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Fig. 1.

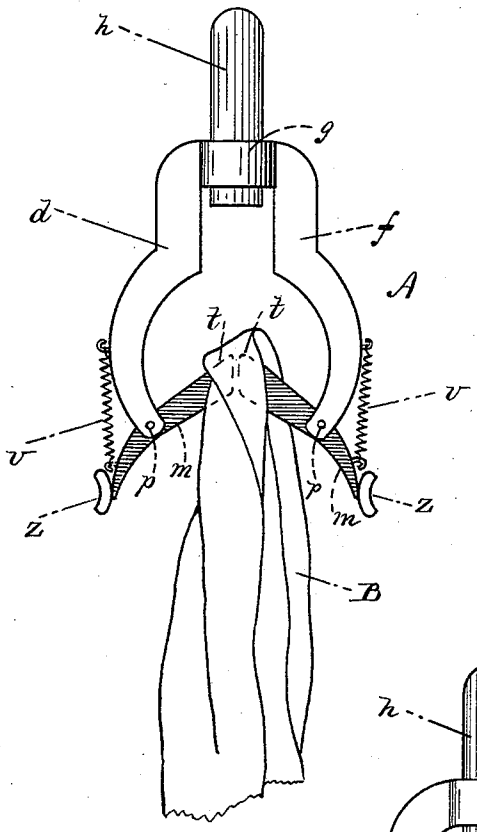


Fig. 2.

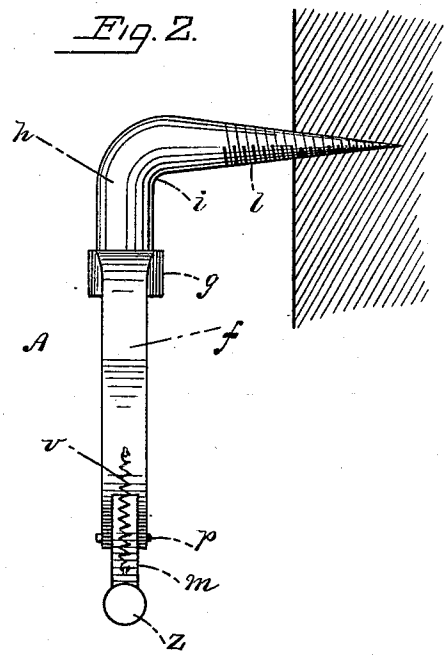


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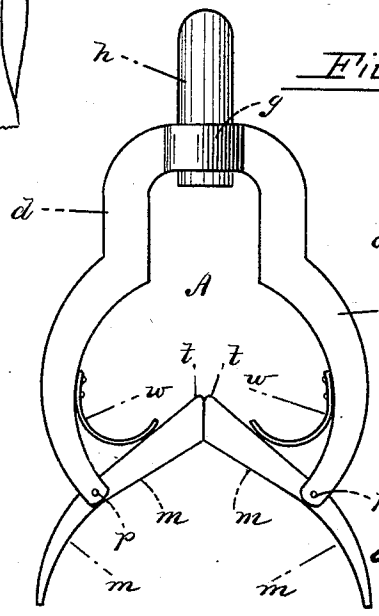
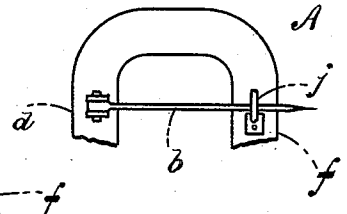


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE G. GAILLAC, of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Devices for Holding Towels and Similar Articles, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation showing my improvement in use; Fig. 2, an edge elevation of the holder; and Figs. 3 and 4 elevations showing modifications of the improvement.

Like letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to a device for detachably holding towels, napkins, and similar articles in convenient position for use; and it consists in certain novel features, as hereinafter fully set forth and claimed, the object being to produce a simpler, cheaper, and more effective device of this character than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the holder, and B the towel.

The body A consists of two downwardly-projecting curved arms *d f*, connected at their upper ends by a ring *g*, which is fitted to revolve on the end of a rod *h*. The rod *h* is bent at right angles at *i*, Fig. 2, and is screw-threaded at *l* to enable it to be readily secured in a wall D or other convenient position. A clamping-bar *m* is pivoted at *p* in the lower end of each arm *d f*, in such a manner that the inner ends *t* of said arms come in contact with each other. A coiled spring *v* is secured by one end to the outer edge of each arm *d f*, the lower ends of said springs being secured to the outer ends of the bars *m*. The springs *v* act contractively to elevate the outer ends of the clamping-bars and thereby force their inner ends into engagement. A thumb-piece *z* is secured to the lower end of each bar *m*. In the use of my improvement the device may be adjusted in any suitable position by means of its screw *l*.

By depressing the lower ends of the bars *m* by means of their thumb-pieces a towel B may readily be inserted between the clamping ends *t* of said bars, the springs *v* holding the bars in engagement with the towel as soon as released from the hand.

It will be seen that by drawing the towel upward it may be readily withdrawn from between the clamping-bars.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3 curved flat springs *w* are secured by one end to the inner edges of the arms *d f*, the free ends of said springs bearing on the bars *m* and effecting the same result as the springs *v*.

In the holder shown in Fig. 4 the ring *g* and rod *h* are dispensed with, and a pin *b* and pin-hook *j* are secured to the back of the body, whereby it may be fastened to the clothing.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination of a body comprising two inwardly-curved arms secured together at one end, clamping-rods pivoted in the outer ends of said arms so that the inner ends of said rods will engage, contractile springs connecting the outer ends of said rods with said arms, and means, substantially as described, for suspending said body.

2. In a towel-holder, the body A, comprising the arms *d f* and ring *g*, in combination with the screw-rod *h*, clamping-bars *m*, and springs *w*, substantially as described.

3. In a towel-holder, the body A, provided with the arms *d f* and ring *g*, in combination with the rod *h*, clamping-bars *m*, pivoted in the outer ends of said arms, springs *v*, connecting the outer ends of said bars with said arms, and the plates *z* on said bars, all being arranged to operate substantially as described.

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