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ROBE OR BLANKET HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

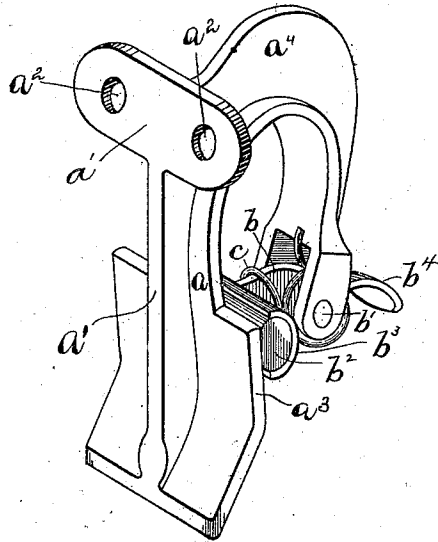


FIG. 2.

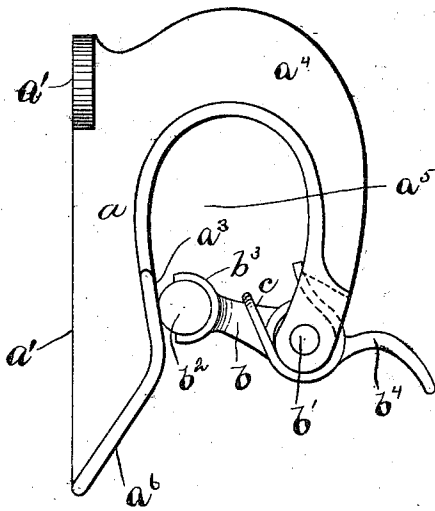
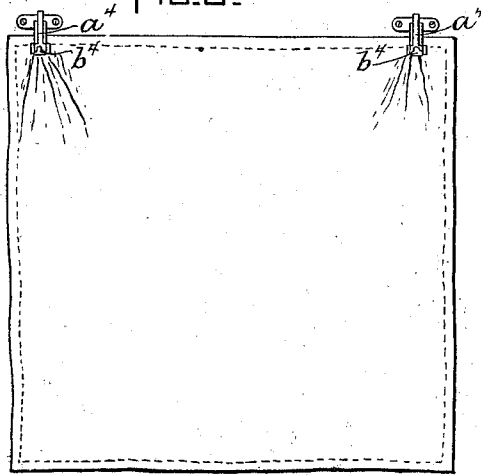


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARVEY F. CRAWFORD, of Brockton, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Robe or Blanket Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide an improved construction of clamp or holder adapted to be used in pairs attached to a wall or other vertical support for the purpose of suspending a carriage robe or blanket by one edge and holding the same so that its whole surface can be conveniently brushed and inspected.

The invention consists in the improved clamp or holder which I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved holder. Fig. 2 represents a side view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a view showing a robe or blanket suspended by two of my improved holders.

The same letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In carrying out my invention I make a clamp or holder comprising a base portion a , having an extended flat seat a' at one side adapted to bear on a flat vertical support, such as the wall of a room, and provided with screw-holes a^2 to receive attaching-screws, the form of the seat a' being such that when the device is screwed to a wall it will be rigidly supported and prevented from rocking in any direction. On the side of the base opposite the seat a' is formed a clamping-face a^3 . From the base, above said clamping-face, projects an overhanging arm a^4 , which extends outwardly from the base and downwardly to a point opposite the clamping-face a^3 , the arm and base forming a recess a^5 , which is closed at its upper end and is unobstructed at the sides of the device and has a mouth or opening between the lower end of the arm and the clamping-face a^3 .

b represents a lever, which is pivoted at b' to the lower end of the arm a^4 and is formed to extend across the mouth of the opening a^5 . The lever is provided with a frictional tip b^2 , which is adapted to exert a yielding frictional

hold upon a blanket or robe interposed between it and the face a^3 . The said tip is a cylindrical piece of rubber forced, while compressed, into a socket b^3 formed on the lever b , the mouth of said socket being somewhat narrower than its interior, so that the tip b^2 will expand within the socket and will be retained firmly in place thereby, the tip projecting from the mouth of the socket.

The length of the lever b , including the tip b^2 , is such that the distance between the pivot b' and the bearing-surface of the tip b^2 is greater than the width of the mouth of the recess a^5 . Hence the lever b cannot swing downwardly over said mouth, but when at its lowest position is held substantially in the position shown in Fig. 2 by the bearing of the tip b^2 on the seat a^3 .

c represents a spring, which is arranged to press the lever b downwardly and thus hold the tip b^2 in yielding contact with the seat a^3 , the spring as here shown comprising a portion which is coiled around the pivot b' of the lever b , an end portion which bears upon the lever, and another end portion which bears upon the arm a^4 . The lever b is provided with an outwardly-projecting thumb-piece or handle b^4 , by which it can be raised to separate the tip b^2 from the seat a^3 or from a robe or blanket interposed between said tip and seat.

The base a is preferably provided with an inclined guiding-face a^6 , which extends below the clamping-face a^3 at an angle therewith, said guiding-face being adapted to guide the edge of a robe or blanket upwardly into the mouth of the opening a^5 .

The improved device above described is used in pairs, as shown in Fig. 3, the two members of the pair being placed at a suitable distance apart upon a wall. It will be seen that when the upper edge of a robe or blanket is pressed upwardly into the mouth of the opening a^5 the lever b will yield and permit the insertion of said edge between the face a^3 and tip b^2 , the spring holding the tip in engagement with the outer surface of the robe or blanket, so that it immediately engages the latter and prevents it from dropping from the opening a^5 . The two clamping devices conjointly hold the blanket in a smoothly-extended position, so that its entire

outer surface can be readily brushed and inspected.

I claim—

5 A blanket clamp or holder comprising a
base having at one side an extended flat seat
formed to bear on a wall or other support,
and perforated for the reception of attaching-
10 screws, the opposite side of the base having
a clamping-face; an overhanging arm pro-
jecting from the upper portion of the base
above the clamping-face and extended down-
wardly to a point opposite the clamping-face,
said arm and base forming an opening or re-
cess the mouth of which is between the arm
15 and clamping-face; a lever pivoted to the
outer end of the arm, said lever extending
across the mouth of said recess and having a

socket which has a mouth or opening in the
side adjacent to the clamping-face, an elastic
clamping-tip inserted removably in said 20
socket and projecting therefrom toward the
clamping-face; and a spring connected with
said arm and lever and arranged to press the
clamping-tip of the lever yieldingly against
the clamping-face on the frame. 25

In testimony whereof I have signed my
name to this specification, in the presence of
two subscribing witnesses, this 25th day of
January, A. D. 1896.

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