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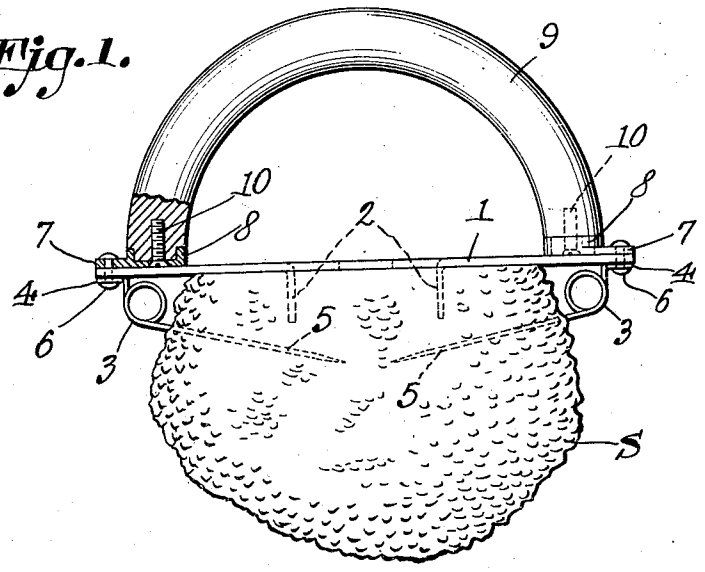


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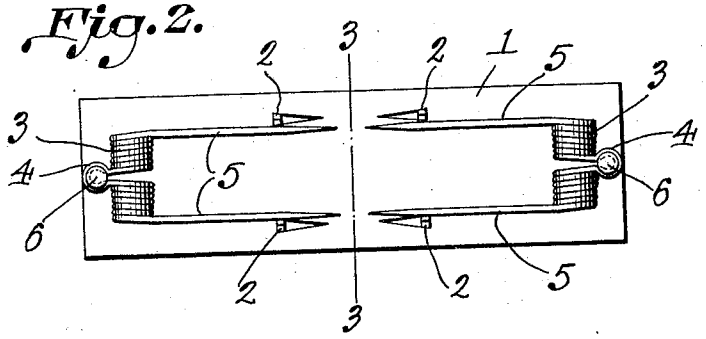
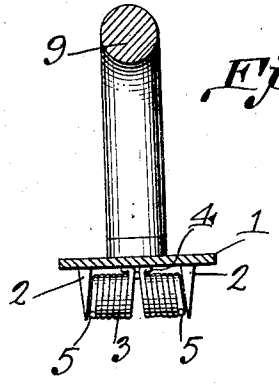


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This invention relates to a device for holding sponges such as used by persons engaged in pressing or cleaning fabrics. Heretofore it has been the practice to use a wet sponge whenever it is desired to moisten a fabric, the sponge being held in the bare hand. Because of the moisture and the fact that the hands, while wet, are subjected to the heat of a flat iron, the use of a sponge soon makes the hands sore.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a simple and efficient form of holder to which a sponge can be held securely, it being possible readily to place the sponge in position or to remove it therefrom.

A further object is to provide a holder which allows the user to keep the hands dry so that resultant soreness due to moisture and heat will be avoided.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings,

Figure 1 is an elevation of a holder with a sponge connected thereto, a portion of the handle being broken away.

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view of the holder.

Figure 3 is a section through the holder on line 3—3, Figure 2.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference 1 designates a plate having spurs 2 struck downwardly therefrom adjacent the center, any desired number of these being employed although four are preferably used. Arranged adjacent each end of the plate 1 is a coiled spring 3 the middle convolutions of which are joined by an integral eye 4 bearing against the plate. The free ends of the coil are extended towards the center of the plate and provides substantially parallel prongs 5.

A rivet 6 or the like is extended through each of the eyes 4 and through the adjacent portion of the plate 1, this rivet serving not only to hold the eye firmly to the plate but also to fasten to the plate an ear 7 extending from a ferrule 8 resting on the end portion of the plate. One of these ferrules is located at each end of the holder and said ferrules constitute seats for the ends of an arcuate handle 9, said ends being secured in the ferrule in any suitable manner as by means of screws 10.

In practice the prongs 5 are swung away from the plate 1 and a sponge S is forced onto the spurs 2 so as to engage the bottom surface of the plate 1. The prongs are then released and will grip the upper portion of the sponge and clamp it against the plate 1. Thus the sponge will be held firmly assembled with the holder and can be moistened and used without being held in the hand. Instead the handle 9 will afford a convenient means whereby the device can be manipulated readily.

What is claimed is:

1. A holder of the class described including a plate, a handle connected thereto, resilient means connected to the plate for projecting into a sponge and clamping it against the plate, and a spur upon the plate for engaging the clamped sponge.

2. A device of the class described including a plate having a spur projecting therefrom, oppositely disposed resilient prongs connected to the plate, said spurs and prongs being arranged for removable engagement with a sponge, the sprongs constituting means for clamping a sponge to the plate and in engagement with the spurs, and a handle connected to the plate.

3. A device of the class described including a plate, spurs extending therefrom, resilient prongs oppositely disposed but connected to the plate, said prongs constituting means for entering a sponge and clamping a portion of said sponge onto the spurs and against the plate, and a handle connected to the plate.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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