

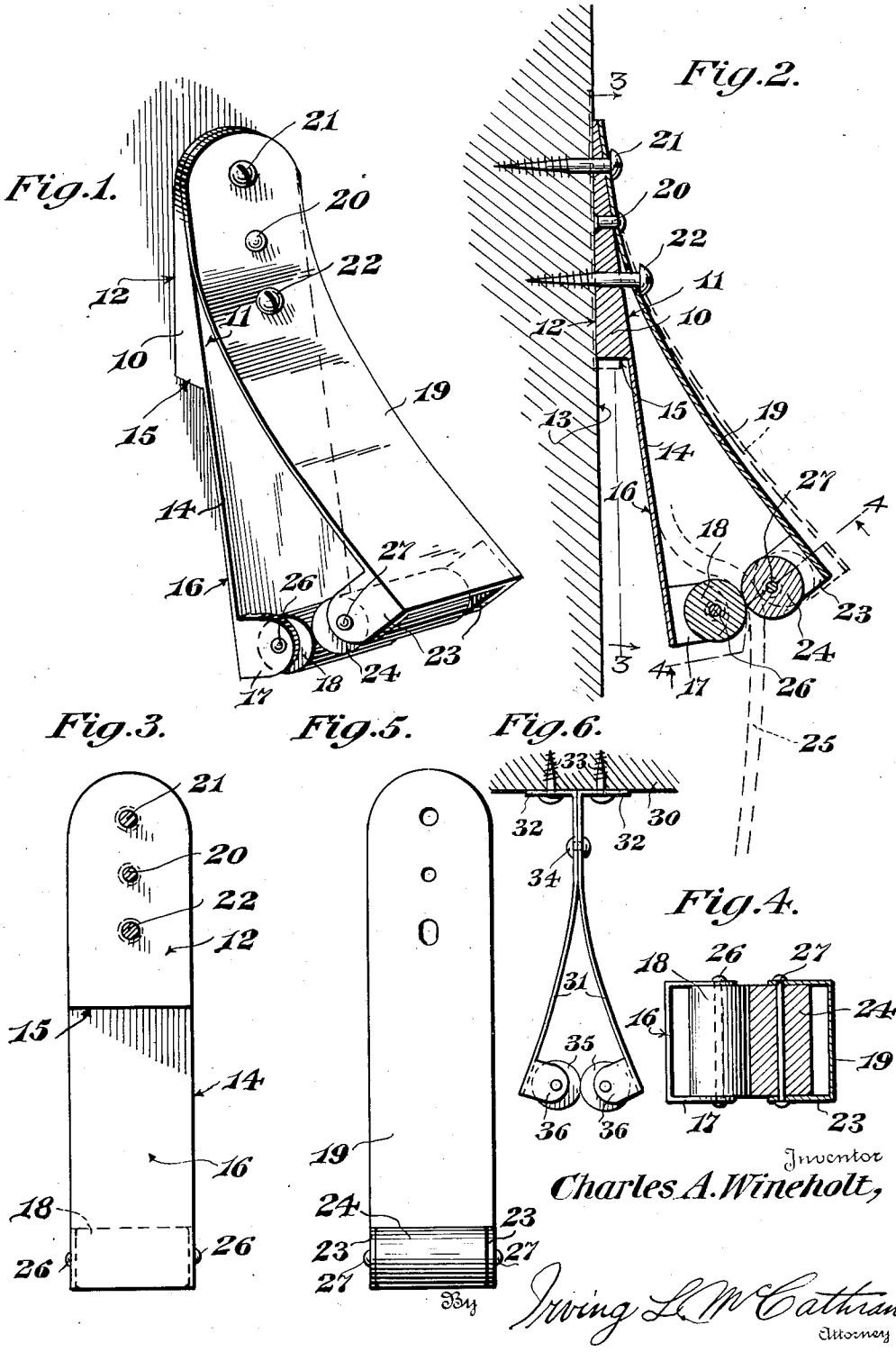
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This invention relates to holders, and more particularly to towel holders.

One of the principal objects of this invention is the provision of a simple and efficient towel holder, which is so constructed as to support the towel-gripping means in spaced relation from a wall or other object to which the device is attached, whereby the spring jaws of the holder may freely flex toward or away from the wall in order to accommodate the thickness of the towel or other article which may be placed between the adjoining gripping rollers of the holder.

A further object of this invention is the provision of a simple and efficient towel holder, or holder for other similar articles, wherein the holder consists of a securing portion of relatively thick material, from one end of which extends a spring tongue carrying a roller at its free end, which roller is adapted to contact with a similar roller carried by the free end of an adjoining spring tongue. Between these rollers may be placed a towel or other similar article for efficiently supporting it and at the same time allowing it to be easily released from engagement with the holder.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will appear throughout the following specification and claims.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved towel holder;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view through the holder;

Figure 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a plan view looking at the inner face of the outer spring tongue; and

Figure 6 is a modified form of the present invention.

By referring to the drawing, it will be seen that 10 designates the securing portion of the holder which preferably is provided with an inclined front face 11, and a vertical or upright rear face 12, the vertical or upright rear face 12 being adapted to fit snugly against a wall 13.

A spring tongue 14 is formed integral with the securing portion 10 and extends from the lower end 15 of the securing portion 10 substantially flush with the front inclined face 11 of the securing portion 10, as shown in Figure 2. The rear face 16 of the spring tongue 14 is accordingly spaced a considerable distance from the wall 13 and is held in this spaced relation so as to permit

the spring tongue 14 to flex back and forth without contacting with the wall 13 to which the device may be secured. The inner tongue 14 is provided with forwardly extending ears 17 at the lower free end of the tongue and a gripping roller 18 is journaled between the ears 17, the roller 18 projecting slightly beyond the ends of the ears to provide a roller article-gripping means.

An outer spring tongue 19 is secured to the front inclined face 11 of the securing portion 10 by means of a securing rivet 20 and suitable securing screws 21 and 22 extend through the upper end of the spring tongue 19 and through the securing portion 10 and into the wall 13, in this way firmly holding the towel holder in anchored position upon the wall 13. By considering Figure 2, it will be obvious that since the head of the screw 22 is spaced away from the front inclined face 11, the tension on the tongue 19 may be tightened or loosened by adjusting the screw 22. This outer spring tongue 19 is provided at its lower free end with right-angularly extending ears 23 which ears extend inwardly toward the ears 17 of the tongue 14. A gripping roller 24 is journaled upon the ears 23 and this roller 24 extends slightly beyond the ends of the ears 23, the rollers 18 and 24 being adapted to normally contact, such as is shown in Figure 1, and in full lines in Figure 2, the spring nature of these tongues 14 and 19 holding the rollers 18 and 24 normally in firm contact with each other, the tongue 19 being capable of being moved to the position shown in dotted lines to permit the insertion of a towel or other article indicated by dotted lines in Figure 2, the article being adapted to extend between the rollers when such action is desired.

The rollers 18 and 24 may be journaled upon journal pins 26 and 27 respectively, which pins may be provided with suitable enlarged heads for holding the pins in place.

It should be understood that the various parts may be formed of any suitable or desired material whereby the desired functions may be obtained, but it has been found preferable to construct the rollers 18 and 24 of white maple wood. The entire structure may be properly plated or decorated without departing from the spirit of the invention and it should be understood that certain detail changes in the mechanical construction may be employed without departing from the spirit of the invention, so long as such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

In Figure 6, there is shown a modified form of the towel holder which may be secured to the

under face of a shelf or other support indicated by the numeral 30. The towel support, as shown in Figure 6, comprises a pair of similarly constructed flat spring members 31 which are provided with laterally extending securing ears 32 through which the screws 33 pass for securing the towel holder to the support 30. The flat spring members 31 are secured together by means of a rivet 34 and rollers 35 are carried by the lower ends of the spring members 31, the rollers 35 abutting and being supported by the ears 36. The abutting relation of the rollers 35 will cause the lower ends of the spring members 31 to be flared outwardly.

15 Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A holder of the class described comprising a securing portion adapted to be secured to a support, a spring tongue carried by said securing portion and formed relatively thin with respect to said securing portion, said tongue extending substantially in line with the outer face of said securing portion and in spaced relation to the rear support-engaging face of said securing portion, whereby said spring tongue will be spaced from the support upon which said holder may be mounted and be free to flex forwardly and rearwardly, a second spring tongue carried by said securing portion and having a portion overlying the outer face of said securing portion and fitting for a portion of its length against the outer face of said securing portion, securing means for connecting the second spring tongue to said securing portion, article-gripping means carried by the free ends of said tongues adapted to grip an article therebetween and holding said second spring tongue at an incline away from the outer face of said securing portion, and an adjusting screw passing through said second spring tongue and said securing portion for regulating the tension of said second spring tongue.

2. A holder of the class described comprising

a securing portion adapted to be secured to a support, a spring tongue carried by said securing portion and formed relatively thin with respect to said securing portion, said tongue extending substantially in line with the outer face of said securing portion and in spaced relation to the rear support-engaging face of said securing portion, whereby said spring tongue will be spaced from the support upon which said holder may be mounted and may be free to move toward or away from a support upon which the holder may be mounted, a second spring tongue carried by said securing portion, rollers carried by the free ends of said tongues and adapted to have abutting relation, and located within the extremities of the ends and also said rollers extending transversely across the free ends of said tongues.

3. A holder of the class described comprising a securing portion adapted to be secured to a support, an integral spring tongue carried by said securing portion and formed relatively thin with respect to said securing portion, said tongue extending substantially in line with the outer face of said securing portion and in spaced relation to the rear support-engaging face of said securing portion, whereby said spring tongue will be spaced from the support upon which said holder may be mounted to permit said tongue to freely flex forwardly and rearwardly, a second spring tongue carried by said securing portion, ears extending from the side edges of said tongue near the free ends thereof and located within the extremities of said ends, the ears of one tongue extending toward the ears of the other tongue, and rollers journaled upon the ears of the respective tongues whereby an article may be frictionally held between said rollers, the rollers because of their location being shielded against accidental contact with foreign objects which might tend to rotate the roller and release the article held therebetween.

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