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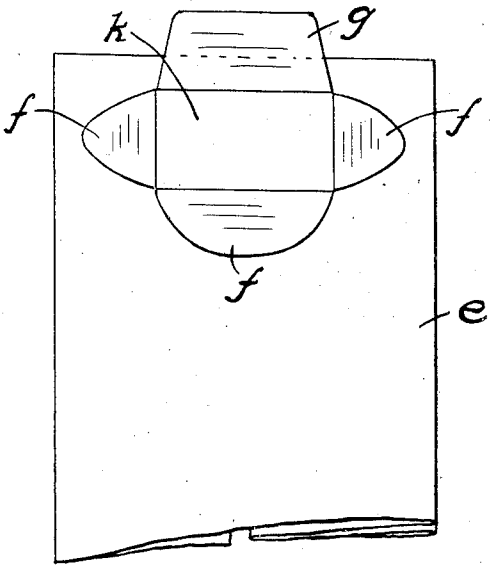

FIG. 1.

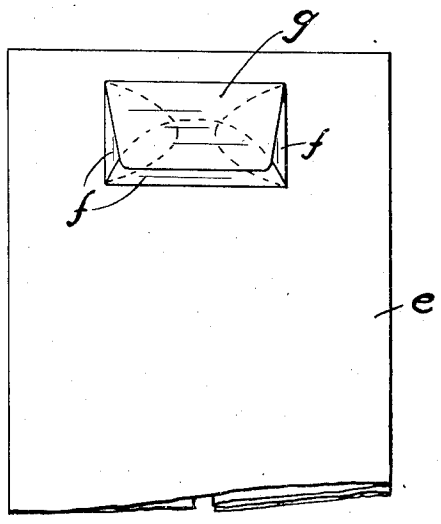

FIG. 2.

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It is customary, in public toilet or wash rooms, to provide soap and towels for the use of patrons. Considerations of hygiene and economy have brought into wide popular use destructible paper tissue towels which, after one use, are thrown away, and soap delivery contrivances (used by all patrons in common) for dispensing small quantities of soap, usually in the form of a liquid or powder.

The object of the present invention is to simplify the soap-and-towel equipment now in general use and also render it more hygienic, without sacrifice of economy, by embodying, in a single article of manufacture, means (other than running water) for both washing and drying; said means being adapted solely for individual use and being thrown away after a single use. By reason of the capacity of the new article of manufacture to perform both said functions, the equipment is simplified; and because of the whole article being adapted for individual use, and for a single use, the hygienic requirements are satisfied in the highest degree.

The invention is capable of embodiment in a variety of specific embodiments, a preferred example being shown in the drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of one embodiment of my invention, showing the soap receptacle open.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the same, showing the soap receptacle closed.

The article shown in the drawings comprises a sheet of readily destructible material, such as paper tissue, of a size and having absorptive qualities enabling it to be used as a towel, the sheet being folded into flat form, and means connected to the sheet and forming a closed container or receptacle containing a quantity of soap, preferably in powdered form. The soap container is preferably positioned near one edge of the paper towel. The soap container may be initially separate from the towel and glued or otherwise secured thereto, or it may be wholly or partly integral with the towel.

The sheet of paper may be an entirely separate unit and may be folded and, with other similar sheets, may be stacked in a pile; or it may form a unit in integral series whose units are severable and deliverable successively from a container: as is well understood in the art.

By means of this article, the user is insured against contamination of the soap, which is not the case where soap is delivered to different users from a common receptacle. Obviously, also, the necessary equipment of the wash room is simplified, in that the proprietor is not required to furnish soap or provide means for dispensing soap.

In the drawings, a paper sheet *e*, constituting the towel, has attached to it a number of flaps *f*, *g*, which, with a small part *k* of the area of the main sheet that is enclosed by the flaps, form a container or envelope for powdered soap. *k* may also represent a piece which is integral with the flaps *f* and *g*, forming with them a detachable envelope. The flaps *f* may be folded together to form the front wall of the envelope, while the flap *g* forms the cover. The soap may be released by detaching the cover *g* and emptying the soap powder into the user's hand, or the whole envelope may be detached from the main sheet *e* and the contents poured into the hand. In either case, the main sheet is used as a towel after washing with the soap.

The invention is not limited to the specific embodiment shown, as modifications embodying the same inventive conception may be devised by those skilled in the art.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A toilet article comprising, in combination, a sheet of readily destructible material of a size and having absorptive qualities enabling its use as a towel, said sheet being folded into flat form, means forming a closed container connected to said sheet, and a quantity of soap held within said container.

2. A toilet article comprising, in combination, a sheet of readily destructible material of a size and having absorptive qualities enabling its use as a towel, said sheet being folded into flat form, means connected to said sheet forming a closed container, and a quantity of powdered soap within said container.

In testimony of which invention, I have hereunto set my hand, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on this 30th day of March, 1925.

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