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Tidy-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

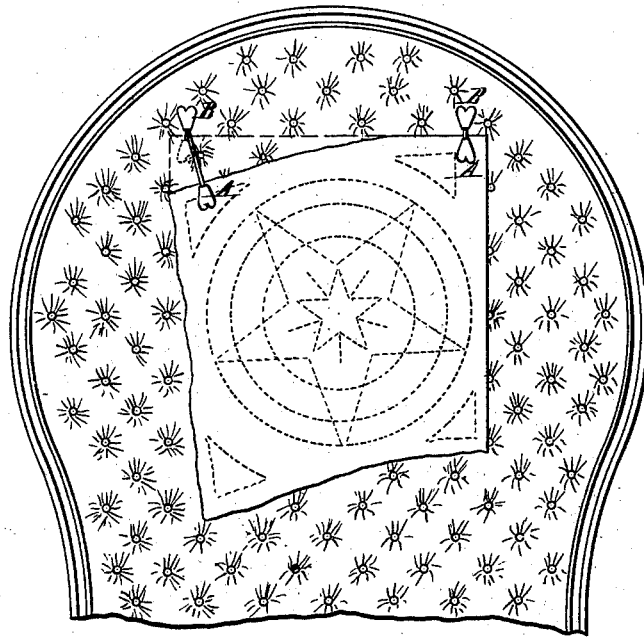


Fig. 2.

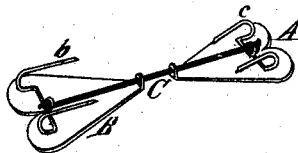


Fig. 3.

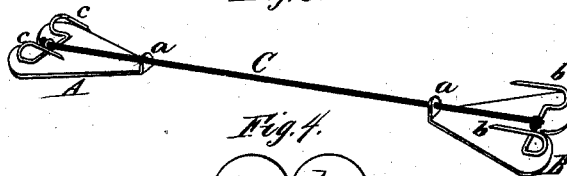
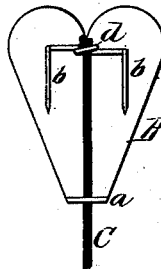


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TIDY-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY WELLINGTON, of Green Point, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tidy-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is an elevation of a portion of a chair, showing the application of my improved holder, the tidy being represented as drawn down at one corner, its normal position being indicated by dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the improved holder detached, the two parts thereof being separated only a very little; and Fig. 3 is a similar view, representing the two parts of the holder as drawn apart and under the action of the connecting elastic or spring. Fig. 4 is a plan of the under side of one of the holder-sections, illustrating the approved method of connecting the elastic therewith.

Like letters in all the figures indicate corresponding parts.

Heretofore it has been customary to attach the tidies to chairs and other furniture by means of ordinary pins or other devices, which secured them in such manner that when drawn down by accident, as frequently occurs, unless the pin became detached the tidy would be torn. To obviate this difficulty, and to secure an automatic means of returning the tidy to its proper position, is the principal object of my present invention, which consists, essentially, in forming the holder in two parts, and connecting the two by an elastic medium, as will be hereinafter first fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

A is one of the parts of the holder, provided with hooks *c c*, adapted to connect it with the tidy; and in order that the tidy may move up and down upon the chair-back or other article, the ends of the hooks *c c* are bent down and toward the plate A, which prevents them from catching in the cloth as the tidy moves. B is the remaining section, which is also provided with hooks or pins *b b*, and these need not be bent inwardly, since they are intended to enter the upholstery and to remain station-

ary. The two parts A and B are united by an elastic rod or other suitable spring, C, which permits them to be drawn apart, and compels them to approach each other when the strain is removed. To attach this cord it is preferred to bend the wires *b* and *c* into a ring, *d*, and then to run the cord through the ring, securing it by a simple knot, as plainly shown.

It is found advantageous to locate the cord-fastening as near the top of the two sections of the holder as convenient, so that it will enable them, (the sections,) by reason of its length, to be drawn as far apart as possible, thus giving a greater latitude for movement of the tidy.

The cord C is also shown as running through a guide, as *a*, upon the inner end of each section, and this arrangement secures the proper union of the two parts when caused to approach each other.

The tidy is secured, as shown in Fig. 1, by attaching it to the part A, which has the bent hooks, and the section B is then properly secured to the chair-back.

It is obvious from the construction described that when the tidy is displaced, as is often done by persons simply sitting down or moving about upon the furniture, it will automatically return to its proper position the instant the strain is removed. It will also appear that by use of the improved holder it is practically impossible to tear the tidy under any circumstance of ordinary usage, since its fastening is of an elastic or yielding nature.

The sections A and B admit of being fashioned in a variety of ways, thus making the device appear as an ornament upon the furniture.

The particular method of connecting the cord with the two sections, as shown, is not essential to the successful operation of the device, inasmuch as the requisite elastic connection can be made in many ways.

I am aware of tidy-fasteners made in the shape of a pin with ornamental top, and also of one made after the manner of a button with a screw-shank, all of which possess the disadvantage of holding the article in an unyielding manner.

I am also aware that the mere connection of

two hooks or clasps by an elastic cord is not new, and do not desire to embrace such features in my claim; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the two sections A and B, of the elastic cord C, secured in place by the eye *d*, said sections being provided with pins or hooks, substantially as and for the purposes explained.

2. In a tidy-holder, the combination of the

two parts A and B, provided with hooks or pins *b c*, guides *a a*, and the elastic cord or spring C, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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