

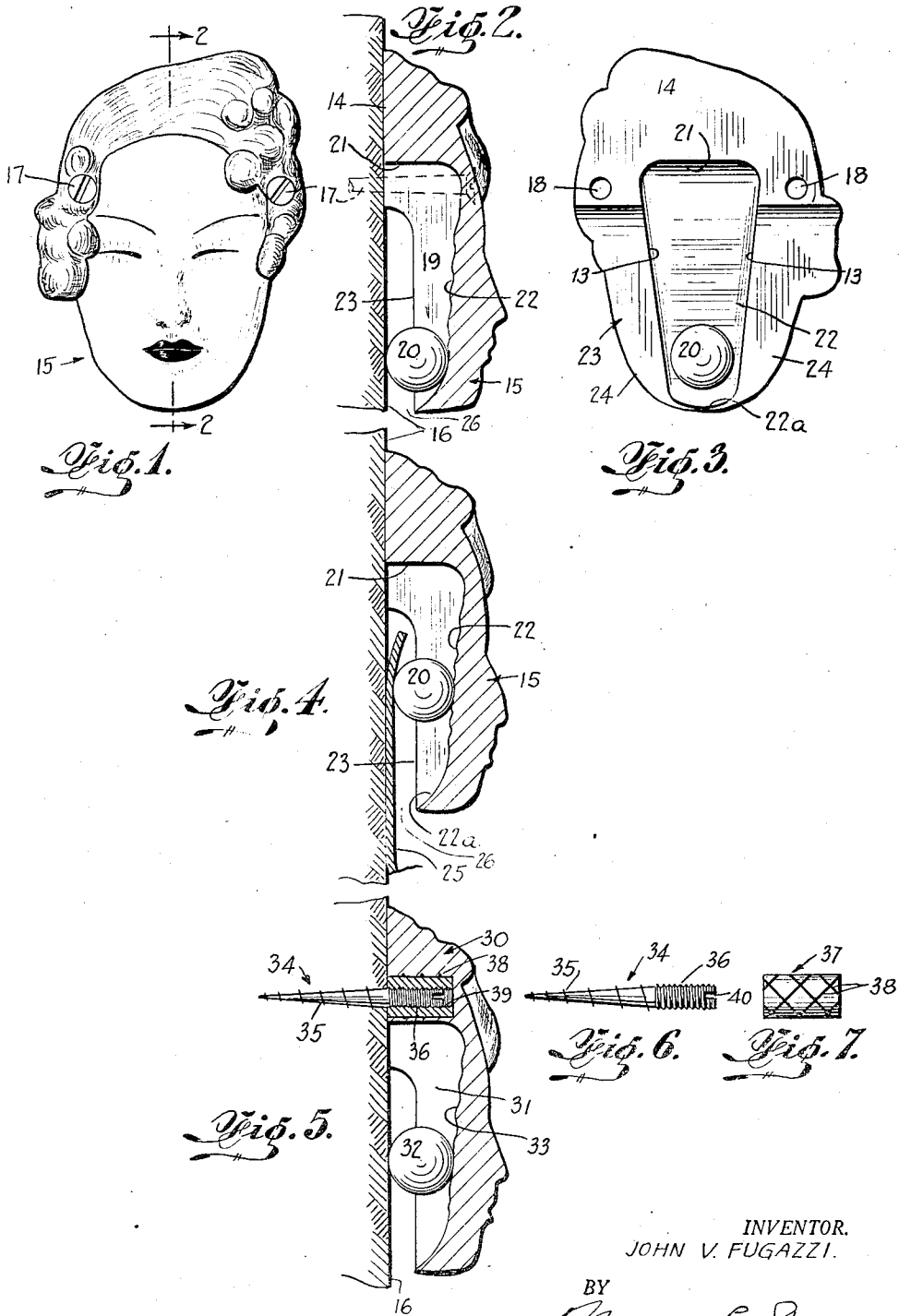
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This invention relates to improvements in devices for holding in suspension articles such as towels, napkins, hats or similar articles, and has more particular reference to the type wherein a ball is employed in cooperation with a grooved body to releasably hold the article against a substantially flat surface.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a very simple, efficient, economical and practical holder of the aforesaid type which is manipulatable with ease, aesthetic in appearance and which cannot get out of order because of its simplicity in construction.

It is another object of the present invention to provide an improved holder of the aforesaid type which is cooperation with a conventional flat object, such as a wall, door, etc., is adapted to detachably support an article in suspended position and in which the gripping quality thereof is improved relative to devices of like nature heretofore made.

It is yet another object of the present invention to make the body of the holder of the aforesaid type, out of plastic composition.

Another object of the invention is to provide improved attaching means for said device.

These and other objects and advantageous features are accomplished by the novel and practical construction hereinafter disclosed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, constituting an essential part of the disclosure, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a holder device embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken along line 2—2 of Figure 1, showing the device in an inoperative position;

Fig. 3 is a rear view of Figure 1;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Figure 2, but showing the device in an operative position;

Fig. 5 is a section taken through a device embodying the invention with modified attaching means; and

Figs. 6 and 7, are views of a screw and sleeve utilizable in the construction of the invention shown in Figure 5.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, there is disclosed a preferably molded body 15 made of any suitable material, such as, wood pulp, papier mâché, plaster, clay, plastic composition, rubber, etc. Body 15 has a laterally projecting flat-faced upper portion 14 adapted to abut against a flat surface, such as, a plate, door or wall 16, and by virtue of which the portions 23 of the body is spaced from the abutment 16 providing openings or spaces therebetween. Body

15 may be secured to abutment 16 by means of screws 17 projecting through the openings 18 formed in the portion 14 of body 15.

Body 15 is provided with a recess 19 which preferably extends within portion 14. Recess 19 is formed by the upper substantially horizontally wall 21, the lateral converging walls 13 and the slanting preferably corrugated front or forward wall 22 having an inwardly directed preferably curved lower portion 22a terminating flush with the extremities of the flat faces 24 of the portions 23 of body 15.

A ball 20 is adapted to operate within recess 19 to support between it and wall 16, an article 25, such as a towel, hat, garment, etc. The article 25 is inserted from the bottom of body 15 within the space 26 between it and wall 16, causing ball 20 to ride up against the inclined wall 22. As the article 25 is released the ball 20 will fall by gravity, wedging the article between it and wall 16, since the wall 22 is inclined. The corrugations in wall 22 will facilitate the gripping action, as the ball will tend to tighten thereagainst. The curved lower portion 22a of wall 22 will facilitate the "riding-up" action of the ball as the article 25 is inserted within space 26.

In Figure 5, the ball 32 rides up wall 33 of recess 31. Modified means for securing body 30 to abutment 16 is provided. A sleeve 37 having ribs 38 is embedded within body 30. Sleeve 37 is provided with machine-screw threads 39. A screw 34 has wood-screw threads 35 in its front portion and machine-screw threads 36 in its rear portion, the said rear portion being provided with a slot 40 to accommodate the end of a screw driver for driving the screw within abutment 16. The machine-screw threads 36 and 39 are complementary. As the screw 34 is driven, the wood-screw threads 35 will engage the abutment 16 and the threads 36 will engage the threads 39.

Body 15 or 30 may comprise any desired caricature or configuration. It may assume the shape of a human head as seen in Figure 1; or that of an animal's head or allegorical figure.

From the foregoing it is evident that as one mode of the invention, there has been provided a device comprising a molded body 15 having a front face provided with a configuration, a vertically disposed recess 19 having its opening at the rear face of said body, said recess having a substantially inclined wall 22 at the back of said front face and substantially slanting lateral walls 13, said lateral walls 13 and said inclined wall 22 converging at the lower portion of said body in an arcuate bottom wall 22a, the lower portion

23 of said body being in a lower plane than that of the upper portion 14 thereof, and a spherical member adapted to operate within the said recess of said body for the purpose hereinabove described.

From the foregoing it can be readily seen that there has herein been provided an efficient and aesthetic towel, wearing apparel or like holder in which the various objects hereinbefore mentioned has been attained.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is:

A device of the character described comprising a molded body having a front face provided with a configuration, a vertically disposed recess having its opening at the rear face of said body, said

recess having a substantially inclined wall at the back of said front face and substantially slanting lateral walls, said lateral walls and said inclined wall converging at the lower portion of said body in an inwardly curved bottom wall, the lower portion of said body being in a lower plane than that of the upper portion thereof, and a spherical member adapted to operate within the said recess of said body between said inclined wall and a wall against which said device may be supported, said inclined wall being substantially roughened to prevent rolling upward movement of said spherical member when an article of substantial weight is supported in suspended position between said spherical member and said wall against which said device may be supported.

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