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TOWEL OR CLOTH HOLDER

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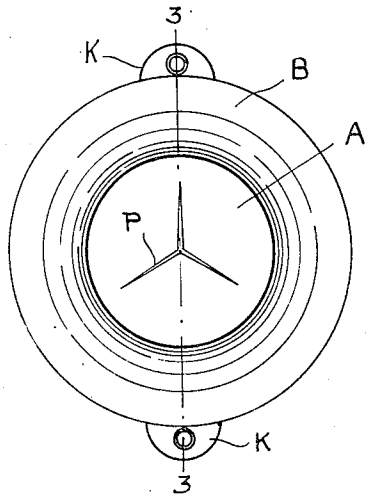
FIG. 1.



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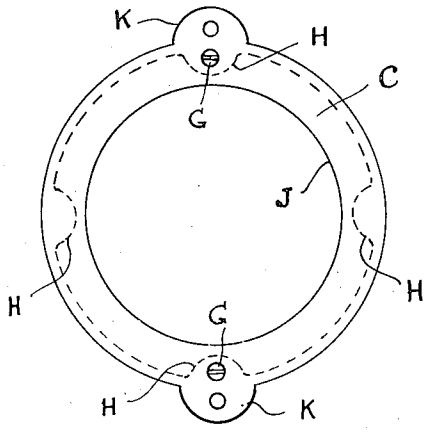

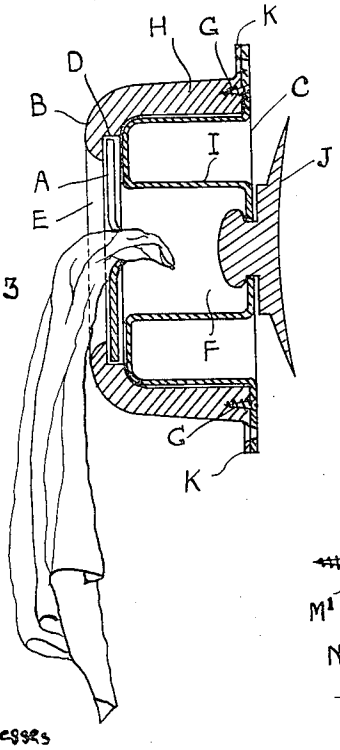

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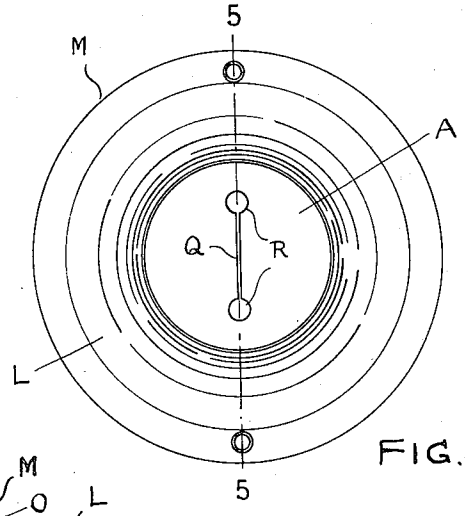

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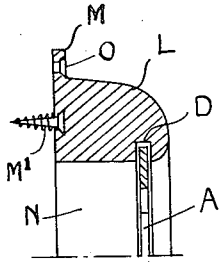

FIG. 5.

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This invention relates to towel or cloth holders.

The novel device concerned is one which comprises an apertured member or holder which is fitted with a separate resilient member that is perforated, slotted, slitted or punctured opposite the aperture in the member or holder so as to yield to admit the entrance or passage of an article such as a towel or the like, and thereby to grip it.

In a known construction of device the slitted member comprises a disc of rubber which is fastened between two members of an apertured frame with its slitted portion located opposite the aperture in the frame, the rubber disc being permanently fastened to one of the members by adhesive or by nails or pins and the other member is then placed over the disc and fastened to the first member. It is difficult to attach the rubber disc because of finding a suitable solution that will make rubber adhere permanently to a base such as wood, metal, bakelite and many other solid materials. It is also difficult to drive nails or pins through rubber and even then wood must be used for the frame.

With our invention we are able to provide an improved towel or cloth holder in which no difficulty arises in mounting the rubber disc or flexible member, as we make provision in the frame or holder for gripping or retaining the said flexible member in position without it being permanently attached to any part of the frame in any way so that it is freely held and capable of removal or replacement.

By our invention we so construct the frame or holder as to provide a groove surrounding the aperture and within which the flexible member is accommodated so as to be held more or less loosely between the walls of the groove.

The frame may be a single member provided with the groove turned, moulded or cast in it, according to requirements and convenience of production of the device.

Instead the frame may be of two members, or more, and the groove created by the spacing apart of opposing surfaces or shoulders of the separate members otherwise having an abutment or engagement one with the other.

The device may be adapted to receive a sucker by which it can be secured to a wall or other surface.

The accompanying drawing illustrates two constructions of the device.

In this drawing, Fig. 1 is a front elevation of one construction of which Fig. 2 is a rear elevation and, Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 3—3 Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of an alternative construction, of which Fig. 5 is a part section on line 5—5 Fig. 4.

In Figs. 1 to 3, the device, excluding the rubber disc A, is made in two separate parts comprising a front member B and a rear member C fitting one in the other and their construction and fitment being such that an annular groove D obtains between abutting faces of the said members for loosely and removably accommodating the disc A. The front member B has an aperture E coaxial with the groove D and the rear member C has a central passage F coaxial with the aperture E of the front member B.

The rear member C is or may be secured to the front member B by set screws G at two or more of the thickened portions H on the front member and for enabling the device to be secured to a wall or other surface, the rear face of the boss I of the rear member C may be apertured to receive a sucker J, or two or more lugs such as K may be provided on the front member B, for the passage of set screws.

In Figs. 4 and 5 a one piece construction, apart from the disc, is shown in which the annular groove D is formed or provided in the front portion or boss L of a circular base M which is provided with a through aperture N. A screw M^1 is embedded in the rear of the base M or holes O are provided for securing the device to a wall or like surface by screws.

As will be seen, the disc A which is preferably of rubber, may have three slits P radiating outwards from the centre as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 or a single slit Q terminating at each end in a hole R as shown in Fig. 4.

In use the device is secured to a wall or like surface and when it is desired to suspend a towel from said device, one end or a portion of the towel S is thrust through the disc A which deforms owing to its slitted portion and grips the inserted end or portion of the towel as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The towel is easily and quickly removed by merely pulling it.

What we claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A towel or cloth holder comprising a front member and a separate rear member, the rear member fitting interiorly of the front member, coaxially aligned apertures in said front and rear members, contacting faces of the two members abutting to form an interior annular groove adapted for loosely and removably accommodating a flexible deformable disc in a location between the apertures of the front and rear mem-

bers and means structurally of the holder permitting its attachment to a surface by extraneous means.

2. A towel or cloth holder comprising a front member and a separate rear member, the rear member fitting interiorly of the front member, coaxially aligned apertures in said front and rear members, contacting faces of the two members abutting to form an interior annular groove located between said apertures, a flexible deformable disc loosely and removably accommodated in said annular groove, one of said members being adapted for securing to a surface by extraneous means.

3. A towel or cloth holder comprising a front member and a separate rear member, the rear member fitting interiorly of the front member and having attached means for securing the holder to a surface, coaxially aligned apertures in said front and rear members, contacting faces of the two members abutting to form an interior annular groove located between said apertures, a flexible deformable disc loosely and removably accommodated in said annular groove and means attaching the rear member to the front member.

4. A towel or cloth holder comprising a front member and a separate rear member, the rear member fitting interiorly of the front member, coaxially aligned apertures in said front and rear members, contacting faces of the two members abutting to form an interior annular groove located between said apertures, a flexible deformable disc loosely and removably accommodated in said annular groove, and a sucker attached to the rear member for securing the holder to a surface.

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