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Fig. 1.

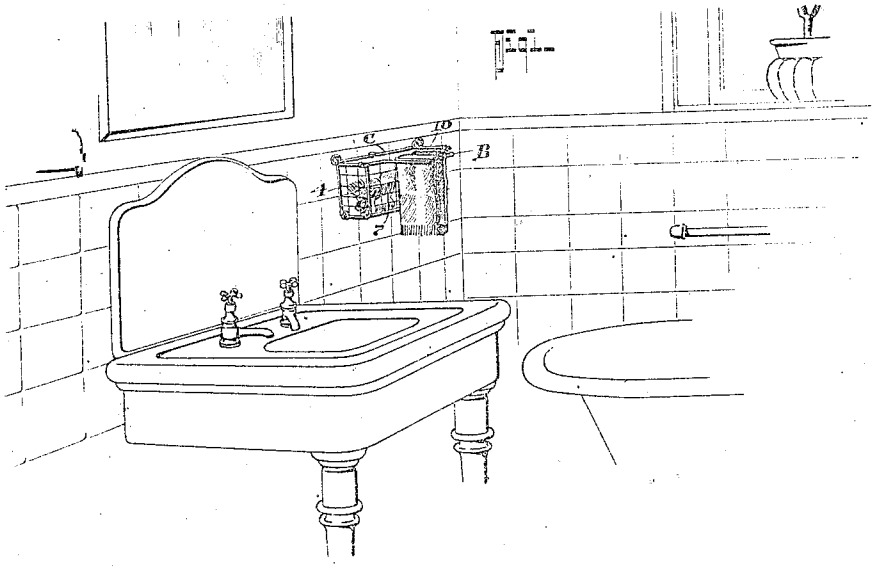
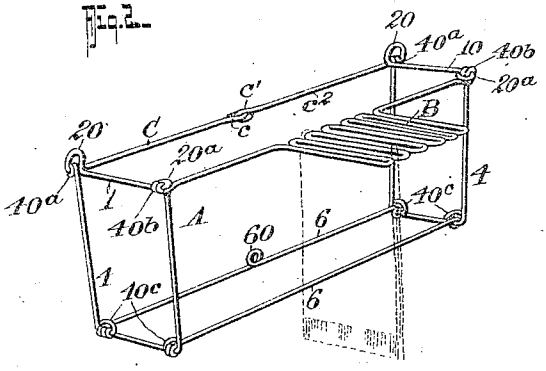


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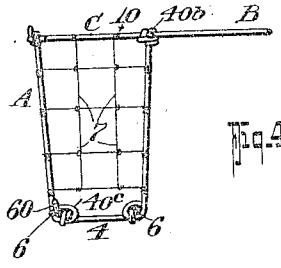


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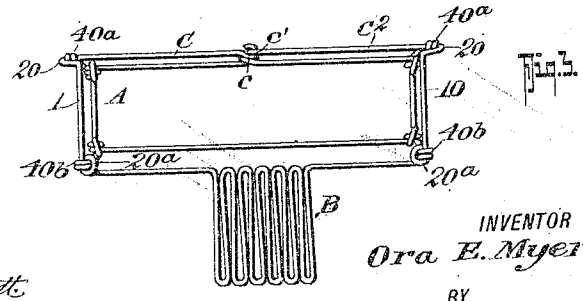


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ORA E. MYERS, residing at Bozeman, in the county of Gallatin and State of Montana, have invented a new and Improved Combined Towel Rack and Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an appliance adapted for hanging a number of clean towels and for holding the soiled towels, and primarily seeks to provide an appliance of this character, of a simple and economical construction that can be readily attached to a commode, to bath or wash room walls, and in such manner that the clean towels can be easily detached therefrom singly and the soiled towels collected therein.

With the above and other objects in view, my invention consists of an appliance of this character, made up, preferably of stout wire bent to the desired shape, and whereby to form spring clamped towel supporting members and a basket like body.

In its more subordinate features, my invention consists in certain details of construction, arrangement and combination of parts, all of which will be first described in detail, then be specifically pointed out in the appended claims reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of my invention as applied for use. Fig. 2, is a perspective view of the main frame. Fig. 3, is a plan view thereof, Fig. 4, is a transverse section of the complete appliance.

In the practical construction, my improved appliance comprises generally a main frame that is preferably formed wholly of stout spring wire and it is bent up to such shape that when the parts are assembled to rectangular form, a basket or holder A is provided, and from which a series of clamping members B project forwardly from the upper edge of the basket portion thereof, as clearly shown in the drawings.

In constructing the appliance the top frame C is bent up from a single piece of stout wire, one end, that is, the beginning end, of which is coiled to form an eye c to receive a hook c' formed on the opposite end c^2 as shown.

In shaping the upper frame c the wire is first bent up at right angles to form a transverse end member 1 and it is then bent again at right angles in a plane parallel with the beginning portion thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, by reference to which it will also be noticed that when at a point midway the length of the basket portion, the said wire is repeatedly bent forwardly and backwardly in the horizontal plane of the top of the basket whereby to form a series of spring clamped hangers B, from which point the said wire is again extended, and then bent back at right angles to form the other end portion 10, from which point it is again bent at right angles and in alinement with the beginning portion to which it is clamped in the manner clearly shown in the drawings and heretofore stated.

At the four corner angles of the wire that forms the upper frame C, the said wire is bent into eyes 20—20 and 20^a—20^a, the rear eyes 20 being utilized to receive screws or nails for securing the appliance in place on the wall or other support, and also to receive the hook ends 40^a of the U-shaped end braces 4 which are also formed of stout wire and bent to the shape shown, the other hook ends 40^b thereof engaging with the front eyes 20—20^a of the upper frame wire, as shown.

At their angles, the end members 4 are also bent up to form eyes 40^c to receive the main braces or bottom wire rods 6—6, whose ends are hooked into the eyes 40^c.

7 designates stays in the nature of light interlaced wire, the ends of which are wound about the main frame and which form the end and side closures of the basket portion of the appliance or device. The rear end of the bottom rod 6 is also centrally bent to form an eye 60 to receive the fastening screw or supporting nail as shown.

From the foregoing, taken in connection with the drawing, the complete construction, the manner in which my invention is used and its advantages is believed will be readily apparent.

By reason of forming the main frame of stout spring wire rod, the same retains its rigidity and also sustains the clamp hanger members in a properly projected position whereby to pendently sustain the towels which can be readily pulled down from between the clamps.

By having the basket and hangers together the user has the appliance placed always in sight in depositing the soiled towels, thereby avoiding throwing the wet towels on the floor, furniture, etc.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. As a new article, the combination of a towel hanging and holding appliance, which comprises a basket like body whose upper portion is formed of a spring wire rod, one part of which is bent horizontally outward to form a series of spring clamping members for pendently supporting the towels between them.

2. As a new article of manufacture, the combination of a towel hanger and holder, which comprises a basket like frame having an upper rim formed of a single strand of spring wire, the front portion of said upper wire strand being bent outward in the horizontal plane of the basket top to form a series of spring clamped members, ends each formed of a single wire strand bent to U-shape, whose ends interlock with the upper frame, wire braces for holding the lower portions of the ends separated, and lace wire closures that extend around the sides, the ends and the bottom of the main frame wires, as set forth.

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