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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED TOILET-CASES AND TOWEL-ROLLERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANL. MILLER, of Marietta, in the county of Washington and State of Ohio, have invented a Combined Toilet-Case and Towel-Roller; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

This invention consists, first, in the combination of a frame-work of peculiar construction with a pivoted tilting receptacle or toilet-case and a towel-roller of peculiar construction; and, second, in the specific construction of the roller, all of which will be fully described hereinafter.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my invention with the toilet-case open; Fig. 2, a central sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3, partial perspective view of the towel-roller, with its parts separated; Fig. 4, similar view of the parts united.

A represents a frame-work consisting, essentially, of the back-board *a*, top piece *a*¹, and sides *a*² *a*², which latter are extended in a downward direction to furnish proper bearings for the roller, as shown. B represents a triangular box or receptacle, consisting of the back board *b*¹, which, when the box is closed, serves as the bottom of the box, sides *b*² *b*², and bottom board *b*³, which, when the box is closed, forms the front *b*⁴ *b*⁴, represents division-strips adapted to form a receptacle for a comb or other similar article. *b*⁵ represents a supporting-ledge, by means of which the box is held in position when closed, and *b*⁶ a catch, which is adapted to hold the box in position when opened, the said catch being fastened to the under side of the top piece *a*¹ of the frame-work A, as shown in Fig. 2. C represents a roller made in two parts *c* and *c*¹, one of which, *c*¹, is provided at each end with pins *c*² *c*², which rest in bearings *c*³ *c*⁴ in the downwardly-

extending portion of the side pieces of the frame A, as shown, and form journals for the roller to turn upon. D D represent securing-rings attached to the roller at its ends by staples, as shown, which are adapted to hold the two parts of the roller together.

My improved article of furniture may be used as follows: If an endless towel is used the roller is removed from its bearings, and the towel slipped over it in the usual well-known manner; but if a single towel is used the two parts of the roller are first separated, and one end of the towel placed between them, as shown in Fig. 2, after which the parts are again united together by drawing over the ends of the securing-rings, as shown. The roller then being replaced in its bearings the towel is ready for use.

I am aware that it is not new to make rollers in two parts, and unite them for use by means of cylindrical caps, but this construction differs materially from mine.

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

1. As an improved article of furniture, a toilet-case, consisting of the frame-work A, the tilting comb and brush case B, and towel-roller C, constructed and combined as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the box B with the catch *b*⁶ and ledge *b*⁵, arranged as described and shown.

3. The combination of the split roller *c* and *c*¹, with the ring D and securing-staples, as described.

This specification signed and witnessed this 17th day of April, A. D. 1875.

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