

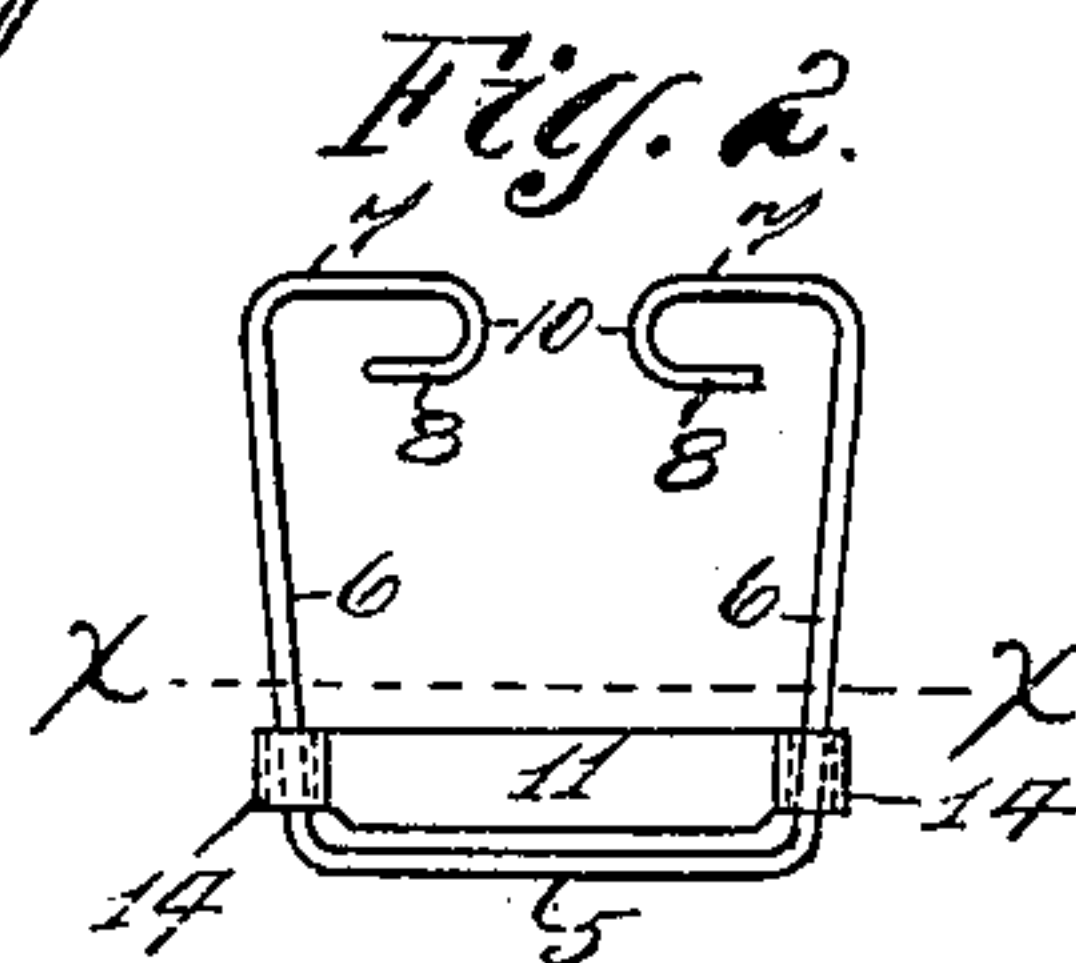
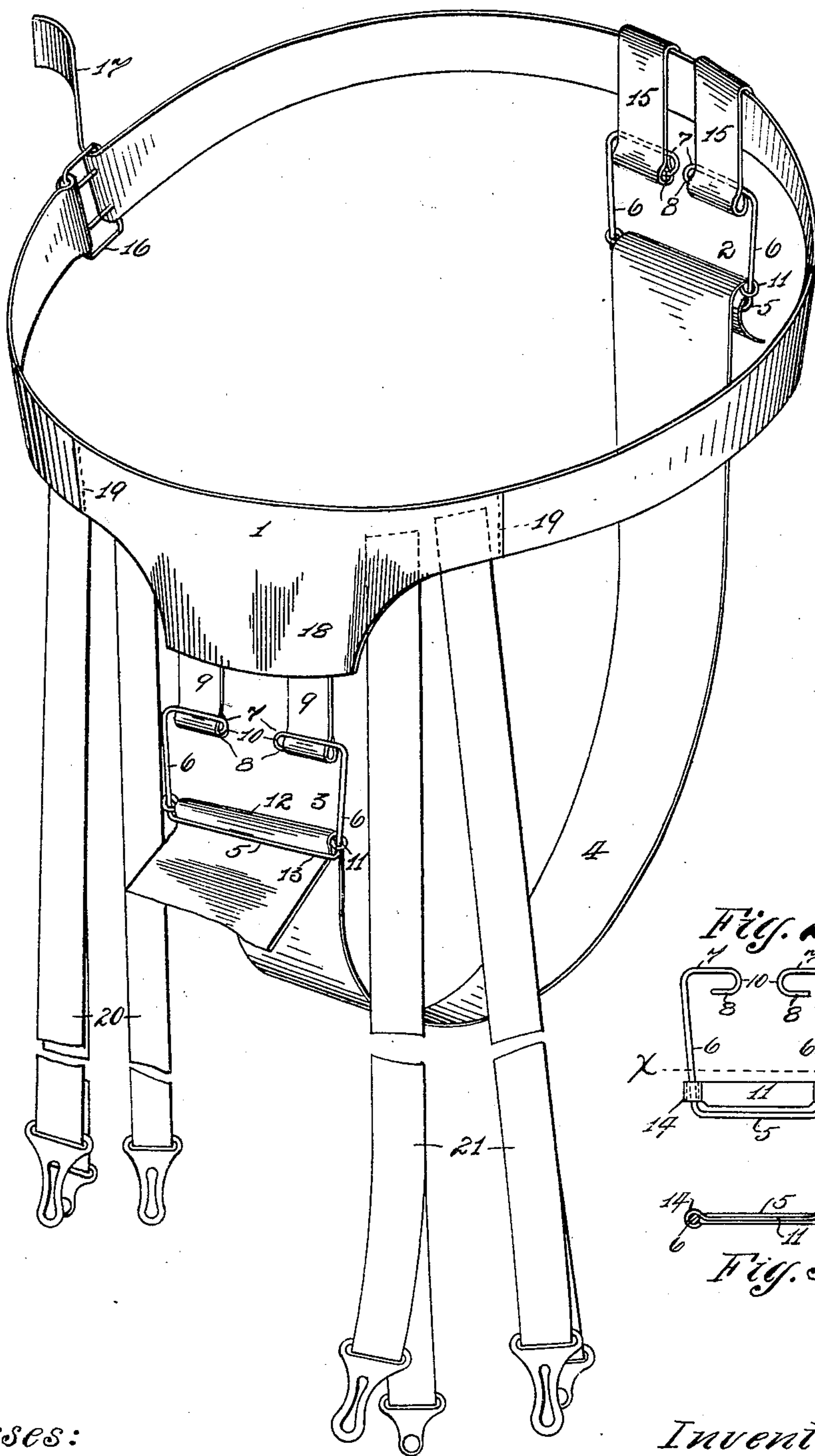
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Fig. 1.



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## CLIP FOR CATAMENIAL BELTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ARTHUR E. LUZZI, a citizen of the United States, residing in Manhattan borough, city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clips for Catamenial Belts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to clips for catamenial belts, &c.; and its object is to provide means for holding a napkin and means for preventing accidental loosening thereof.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a belt, showing the manner of holding a napkin. Fig. 2 illustrates a napkin-holder. Fig. 3 is a section on the line *xx* of Fig. 2.

In the views like parts are identified by like signs.

From a belt 1 is suspended a pair of napkin-holders, front and rear, (designated as 2 and 3,) supporting a napkin 4. Each holder comprises a bar 5, bent up at its ends to form arms 6, whereby the holder is supported upon the belt. Each arm at its upper end is bent to form a lateral member 7, and the inner end of the latter is bent to form a reflex finger 8. By means of these fingers the holder 2 is supported from loops 9, fixed adjacent to one another at the front of the belt and pendent therefrom. The finger 8 is inserted into the loop, the former being sufficiently short to admit of ready attachment and detachment from the loop, and the latter when in position is confined between the arm 6 and the crotch 10 of the finger, whereby relative movement between the loop and the holder is prevented, and accidental detachment of the holder from the belt is rendered impossible. The members 7 are bent toward each other with the fingers 8 lying beneath said members. By the use of two loops (which may be formed of elastic tape) the holder is firmly supported and rendered doubly secure against accidental detachment, while it may be instantly detached in order to permit the belt to be laundered with convenience.

Overlying the bar 5 of the holder is a loose bar 11, lying preferably in horizontal position and longitudinally of the bar 5, said bars being adapted to grip the napkin, the end

whereof is passed over the loose bar, as at 12, and down and out between the bars, as at 13. It will be seen that the end of the napkin may be readily pulled out for adjustment, while a backward pull upon the napkin draws the loose bar 11 toward the bar 5, and hence firmly binds the portion 13 of the napkin which passes between the bars, so that backward movement is rendered impossible, nor can the napkin accidentally become loose. No amount of tension can draw the napkin back, nor can repeated loosening and tightening work it loose.

The bar 11 preferably consists of a flat blade formed at its ends into eyes 14, which loosely engage the arms 6 of the clip. It will be seen that said bar may be moved up to accommodate any number of folds or thicknesses of the napkin and is effective in all cases to bind the same firmly. To release the napkin, the bar 11 may be grasped by its ends and drawn away from the bar 5, when the napkin may be drawn out from the holder.

It will be observed that the arms 6 diverge considerably toward their upper ends, so that the bar 11, which normally lies close to the bar 5, is prevented from moving away from the latter accidentally, so that the clip cannot accidentally release the napkin. Said arms, however, are sufficiently yielding to permit them to be pressed together to permit the bar 11 to be drawn away from the bar 5 in inserting or removing the napkin. Spring-wire may be used for the parts 5 and 6, so that the arms when released may assume their normal divergent relation. Other means may be provided within the scope of my invention for preventing accidental separation of the bars while permitting their separation for purposes of adjustment. The edge of the blade-like bar 11 being thin is enabled to bite the napkin, thereby conducing to the security of the latter.

The rear holder or clip 3 is similar to the clip 2 and is similarly suspended from a pair of loops 15, which loosely engage the belt 1, so as to be adjustable therealong. The belt is provided with a buckle 16 for length adjustment, and after the belt is adjusted the loops 15, with the holder 3, may be slipped to position along the belt. It will be understood



that only one length of belt need be supplied to the market, its adjustability enabling it to fit in all cases, and, if desired, the superfluous belt or tape at 17 may be cut off. The mov-  
 5 ability of the clip 3 along the belt is also a convenience in attaching or detaching the napkin.

A portion of the belt may consist of a small apron 18, stitched at 19 to the end of the tape  
 10 which comprises the body of the belt, the buckle 16 being attached to the opposite side of the apron and the tape 9 depending from the apron.

The ends of the napkin, which may be folded,  
 15 are passed outwardly through the clips above the loose bars 11 and repassed under said bars, as at 13, and the bars are then forced down tightly by pulling the napkin downwardly. Then the ends of the napkin may be drawn  
 20 through the clips to shorten the portion of the napkin between the same. Without disturbing the belt the bars 11 may be lifted and the napkin withdrawn. A napkin may be at-  
 25 tached while the belt is in position by slipping the holder 3 to the front of the belt and attaching one end of the napkin and then slipping the holder back to place, or the entire belt may be slipped around to bring any part thereof to a convenient position. I also pro-  
 30 vide the belt with a pair of hose-supporters 20 and 21, which may be of any usual construction and are preferably attached to the apron 18 at its sides, one supporter at each side. The usefulness of the belt is thus greatly  
 35 increased. The clips 2 and 3 may be detached and the belt used simply as a hose-support.

Variations may be resorted to within the scope of my invention and portions of my im-  
 40 provements may be used without others. Certain features herein disclosed are broadly claimed in my pending application, Serial No. 178,588, filed October 26, 1903.

Having thus described my invention, I  
 45 claim—

1. A napkin-clip comprising a pair of arms,

each arm having a laterally-extending mem-  
 ber which is formed with a reflex short finger,  
 said finger being beneath said laterally-ex-  
 tending member, whereby the clip may be de- 50  
 tachably supported upon a pair of loops of  
 tape, each loop being confined between an arm  
 and the crotch of the finger thereon.

2. A napkin-clip comprising a bar bent up  
 at its ends to form pendent arms, the latter 55  
 having laterally-extending members formed  
 with reflex fingers, and a bar provided with  
 eyes whereby it is loosely mounted upon said  
 arms.

3. A napkin-clip comprising a bar having 60  
 divergent arms whereby it is adapted to be  
 suspended from a belt, and a loose bar con-  
 nected at its ends to said arms close to the first  
 bar, and prevented from slipping away from  
 the latter by reason of the divergence of said 65  
 arms.

4. A napkin-clip comprising a bar having  
 divergent spring-arms whereby it is adapted  
 to be suspended, and a bar close to the first  
 and having eyes at its ends whereby it en- 70  
 gages said arms.

5. A napkin-clip comprising a bar having  
 at its ends arms whereby it may hang from a  
 belt or garment, and a sliding bar extending  
 along the first and having at its ends means 75  
 loosely engaging said arms so as to admit of  
 its movement along said arms away from the  
 first bar; means being provided for prevent-  
 ing accidental separation of said bars.

6. A napkin-clip comprising a bar bent up 80  
 at its ends to form divergent arms which are  
 adapted to hang from loops; said arms having  
 laterally-extending members formed with re-  
 flex fingers inserted within the loops, and a  
 bar provided with eyes whereby it is loosely 85  
 mounted upon said arms and prevented from  
 becoming accidentally separated from the first  
 bar.

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