STORAGE RECEPTACLE FOR WET ARTICLES

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This invention relates to household devices, and has particular reference to a hamper for storing wet objects. An object of the invention is to provide a hamper which may be used in a kitchen for out of the way storage of wet dish rags, dish cloths, and the like, or which may be used in a bathroom, or in a dressing room, for out of the way storage of stockings, under-garments, or other light things, which a female might wish to wash and dry in privacy.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the character indicated, which may be suspended beneath the sink or drain board in a kitchen, or beneath a wash basin or built-in vanity in a bathroom, or may be suspended from the ceiling of a dressing room or the like, or may be positioned on the floor in any convenient place, as any clothes hamper may be positioned.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the character indicated, which has means for suspending it in an out of the way place, but remains readily accessible for loading and unloading by slidably moving the cover with respect to the hamper, and vice versa.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages of the invention will become more apparent as the description proceeds, reference being made from time to time to the accompanying drawing forming part of the within disclosure, in which drawing:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view, with parts broken away, and parts in adjusted relation, of a device embodying the invention, and illustrating the means whereby the device may be suspended from the ceiling or the like.

FIG. 2 is a reduced elevational view illustrating how the device may be suspended beneath a kitchen sink or the like.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, it will be understood that in the embodiment herein disclosed, the reference character 7 indicates in general, the hamper or container embodying the invention. The hamper 7 is preferably rectangular in shape, and may be stamped from aluminum, or may be molded from polyethylene, or other suitable plastic material, and is preferably formed with corner posts 8, 9, 10, and 11, end and side walls 12, 13, 14, and 15, bottom 16, and top 17. The bottom 16 is perforated as at 18, so that excess water may be drained therefrom. The side and end walls are perforated, or are provided with decorative cutouts 19, so that air may freely circulate therethrough. The top 17 is provided with louvers 20, also to provide ventilation. The lower ends of the corner posts 8, 9, 10, and 11, serve as feet, so that the device may be rested on the floor and have free circulation of air through the bottom. Or, the device may be suspended from a ceiling or beneath a sink or wash bowl, or the like, as hereinafter described.

The upper longitudinal edges of the side walls 13 and 15 are each provided with a finish molding 21, each molding 21 has an interwound channel member 22, which serves as a guide for the top 17, which is slidably with reference to the hamper 7. The channel members 22 also provide suspension means for the hamper 7, when the device is suspended from a ceiling by means of any suitable hooks 23 and the hand grips 24, or when suspended beneath a sink 25 or wash basin, as shown in FIG. 2. When the device is rested on the floor, the hooks 23 are not employed. In such an application, the hand grips 24 may then be used for slidably removing the cover 17 from the hamper. When the device is suspended on the hooks 23, the cover 17 may remain with the hooks, and the hamper 7 may be removed, by holding the cover 17 in position and sliding the hamper away from the cover 17. The hamper may be replaced on the cover 17 by the reverse operation.

On the interior, near the top of the hamper 7, I prefer to position one or two tubular members 26, which serve as hangers for supporting a woman's stockings, as shown at 27 (FIG. 1), or other pieces of apparel when the device is in the bathroom. When the device is used in a kitchen, the hangers 26 may be used to support wet dish cloths, dish rags, and the like, so that they may be out of sight at all times, yet be provided with adequate circulation of air for drying purposes. The hangers 26 are assembled and are preferably held in position by extending them through suitable bores formed in the end walls 12 and 14.

It is believed that the operation of the device is obvious from the foregoing description.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

A receptacle of the character described, comprising a perforated bottom, front, back and end walls, each having spaced flat, parallel areas, cut out elements in the spaces defined by said parallel areas, said cut out elements being arranged to serve as decorative elements and means to ventilate the interior of said receptacle, rods on the interior of said receptacle extending from end to end thereof and supported on the inside faces of the parallel areas of said end walls, and a closure for said receptacle comprising a top member slidably in channels formed along the upper edges of said front and back walls, said closure having an inverted J shaped handle near each end, each handle having a cut out portion arranged to receive an element depending from the top wall of a cabinet, whereby the device may be supported in elevated position on the inside of said cabinet.

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