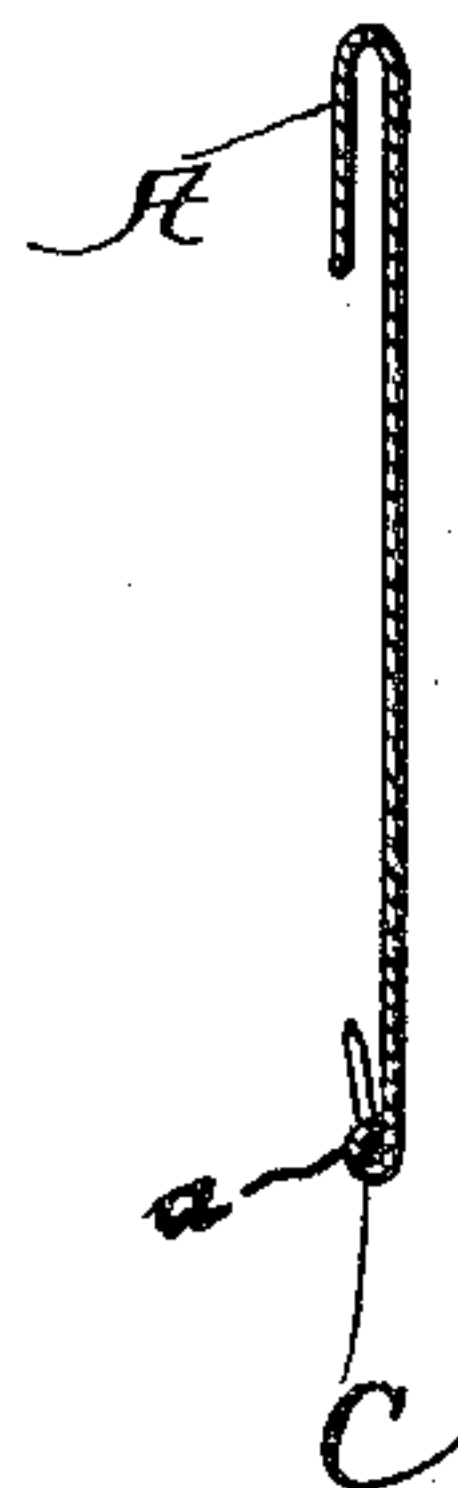
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## NAPKIN-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS P. HART, a citizen of the United States, residing at Strasburg, county of Lancaster, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Napkin-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in napkin-holders, and has for its object to provide an attachment adapted to be hooked over the top of the collar, extend downward, and have means secured at its lower end for fastening the napkin thereto.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my attachment in use; Fig. 2, a front elevation of the napkin-holder; Fig. 3, a vertical section through the napkin-holder.

Persons in the habit of spreading the napkin over the breast while eating generally secure the upper end of the napkin in place by tucking the same within the collar. This is somewhat uncomfortable, especially in warm weather, and also the napkin is liable to become loose two or three times during the meal.

My invention is for the purpose of providing means for easily and quickly attaching or detaching the napkin and is especially adapted for children's and invalids' use.

As shown in the drawings, the holder con-

sists of a plate of any suitable material—such as hard rubber, celluloid, metal, and the like—which may be of any suitable shape or design and as ornamental as desired. Said plate is bent at its upper end in the center, so as to form a hook A, which is adapted to be hooked over the upper edge of a collar or neckband, as shown in Fig. 1. The device then extends downward in front of the collar, and the lower edge projects outward horizontally a distance from the center upon each side. The lower edge of the plate is rolled back upon itself, as at *a*, to embrace and hold a wire C. This wire C terminates in portions B, bent at right angles thereto, exterior of and adjacent to the plate. The ends of said bent portions are pointed to allow them to readily engage and hold a napkin.

The operation of the device is, it is thought, readily understood from the foregoing, it being observed that slight modifications may be resorted to that fairly fall within the scope of the invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

A napkin-holder comprising a plate, the lower edge of said plate being rolled back upon itself, a hook formed on the opposite edge of the plate, and a wire held by the rolled portion of the plate, said wire terminating in portions bent at right angles thereto, the bent portions being exterior of and adjacent to the plate, the ends of the bent portions being pointed.

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

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