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Fig. 1.

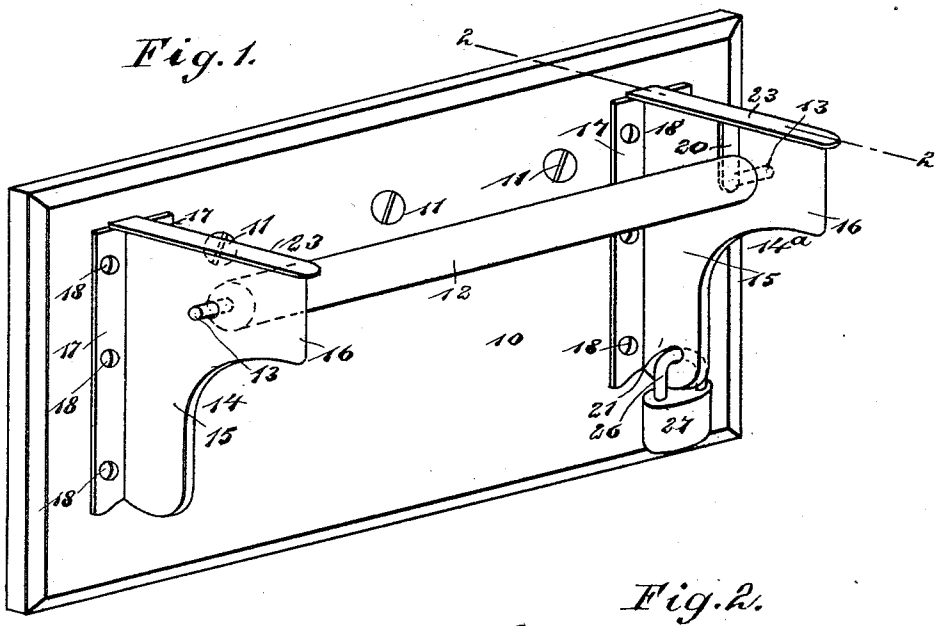
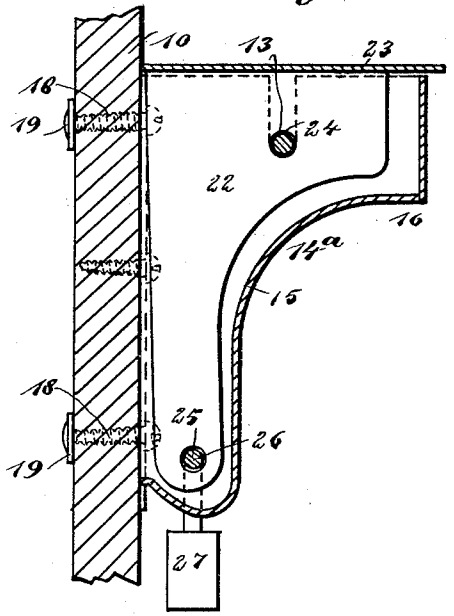


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. NEIDHARDT, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Towel-Bracket, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to improvements in towel-brackets such as are adapted for holding roller-towels. Towels of this class are usually found in public places, such as bar-rooms, hotels, and toilet-rooms, and as the towel-fixtures are necessarily exposed to the public they are frequently stolen.

The object of my invention is to produce a towel-bracket which will hold the towel in a convenient position for use and which may be also locked in place, so that it cannot be removed without unlocking it.

To this end my invention consists in a towel-bracket, the construction of which will be hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bracket embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

The bracket is provided with a wall-plate 10, which is secured to a wall by screws 11, and these screws are arranged so as to come directly behind the roller 12, so that a screw-driver cannot be applied to them without first removing the roller, and as the roller is locked, as hereinafter described, the wall-plate cannot be taken down except by the proper person to do so. The roller 12 has the usual end trunnions 13, which are supported and turn in the supplemental brackets 14 and 14^a, which are secured to the wall-plate near its ends. The bracket 14^a has an outer shell 15, which is widened at the top to give it the usual bracket shape and which has at the back a flange 17, adapted to rest against the wall-plate and to receive the fastening-screws 18, which project through the flange and wall-plate, as shown in Fig. 2. Several of the screws 18, or, if necessary, all of them, are provided at their inner ends with washers or burrs 19, to which they are riveted or headed, and consequently the supplemental brackets cannot be removed from the wall-plate. The supplemental bracket 14^a is provided at the top and near the center with vertical slots 20, which extend to the edge thereof and which enable the roller 12 to be removed. The lower portion of the bracket 14^a is perforated, as shown at 21, which perforation registers with the other member of the bracket, as described below. The bracket 14^a has a removable middle portion 22, which extends downward into the shell and which is of the same general shape as the shell. This removable member 22 terminates at its upper edge in a cap 23, adapted to rest upon and close the top of the shell 15, and a similar cap is produced on the bracket 14 to make the brackets look alike. The member or tongue 22 is perforated near the top, as shown at 24 in Fig. 2, so as to receive the roller-trunnion, and it is also perforated near the bottom, as shown at 25, which perforation registers with the perforation 21 in the shell 15. The object of these perforations 21 and 25 is to enable the hasp 26 of the padlock 27 to be inserted in the perforations, and the two members of the bracket will thus be securely locked together. To remove the roller, the padlock 27 is unlocked and the hasp 26 is removed from the two members of the bracket, after which the inner member 22 is removed, thus raising one end of the roller, which may be easily done, owing to the arrangement of the slots 20, and when one end of the roller is raised the other may be slipped from its supporting-bracket.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the bracket is in every way as convenient as the common roller-bracket, and it will be also evident that the bracket cannot be removed from the wall to which it is attached without first unlocking it, and as the key to the lock will be carried by some responsible person the bracket cannot be stolen.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A towel-bracket having parallel outward-projecting arms placed vertically edgewise, one arm having a transverse aperture for one roller-trunnion and the upper edge of the other arm having a trunnion-receiving slot therein, and a separate and independent flat plate 22, provided with a transverse aperture

for the roller-trunnion which enters said slot, and means for positively locking said plate to said slotted arm to prevent the roller-trunnion from being moved out of the slot, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a towel-bracket having the outward-projecting roller-carrying arms having the usual trunnion-receiving slot and aperture, respectively, the slotted arm being hollow and open at its upper end, of a separate and independent plate having an aperture to receive one roller-trunnion and adapted to be inserted down into said hollow arm, the hollow arm and plate having registering apertures to receive a locking device, substantially as set forth.

3. In a roller-towel bracket, a supplemental bracket comprising an outer shell having flanges for attachment to a support and having vertical slots at the top, a removable inner portion adapted to fit within the shell and having a perforation adapted to register with the shell-slots, and a lock to fasten the two parts of the bracket together, substantially as described.

4. A roller-towel bracket comprising a wall-plate, supplemental end brackets secured to the wall-plate, one bracket comprising an outer shell and a removable inner portion, the parts of the bracket being adapted to support a roller and one of the brackets having its shell slotted at the top and its removable portion perforated adjacent to the slots in the shell, and a lock to hold the two parts of the slotted bracket together, substantially as described.

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