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TOWEL RACK.

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Fig. 1.

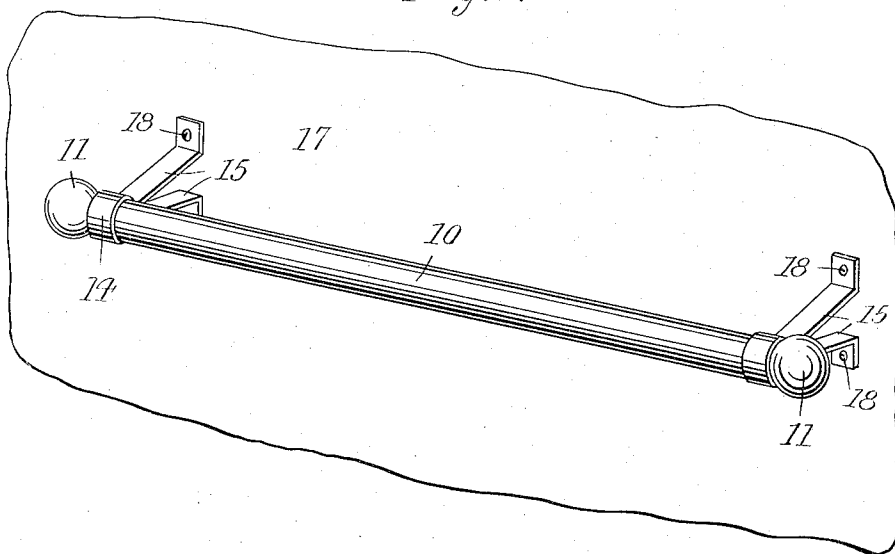


Fig. 2.

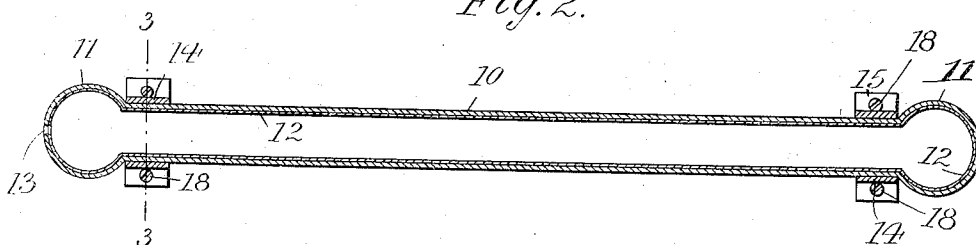
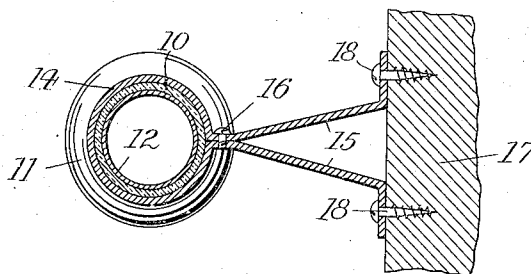


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR A. BOEHM, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, Manhattan, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Towel-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved towel rack which presents a neat appearance and may be readily secured to a wall, etc., in such a manner that an accidental disengagement of the parts is prevented.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved towel rack showing it secured to a wall; Fig. 2 a longitudinal section thereof, and Fig. 3 an enlarged cross section on line 3—3, Fig. 2.

The numeral 10 indicates a tubular rod made of plain or colored glass or of other transparent vitreous material. At each end, the rod is provided with a hollow knob or similar enlargement 11 the outer diameter of which exceeds that of tube 10. Knobs 11 are made integral with the rod and the interior of the knobs communicates with the interior of the rod. At their inner surfaces, the rod and knobs are provided with a light-reflecting lining or coating 12 as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. In order to permit the introduction of the material forming said lining, one of the knobs 11 is provided with an opening 13. If, for instance, a lining composed of metallic silver is applied to a tube made of plain glass, said tube will have the appearance of a nickel rod as commonly used with towel racks in bath rooms etc. If, however, the same lining is applied to a tube of light-brown glass, the tube will have the appearance of a brass fixture. Rod 10 is mounted within suitable brackets, two of such brackets being shown in the drawing. These brackets are preferably made of resilient sheet-metal strips and consist of an annular section 14 which encompasses rod 10 and of a pair of diverging legs 15 in-

tegral with sections 14. In proximity to the latter, legs 15 are held together by a screw 16 or otherwise. Legs 15 are secured to wall 17 by screws 18 passing through corresponding perforations of the legs.

In assembling the parts, screws 16 are unscrewed from the brackets and the latter are slipped over rod 10 which operation is permitted owing to the resiliency of section 14. Screws 16 are then tightened, the brackets being so positioned on the rod that they abut against knobs 11. The brackets are now secured to wall 17 by screws 18. It will be seen that after the brackets have been properly fastened, any longitudinal movement of the rod or a withdrawal thereof from the brackets is effectively prevented owing to the diameter of knobs 11 being larger than that of the rod.

Towel racks constructed according to my invention are cheap to manufacture, they always present a neat and clean appearance and closely resemble towel racks made of nickel or brass.

I claim:

1. A towel rack provided with a tubular rod of transparent vitreous material, integral hollow knobs of transparent vitreous material formed at the ends of the rod and communicating with the interior thereof, and a light-reflecting lining on the inner surface of the rod and knobs.

2. A towel rack comprising a tubular rod of transparent vitreous material, integral hollow knobs of transparent vitreous material formed at the ends of the rod and communicating with the interior thereof; a light-reflecting lining on the inner surface of the rod and knobs, and a pair of brackets encompassing the rod and abutting against the knobs.

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