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TOWEL RING.

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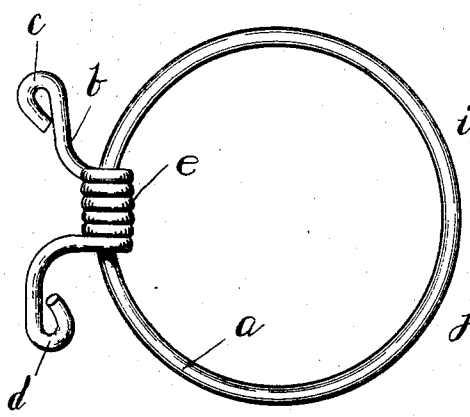


Fig. 1

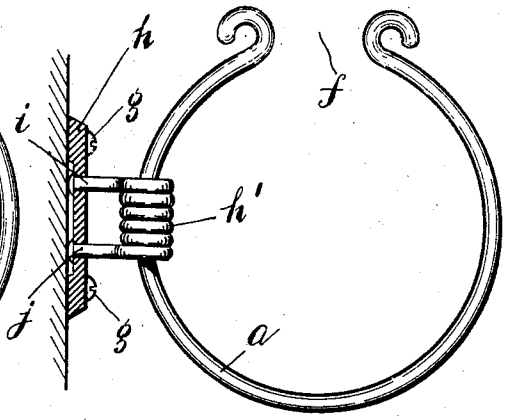


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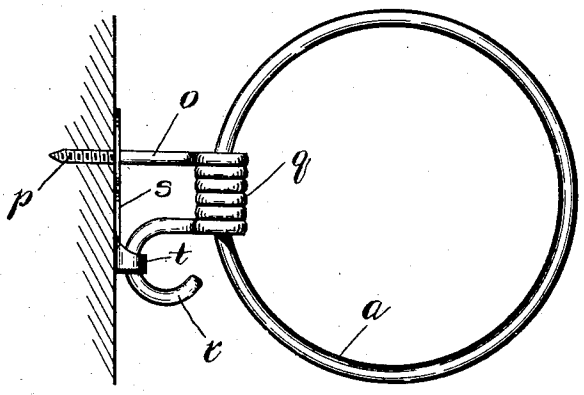
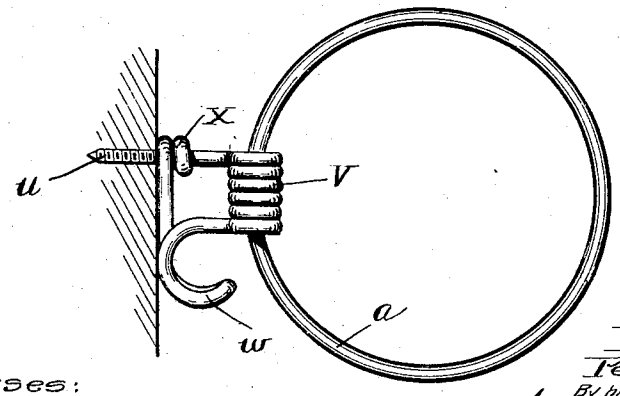


Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.

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TOWEL-RING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PETER H. GERMAIN, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city and county of Worcester, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Rings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a towel holder or ring.

The object of my improvement is to provide a holder or ring hinged to a suitable bracket adapted to be attached directly to a wall or other support.

By my improvement I am able to provide a particularly cheap, ornamental, and effective device for household and other uses.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a towel-ring with its bracket made entirely of wire. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are similar views of modifications of my invention, to be hereinafter more particularly described.

In Fig. 1, *a* represents the towel ring or holding member, which consists of a piece of wire bent circular and which in this modification is preferably soldered or welded together at the ends. This ring *a* is held in the bracket *b*, which is made of a single piece of wire and bent at its ends *c d* to form loops for screws to hold same to a wall or other support. Between said ends the wire is coiled around said ring at *e*, holding it and hinging it therein.

Fig. 2 shows a modification of my device in which the ring *a* is open at the top *f* and in which the bracket is made of a plate *h*, adapted to be held to the wall by screws *g g*. The ends *i j* of the wire coil *h* are inserted through said plate and riveted at the back.

Fig. 3 shows a bracket *o*, formed of wire, the end *p* being formed in a screw-point having the ring-holding coil *q* and having its other end formed in a hook *r* for holding any article adapted to be held thereby—as, for example, a sponge or washcloth. The ends of this wire are held firmly and braced by the plate *s*, through which the screw end passes and which has the extension *t* bent around the hook *v*.

Fig. 4 illustrates still another modification, in which the bracket is made entirely of wire. One end has the screw-point *u*, adapted to be screwed into the wall. Proceeding from this end the wire is coiled at *v* around the ring *a*, proceeds in the shape of a double wire hook *w* and extends up toward the screw end, around which it is coiled at *x*.

In a device of the character described it is desirable that the wire ring shall be capable of being turned or swung in the bracket, so that the towel or other article may be readily placed through or taken from the ring, which normally hangs close to its support, yet too free swinging movement of the ring should be prevented in order to prevent striking and marring the support or wall. By the described construction of ring and bracket, the latter being formed of a single piece of wire wound a plural number of times about the wire of the ring, these desirable results are secured, since such contraction provides a long straight bearing in the bracket for the curved wire of the ring, and such bearing is sufficiently elastic or yielding in a direction radial to the ring that while it embraces and normally binds the ring to hold it in adjusted swinging position it yet permits the ring to be swung on the application of force, the coils of the bracket yielding to the curved path of the ring embraced thereby as the latter is turned in the bracket.

While I have described my invention as a "towel-rack," it will be evident that it is adapted to other uses, and, moreover, should not be confined to the exact form shown.

What I claim is—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination of a ring for holding a towel or other article placed therethrough, and a bracket formed of a single piece of wire wound between its ends a plural number of times closely about the ring to provide an extended transverse yielding bearing therefor, the free

ends of the wire being extended to provide means for attachment to a support.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination of a wire ring for holding a towel or other article placed therethrough, a bracket formed of a single piece of wire wound between its ends a plural number of times about the curved wire of the ring and providing an extended transversely-yielding bearing for said ring, the free ends of the wire of the bracket being extended from said bearing and a hook formed in the wire of said bracket between the bearing and one of the free ends.

Signed by me at Worcester, Massachusetts, this 25th day of November, 1903.

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