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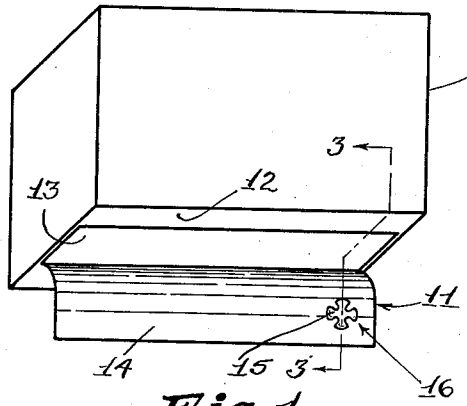



Fig. 1

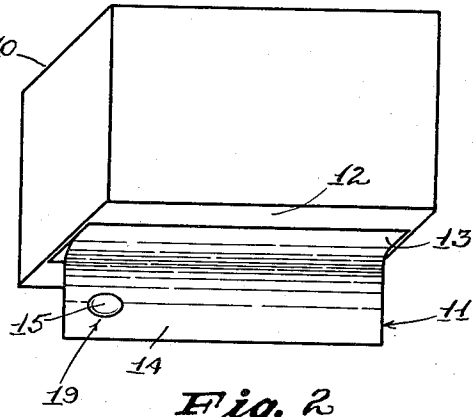



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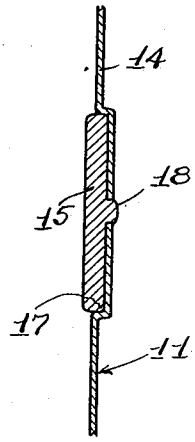



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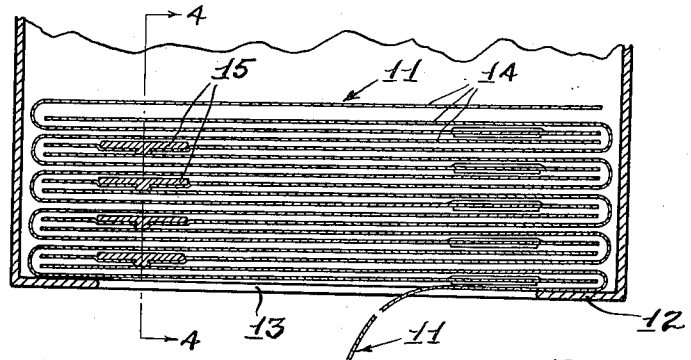
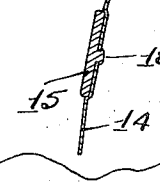



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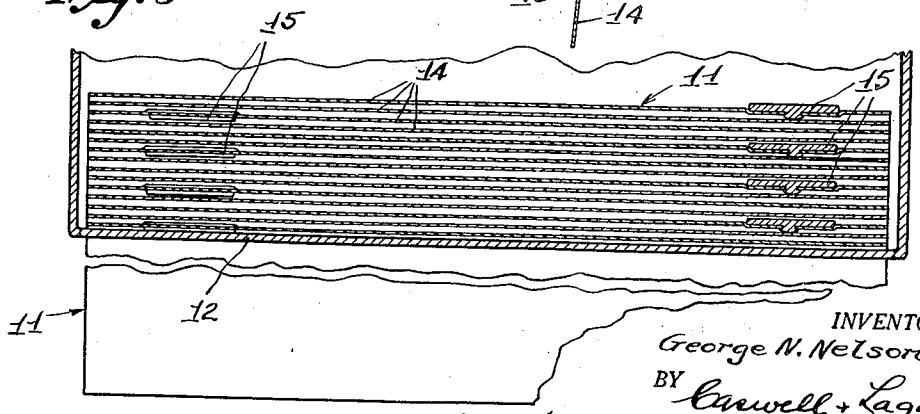




Fig. 4

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This invention relates to a toilet article, and additionally has relation to a plurality of toilet articles to be dispensed.

An object of the invention is to provide a combination toilet article, consisting of a towel with a quantity or piece of cleansing material such as soap thereon and removable therefrom, which will be of novel and improved construction.

A further object is to provide a new and improved construction and arrangement by employment of which a plurality of combination toilet articles, such, for example, as toilet articles each consisting of a towel with a detachable quantity of cleansing material thereon, can be successively dispensed from a container therefor as required for use.

And a further object is to provide a dispensing construction for combination toilet articles, each consisting of a towel having a detachable quantity of cleansing material upon a portion thereof, which will be constituted as a plurality of the combination toilet articles arranged in a dispensing container therefor in relation to each other to be dispensed from said container one after another, and will always include a combination toilet article the towel of which is situated in the container ready to be dispensed and the cleansing material of which, upon said towel at dispensing location, is at accessible dispensing position.

Additional objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent as the specification proceeds.

In the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a dispensing container having therein combination toilet articles each of which is constructed and all of which are relatively arranged to be dispensed according to the principles of the invention and to constitute one embodiment thereof;

Fig. 2 is a view corresponding generally with the disclosure of Fig. 1, but disclosing a different combination toilet article at dispensing location in said container;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary transverse sectional view of the disclosure of Fig. 1, taken on line 3—3 in said Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional view, taken as on line 4—4 in Fig. 3; and

Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view disclosing one manner in which a towel and a quantity or piece of soap or other cleansing material can be associated together or detachably united to provide a combination toilet article including features of the invention.

With respect to the drawing and the numerals of reference thereon, a dispensing container, of ordinary or preferred construction, is denoted at 10, and combination toilet articles, each constructed and all relatively arranged in said container to be dispensed therefrom in compliance with the teachings of the invention, are represented at 11.

The container 10 is as disclosed of rectilinear configuration and includes a bottom wall 12 with rectangular dispensing opening 13 therein, and the combination toilet articles 11 rest upon said bottom wall 13 of the container in superimposed relation and arrangement to be dispensable from said container one after another as desired for use.

Each combination toilet article 11 as shown consists of a towel 14 and a quantity or piece of soap or other cleansing material 15 detachably carried by a portion of said towel 14. As illustrated, each quantity or piece of cleansing material 15 is adjacent a marginal portion of its corresponding towel 14.

Each combination toilet article 11 individually may be folded as disclosed in the drawing, or may be folded or arranged in any other suitable manner, and associated with the adjacent combination toilet articles, one above and another below as shown, so that all of the combination toilet articles in the container will be dispensable therefrom one after another, and also so that the towel of each combination toilet article upon reaching dispensing location in said container, as well as the quantity or piece of cleansing material detachably connected to said towel ready to be dispensed, will be at accessible dispensing position.

In the embodiment of the invention shown in the drawing, although not necessarily, the combination toilet article ready to be dispensed has its marginal portion detachably carrying the cleansing material depending or projecting below the container 10, through the dispensing opening 13, with said cleansing material in plain sight, and the assembly together or association of the combination toilet articles 11 is such that removal of each towel from its dispensing location in the container will cause the cleansing material carrying marginal portion of the towel of the next adjacent combination toilet article, the one just above as disclosed, to depend or project below said container. That is to say, removal of each combination toilet article 11 causes the

next adjacent combination toilet article to assume the position of the removed combination toilet article, or dispensing position, with the marginal portion of its towel which detachably carries the cleansing material at the outer side of the container.

In practical use of the invention, the cleansing material or soap can be removed from each towel when at location ready to be dispensed and said removed cleansing material or soap can be employed, with water or other liquid, to its cleansing purpose. Thereafter, said towel at dispensing location can be withdrawn for utilization to its drying purpose. Withdrawal of each towel situates the next adjacent combination toilet article, consisting of towel and cleansing material, at dispensing location in the container so that each succeeding user of the combination toilet articles can, if he desires, repeat the mode of procedure of each preceding user, as above recited.

In the disclosure as made, certain of the combination toilet articles are withdrawn from the front portion of the dispensing opening 13 of the container 10 and others of said combination toilet articles are withdrawn from the rear portion of said dispensing opening of said container. This is, however, but a matter of choice. Any or all of the combination toilet articles may be withdrawn from any selected location of a container therefor, depending upon the manner of arrangement of said articles in the container. Also in the present disclosure, certain of the quantities or pieces of cleansing material or soap 15 are adjacent one end or side of their towels and others of said quantities or pieces of cleansing material or soap are adjacent the opposite end or side of their towels for the purpose of uniform stacking of the combination toilet articles in the container. Desirably, the quantities or pieces of cleansing material or soap upon alternately disposed towels may be situated in staggered relation as illustrated in the drawing.

To facilitate removal of the combination toilet articles the pieces of soap are situated within the confines of the opening 13 so that the soap does not have to be slid over the edge of the bottom 12 at such opening in the removal of the same from a position within the cabinet to its accessible position.

The quantities or pieces of cleansing material or soap may be of any suitable nature and may be detachably associated with the towels in any convenient manner. The towels may be of paper or other material suiting them to their purposes and requirements. In the drawing the quantities or pieces of cleansing material or soap are shown as of wafer-like form. Two different types of detachable cleansing material or soap are illustrated. One type 16 of cleansing material or soap has the general outline of a cross and is, in the instance of each combination toilet article, embedded in an indentation 17 (Fig. 5) of the corresponding towel 14. Additionally, each quantity or piece of cleansing material or soap having the shape of a cross is removably fastened to the corresponding towel after the fashion of riveting, as at 18. The type 16 of cleansing material or soap made in the shape of a cross is not liable readily to become removed from the towel because of the fact that the fit naturally provides several inter-engaging and inter-fitting angular surfaces of the united materials designed more positively to preclude their relative movement save in direction away from each other. Another type 19 of cleansing material or soap has the shape of an ellipse, which is, in the instance of each combination toilet article, embedded in an indentation of similar configuration and size in the corresponding towel. Of course provision will be made so that the elliptical, or other preferred shapes of quantities or pieces of cleansing material or soap will not readily become accidentally dislodged from the towels. In any instance, the association together of towel and cleansing material will be such that the cleansing material will be readily and easily detachable from the towel when so intended.

Changes in the specific form of my invention, as herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. A stack of towels adapted to be contained in and dispensed one at a time through a delivery opening in the bottom of a cabinet, said towels being folded so that the withdrawal from the cabinet of the lowermost towel of the stack results in feeding a portion of the next towel from said cabinet through said opening, each towel having attached to a face of such portion a quantity of cleansing material adapted to be detached for independent use, such material on such portion of each towel serving to weigh the same down into a position depending from the cabinet in which position the face of said towel portion bearing said material fronts in the same direction as the cabinet and said portion of the towel and said material thereon are readily observable by and accessible to a user of the cabinet.

2. A plurality of towels adapted to be stacked in and dispensed one at a time through a delivery opening in the bottom of a cabinet, said towels being folded so that the withdrawal from the cabinet of the lowermost towel of the stack causes a portion of the next towel to be extended from said cabinet through said opening, each towel having attached to a face of such portion a quantity of cleansing material detachable therefrom for independent use, a limited area of such towel portion being occupied by said material, such material on such portion of each towel serving to weigh the same down into a position depending from the cabinet in which position the face of said towel portion bearing said material fronts in the same direction as the cabinet and said portion of the towel and said material thereon are readily observable by and accessible to a user of the cabinet, the cleansing material on the different towels being relatively staggered to permit uniform piling of said towels in the stack within said cabinet.

3. A pack of towels adapted to be contained in and dispensed one at a time through a delivery opening in a wall of a cabinet, said towels being folded so that the withdrawal from the cabinet of the foremost towel of the pack results in the projection of a portion of the next towel through said opening, such portion of each towel having a quantity of cleansing material attached to a face thereof and adapted to be detached for independent use, such cleansing material on each towel weighing the projected portion thereof into a position fronting its material-bearing face generally in the same direction as the cabinet with said portion of the towel and said material thereon both readily observable by and accessible to a user of the cabinet.

4. A pack of towels adapted to be contained in and dispensed one at a time through a de-

livery opening in a wall of a cabinet, said towels being folded so that the withdrawal from the cabinet of the foremost towel of the pack results in the projection of a portion of the next towel through said opening, such portion of each towel having a quantity of cleansing material attached thereto and adapted to be detached therefrom for independent use, such cleansing material on each towel weighing the projected portion thereof into a readily observable position facing generally in the same direction as the cabinet with said towel portion and the cleansing material thereon readily accessible to the user of the cabinet.

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