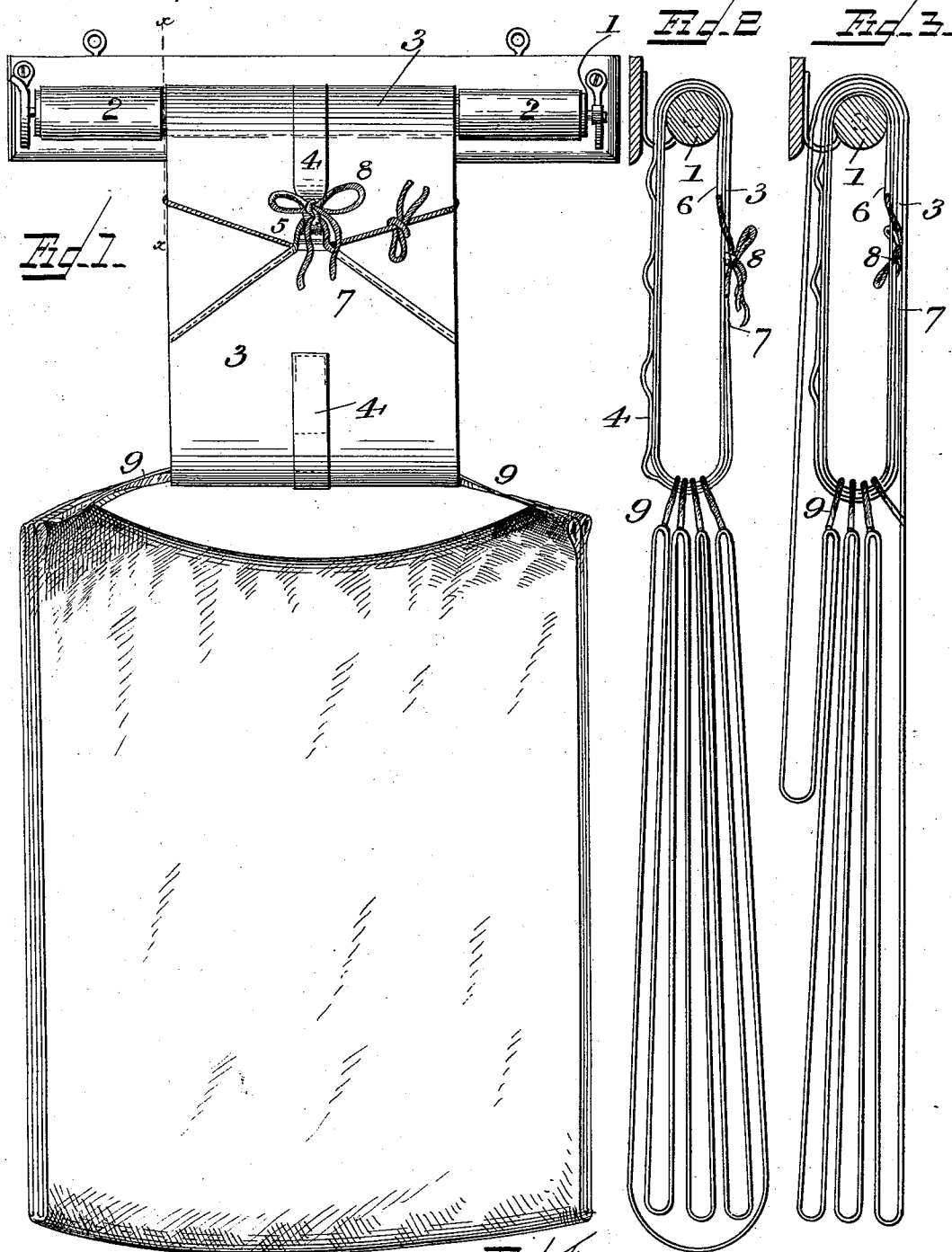


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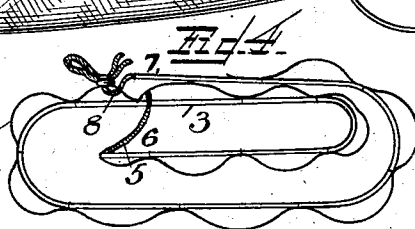
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR J. MCGINNIS, a resident of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to towel supporters and has for its object to provide means for conveniently supporting a large amount of toweling in a small compass and in an easily accessible position and in manner to expose the same as little as practicable to dust and to secure other advantages which will be made apparent by the following specification; and it consists in the matter hereinafter described and particularly pointed out.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is a side elevation the suspending roller being sectioned on line $x-x$ of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a similar view showing a part of the towel turned back over the roller or bar.

Numeral 1 denotes a roller from which the towel is suspended. This may be of any usual or convenient form or length. I prefer, however, to provide an ordinary roller with sleeves 2 separated on the roller to admit between them the towel support 3. This support consists of a band or strip of duck or other stout material preferably about half as wide as the towel coiled upon itself as indicated in the drawings. Lengthwise of this band and near its middle line is secured to it by stitches or otherwise a stout tape 4 at intervals preferably of two, three or more inches thereby producing a series of loops or stays. After the towel has been appended to this coiled or wrapped band 3 in manner to be hereinafter described the ends of said band are fastened to one of the aforesaid stays or loops by means of tapes, strips, cords or the like. Thus a tape 5 is fastened to the inner end 6 of the band and passed around the overlapped folds or coils of the same to the front and then secured in the stay in any convenient manner. The outer end 7 of the band which is by preference made pointed is also secured in the stay by a tape or cord 8 as

shown. It is not essential that the end 7 be tied in a stay and it may be secured to the band in any convenient manner. The described mode of fastening the inner end 6 of the supporter to the outer side thereof is well adapted to hold the overlying layers of the support together. It provides also for varying the size of the support and will in practice be found very efficient and convenient. Several loops being provided in tape 4 as specified the length of the towel support formed from band 3 can be varied to suit different situations by wrapping said band more or less times upon itself and utilizing any one of the said loops found convenient for the particular adjustment. The improvement however is not confined to this detail.

An endless towel of great length can be suspended from the supporter above described by means of a series of strips, tapes or cords 9 sewed at intervals to the inside of the towel near its edges as indicated in the drawings. These may be cut from stout tape in pieces about as long as the width of the towel so that when their ends are fastened to the towel for a short distance from its edge they form suspending loops under which the supporting band is passed. When a series of these strips 9 have been thus attached to the towel and strung upon a suitably held supporter 3 said towel will hang in folds as shown. Each fold can be entirely utilized for wiping purposes and the front fold or folds can be thrown back over the supporter and practically out of sight thereby exposing to view a cleaner portion of the towel. When required the towel can be easily detached from its support to be washed and ironed or mangled. Should any fold become worn or torn it can be cut away and the remaining part connected again and used. The supporter can be separately cleansed if necessary and it will obviously not require it as often as the towel.

By the improvement hereinbefore set forth a very great length of toweling can be suspended in numerous folds from one roll or bar and within a small compass. When so suspended the interior folds will be defended by the outer ones from floating dust. After use the damp portion of the fold will fall behind and be concealed and protected from dust by the exterior dry portion. As soon as a front fold

becomes dirty it can be turned out of sight as before stated. The towel is not subjected to wear and tear occasioned by the use of an ordinary suspending roller and an endless towel of usual form.

It is obvious that the folds may be varied both in number and length and also that the suspending band may be wrapped or coiled on itself one, two or more times and the length of the same supporter thereby varied. And if the supporter were not coiled or wrapped at all but made in the form of a single loop some of the advantages of my improvement might be secured. It is however essential that the supporter and the separate towel fold supporting attachments be so connected to each other and to the folds that they can without disconnection be passed from the front to the rear.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a towel suspending device the supporter consisting of a band of duck or the like coiled or wrapped upon itself in several folds, the tape secured to said band at intervals along its central longitudinal line to form stays, a tape or cord securing the inner end

of the band to one of the stays and means for securing the outer end of the band, substantially as set forth.

2. The towel suspending device consisting of cross strips secured to the towel at intervals in combination with a supporting band adapted to be movably connected with said strips and with a roller whereby an endless towel can be suspended in folds and the folds with the strips moved from the front to the rear without detaching either the supporter or strips, substantially as set forth.

3. In combination, towel suspending attachments adapted to hold several folds of a towel at their adjacent ends and a supporter for said attachments whereby the several folds may be moved from the front to the rear of the body of folds without being disconnected from the said supporter, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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