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Fig. 1.

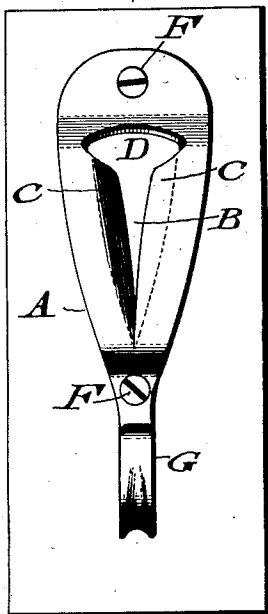


Fig. 2.

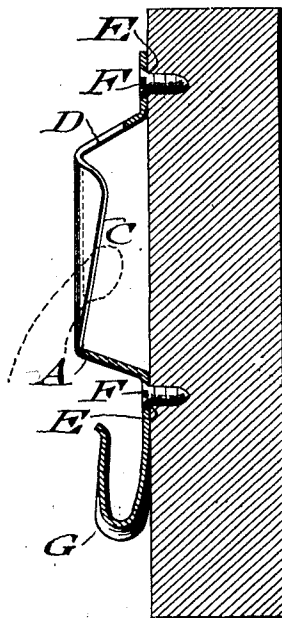


Fig. 3.

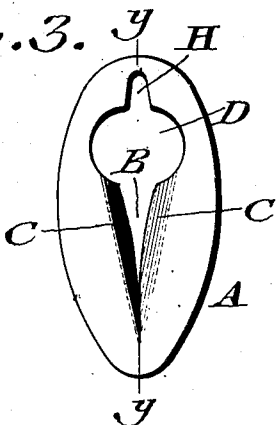
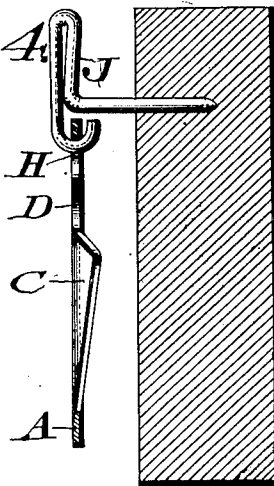


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMIL WERNER, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Holder for Towels, Napkins, &c., of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices of that class adapted to hold a towel, napkin, etc. thereon, the same embodying a plate provided with jaws, with which a proper portion of the towel, etc. may engagingly bite and be tightened thereon, and likewise provided with means for holding the device in desired position, as will be hereinafter definitely described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a holder embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section thereof on line $x-x$. Fig. 3 represents a front elevation of another form of a holder embodying my invention. Fig. 4 represents a vertical section thereof, on line $y-y$.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings: A designates a plate, in which is the longitudinally extending slit B, the walls of which are thrown out, forming the rearwardly extending jaws C, C, which converge downwardly.

In the upper portion of the plate is the throat D, which is in communication with the slit B between the jaws C, said throat being adapted for the primary reception of a portion of a towel, napkin, etc., as will be hereinafter explained.

It will be noticed that the jaws C are intumed and extend in the longitudinal direction of the plate from the end of the latter opposite from and upward to the throat, the space between the inner edges of said jaws converging from a point at said end to said throat.

In the plate, are openings E, to receive screws F, by which the plate may be secured in position on a wall or elsewhere.

On the lower portion of the plate, is a hook G on which other articles may be sustained when so required.

It will be seen that a portion of a towel, napkin, etc., is gathered and inserted in the

throat D, and then pushed or drawn downwardly into the slit B, when the part of the towel in contact with the jaws C engage with the same, the gathered portion of the towel, etc. being back of said jaws, it being seen that the weight of the towel, etc. or outward draft on the same serves to tighten the hold of the jaws on the towel, etc., the hold increasing owing to the converging nature of said jaws, and thus the towel, etc. will be firmly held, permitting it to be used without disconnection from the plate.

When it is desired to remove the towel, etc., it is slipped upwardly, whereby as the jaws diverge, the relative portion of the towel, etc. is readily disconnected from the jaws, and when the gathered portion of the towel reaches the throat, it may be drawn through the same, thus entirely disengaging it from the plate.

In Figs. 3 and 4, the plate is shown as formed with a recess H which is in communication with the throat D, and provides means for suspending the plate from a hook such as at J, Fig. 4, a button or other device as desired.

Attention is particularly directed to the fact that the jaws are somewhat resilient in their nature, whereby they close against the towel etc. when the latter is applied thereto, and as the edges of the jaws converge downwardly, they more firmly bite the contiguous portion of the towel, and thus forward displacement of the towel etc. is prevented.

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

1. A holder of the character stated, consisting of a plate having a throat at one end thereof and intumed jaws extending in the longitudinal direction of said plate from the end of the latter opposite from and upward to said throat, the space between the inner edges of said jaws converging from said end to said throat.

2. A holder of the character stated, consisting of a plate having resilient jaws extended angularly therefrom and converging to a point at one end, and a throat at the opposite end communicating with the tapered space between the jaws and having a recess in communication with the throat.

3. A holder of the character stated, consisting of a plate having a throat at one end thereof and inturned jaws extending in the longitudinal direction of said plate from the end of the latter opposite from and upward to said throat, the space between the inner edges of said jaws converging from said end to said throat, there being a recess at the upper end of the plate in communication with said throat.

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