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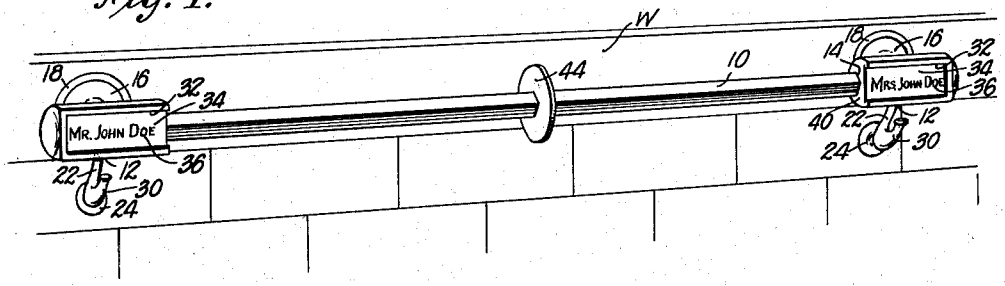


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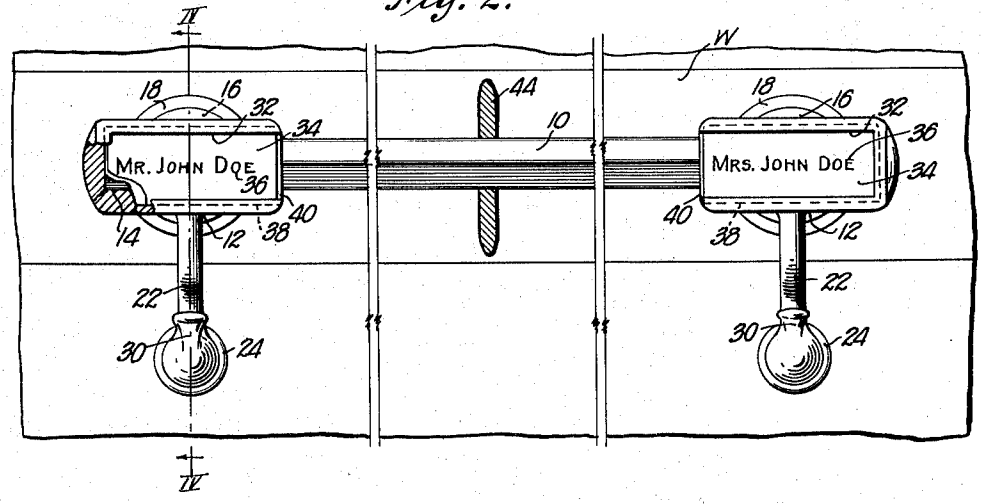


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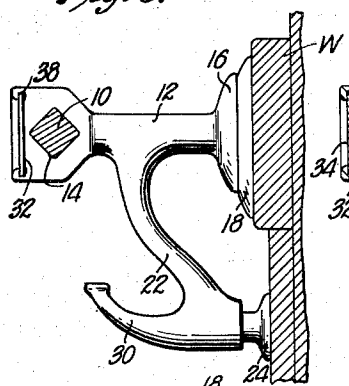


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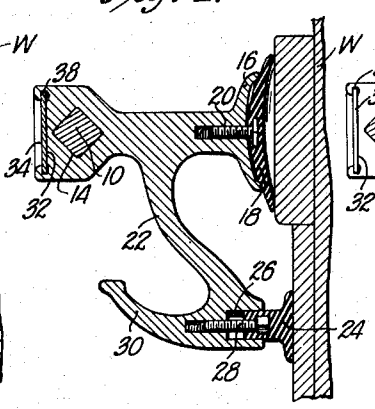


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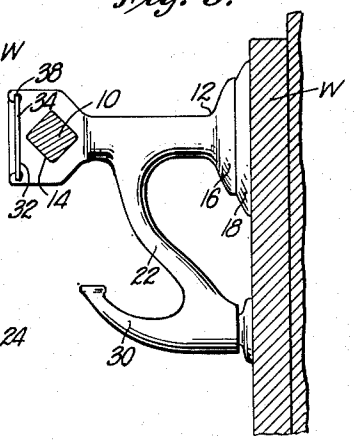
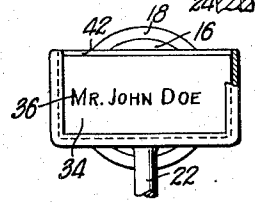


Fig. 6.



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This invention relates to removable towel racks suitable for selectively mounting at any desired position without interfering in any manner with the attaching surface.

The principal object of the present invention is the provision of a removable towel rack, having a pocket integral therewith for the reception of an indicia-bearing member, whereby the indicia thereon is exposed to view.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a towel rack attachable to the wall by means of vacuum cups, and having wall rests, spaced apart from the suction cups, adjustable to and from the wall whereon the rack is secured.

Other objects of the invention are simplicity and economy of construction, ease and security of attachment and adaptability for attachment to surfaces of different forms.

Minor objects will appear during the course of the specification, wherein reference will be had to the drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a towel rack in the operative position on a wall, embodying this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged, foreshortened, elevational view of the towel rack.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view, showing the bracket in elevation.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view, taken on line IV—IV of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to that shown in Fig. 3, with the towel rack positioned on a planar wall, and,

Fig. 6 is a modified form of the bracket, wherein the pocket is open at the top.

Throughout the several views, like reference characters refer to similar parts, and the numeral **10** designates a towel bar of any suitable cross elevational area adapted to serve as a support for towels or similar articles. A bracket **12** is provided at opposite ends of said bar and is provided with recesses **14**, into which the end portions of the bar **10** are respectively inserted.

The main body of bracket **12** is provided at its inner portion with a saucer-shaped member **16**, in which is mounted a suction cup **18**. This suction cup is provided with a screw-threaded projection **20**, by means of which it is attached to the bracket, as clearly shown in Fig. 4. It will be noted that the outer periphery of member **16** will substantially contact suction cup **18** when the same is in the operative position, thereby preventing undue wobbling of the bracket.

Extending downwardly intermediate the ends of bracket **12**, is an arm **22**, which terminates at a point removed from the suction cup and is provided with an adjustable rest **24**, slidably mounted in recess **26** formed in **22**. A screw-threaded bolt **28**, molded in rest **24**, serves to hold said rest in any desired position relative to arm **22**.

It will be noted by referring to Figs. 3 and 4 that when the wall W is offset, the rest **24** is necessarily extended to maintain the body portion of bracket **12** in perpendicular relation to the wall. One of the main advantages of this structure is that, due to the contacting of the wall by rest **24**, the pull on the suction cup will be substantially at right angles to the plane of the wall, thereby precluding the possibility of tipping the vacuum cup by applying pressure only to the central portion thereof.

The lower end of arm **22** is provided with a hook member **30**, on which may be supported a wash cloth or any other article. The front portion of bracket **12** is provided with an open pocket **32**, which is adapted to receive an indicia-bearing member or card **34**, with the indicia **36** thereon exposed to view. It will be noted that this pocket is formed by producing an undercut **38** in the bracket, with one end **40** open for the reception of a planar indicia member. The exact shape or position of this pocket is not so material.

Referring to the modified form as shown in Fig. 6, it will be observed that the opening **42** to the pocket is positioned at the top side so that the indicia member may be simply dropped to position. Since one of the principal objects of this invention is the provision of means whereby particular towel racks may be designated for use by certain guests or persons, it is contemplated that an indicia member shall be used which will allow for the changing of the name thereon. It will be noted that each of the end brackets is provided with a pocket so that in case it is desired to place the towels of two guests on the same rod, a division member **44** may be utilized.

From the foregoing description it is evident that I have produced a simple and efficient towel rack which may be readily positioned at any desired point on the bath room wall, without the use of any outside fastening means. Furthermore, the same may be removed, dismantled and stored in a very small space. This towel rack is intended primarily for guest service, but may be used for additional temporary towel rack requirements whenever any such need may be present.

What I claim is:

1. In a bracket having a body portion and a transversely disposed outer head extending beyond each side of said body portion, and trans-

verse bearing opening formed transversely through said body body portion adjacent said head; a depression formed in the outer face of said head, said depression being undercut at its base along opposite edges, and being open at one end to receive an indicia bearing plate with opposite edges thereof extending into said undercut whereby the plate is secured in the operative position; and adjustable means associated with said bracket whereby the angular relation of the plate relative to the supporting wall is varied.

2. In a bracket comprising a body portion a transversely disposed outer head extending beyond each side of said body portion; a depression formed in the outer face of said head, said depression being undercut at its opposite sides and one end, and being open at its other end to receive an indicia plate with three edges thereof extending into said undercut with the indicia exposed to view; and means associated with said bracket and adjustable to vary the surface angle of the indicia plate contained in said depression toward or from the vertical.

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