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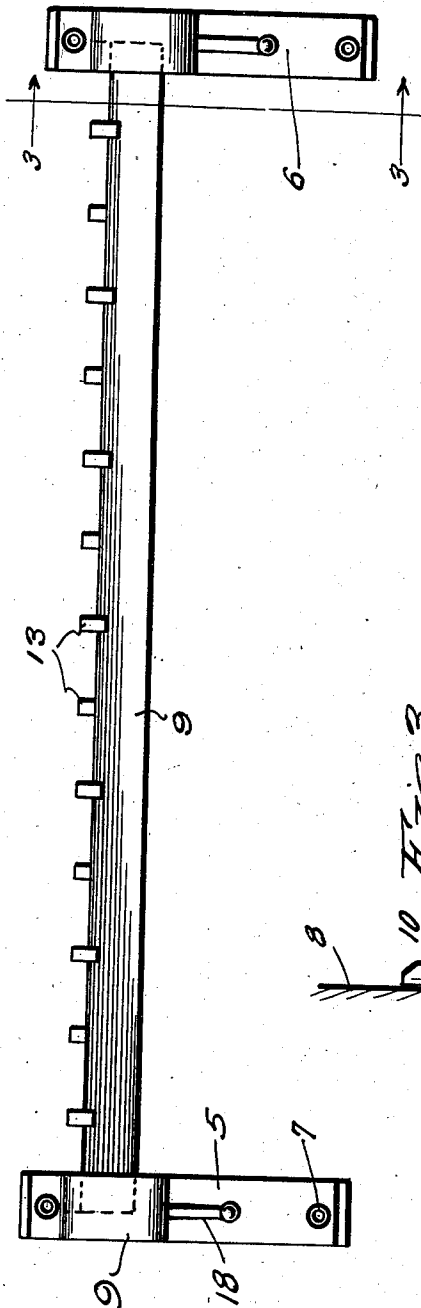


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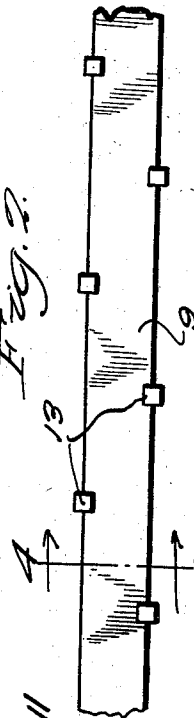
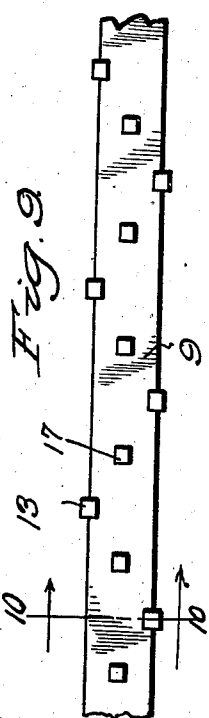


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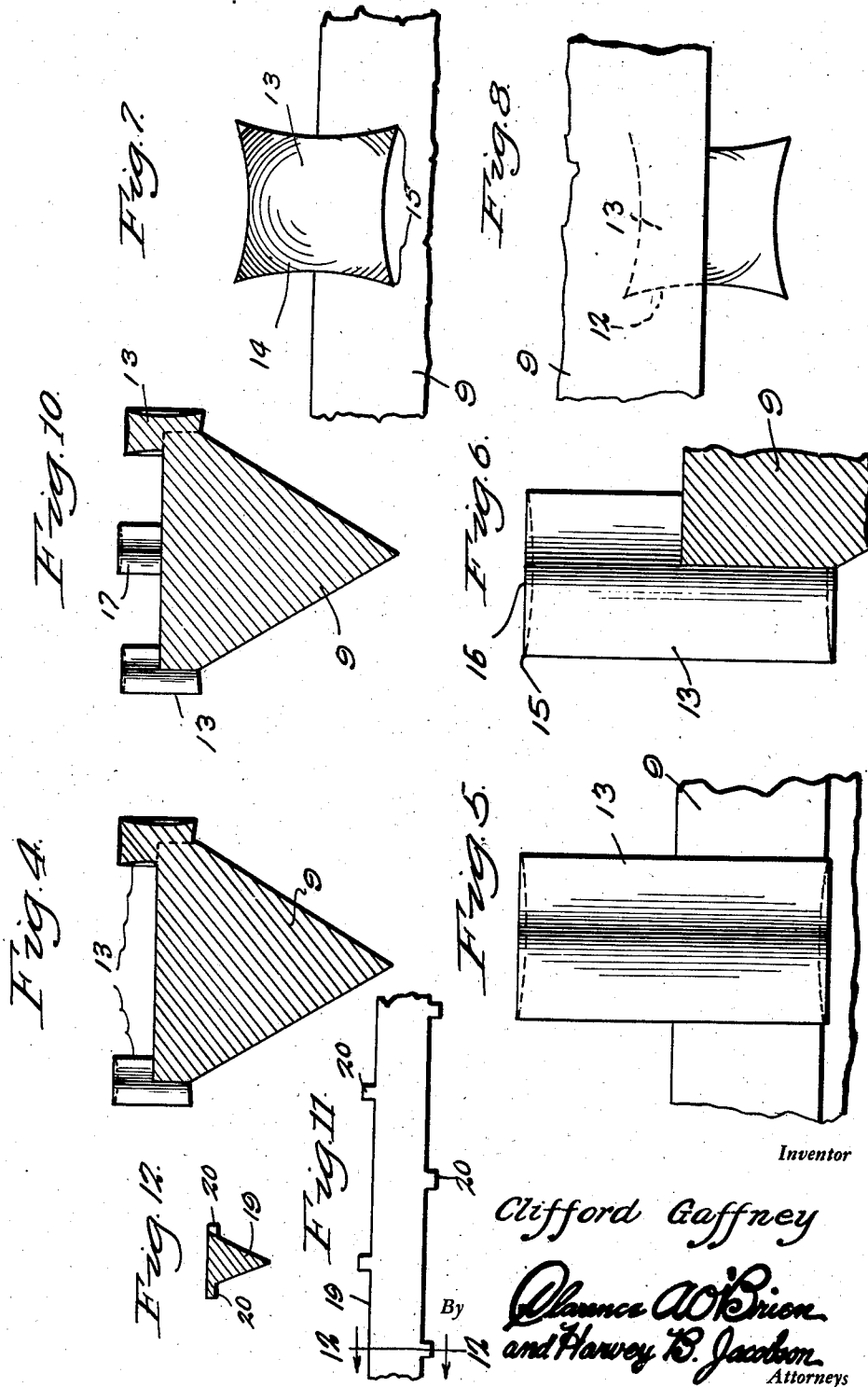
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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in towel racks, and has for its primary object to provide an article of this character including a towel-supporting bar mounted in brackets secured to a wall or other supporting structure and in which the bar embodies means to prevent sliding of the towel or other soft material when placed on the bar, whereby to retain the towel in position thereon.

It is the usual practice to place a towel, face rags and other articles on towel racks which include a round or smooth bar and frequently the towel will slip downwardly on the bar and drop to the floor, and it is accordingly an object of the present invention to construct a bar of this character embodying means to prevent such slipping of the towel on the bar.

A still further object is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is neat and attractive in appearance, efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of the towel rack.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary top plan view of the bar embodying one form of the invention.

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view taken substantially on a line 3-3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view through the bar taken substantially on a line 4-4 of Figure 2.

Figure 5 is an enlarged side elevational view illustrating one of the upstanding retaining lugs carried by the bar.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary transverse sectional view of the bar and showing one of the retaining lugs on the edge thereof.

Figure 7 is a fragmentary top plan view of the bar with one of the retaining lugs.

Figure 8 is a bottom plan view thereof.

Figure 9 is a fragmentary top plan view of a modified form of bar construction.

Figure 10 is a transverse sectional view taken substantially on a line 10-10 of Figure 9.

Figure 11 is a fragmentary plan view of another modified construction.

Figure 12 is a sectional view taken on a line 12-12 of Figure 11.

Referring now to the drawings in detail, and first with respect to the form of the invention illustrated in Figures 1 to 8, inclusive, the numerals 5 and 6 designate a pair of wall brackets having openings 7 therein for receiving attaching screws or the like to attach the bracket to the wall or other supporting structure 8. Each of the brackets are of identical construction and accordingly a detailed description of one will suffice for both.

The bracket includes a forwardly projecting arm 9 having a recess 10 formed in its inner side and adapted for receiving one end of a bar 11, the bar preferably being of substantially triangular shape in cross section, although it will be understood that the bar may be constructed of any desired cross sectional shape.

Pegs 13 project upwardly from the upper side edges of the bar 9 and may be integrally formed with the bar or driven therein.

The pegs 13 are preferably of square shape in cross section and if desired the sides and top thereof may be concaved, as indicated at 14, whereby to form pointed corners 15 and substantially sharpened or beveled upper edges 16.

The pegs 13 are preferably arranged in staggered relation at the respective longitudinal side edges of the bar as will be apparent from an inspection of Figure 2 of the drawings; and if desired the central portion of the top of the bar 9 may also be provided with upstanding longitudinally spaced pegs 17 which are likewise staggered with respect to the pegs 13 at the side edges of the bar.

It will also be understood that the bar may be constructed of plastic material and the pegs integrally formed therewith or stamped from metal.

The towel rack is used in the usual manner, that is, by placing a towel, wash rag or other cloth on the top of the bar with the ends of the towel extending downwardly from the opposite sides of the bar. The sharp edges of the lugs 13 will prevent sliding downwardly of either end of the towel and thus serve to retain the towel in position on the bar.

Hooks 18 may also be attached to the under side of the arm 9 for suspending wash cloths and other small articles therefrom.

In Figures 11 and 12 the bar is shown provided with integrally formed lugs 20 at the side edges thereof and flush with the upper surface of the bar.

It is believed that the details of construction and manner of use of the device will be readily

understood from the foregoing without further detailed explanation.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

1. A towel rack of a type including a bar having a substantially flat top and supported in a horizontal position, and members rising from the side edges of the bar of polygonal cross section and formed with concave sides and upper ends providing sharpened upper edges adapted for engagement with a cloth article placed on the

bar to prevent sliding movement of the article thereon.

2. A towel rack of a type including a bar supported in a horizontal position, and pegs carried by the bar and rising therefrom, said pegs including a plurality of pointed corners at their upper ends adapted for engaging a cloth article placed on the bar to prevent sliding movement of the article on the bar.

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