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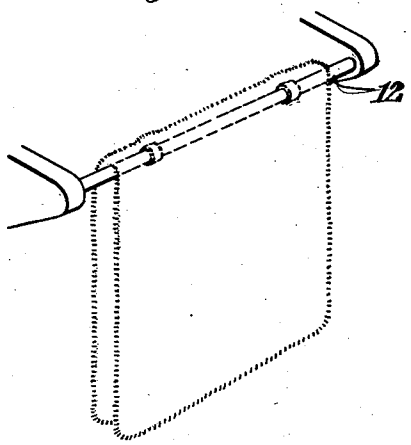


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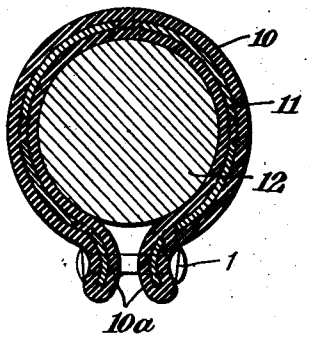


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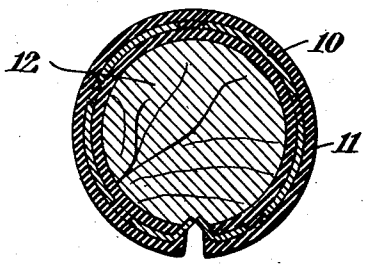


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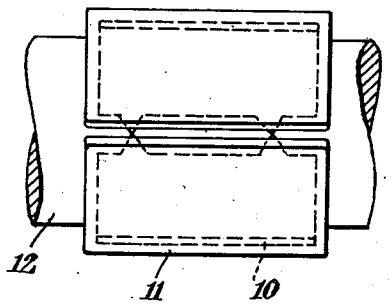
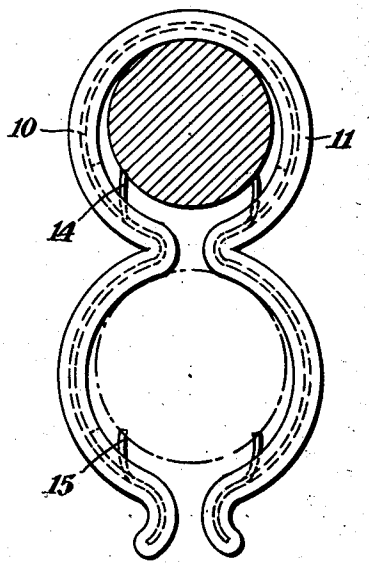


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to towel rack attachments and has for an object to provide a simple, inexpensive and efficient device for attachment to towel racks to prevent slippage of towels.

A towel rack attachment embodying the invention consists of a split rubber sleeve having a spring metal insert therein tensioned to contract said sleeve into frictional contact with a rod passing therethrough. Such an attachment may readily be attached to a towel rack merely by spreading the sleeve and snapping it into place and will effectively prevent slippage of the towel. The insert may be provided with inwardly projecting tangs to stick into a wooden bar and thus lock the sleeve against rotation or the friction of the sleeve alone may be relied upon to prevent rotation thereof.

Also, in a modified embodiment of the invention, the sleeve may be provided with two different size channels to receive the rod upon which the attachment is mounted, thus adapting the attachment for use with rods of different size and each channel may be provided with inwardly directed tongues for engagement with the rod, these tongues permitting additional variations in the size of the rod on which the attachment may be mounted.

Other objects, novel features and advantages of this invention will become apparent from the following specification and accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a towel rack equipped with attachment embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a transverse section through one embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 3 is a transverse section through a second modification of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the modification shown in Fig. 3, and

Fig. 5 is a transverse section of a further modification of the invention.

Referring more especially to Figs. 1 and 2, the attachment comprises a split rubber sleeve 10 in which is molded a slotted spring metal insert 11 of the same transverse configuration as the sleeve. The longitudinal edges of the sleeve are extended as at 10a and the metal insert extends up into such extensions.

The sleeve may readily and quickly be attached to the rod 12 of a towel rack merely by springing the edges far enough apart to pass the same over the rod. The insert 11 is so tensioned as to contract the sleeve into frictional engagement with the rod to prevent movement of the sleeve on the rod and the interior of the sleeve frictionally grips a towel laid thereon to prevent slippage thereof.

In the modification disclosed in Figs. 3 and 4, the extensions 10a are dispensed with but the insert is provided with tangs or tongues 11a which project inwardly of the sleeve. These tangs are effective to stick into a wooden rod 12 and lock the sleeve against rotation on the rod. Also, these tangs are effective to project into the seam of a seamed rod for the same purpose.

In the modification disclosed in Fig. 5, the sleeve 10 and insert 11 are formed with two channels, one of which is of larger diameter than the other. The device is thus adapted for mounting on rods of different diameter. In order to still further increase the different sizes of rods on which the device may be mounted, tangs 14 and 15 are struck out of the metal insert and project into the channels. These prongs are adapted to engage the periphery of a rod of smaller diameter than the diameter of the channel, but are movable back into the sleeve to accommodate a rod of the diameter of the channel. These tangs automatically recede into the sleeve when the same is applied to a rod of the same diameter as the channel. With the arrangement disclosed in Fig. 5, the device is adapted for mounting on rods ranging in diameter from the smallest diameter rod which will be held in place by the tongues 14 to the largest diameter rod which will be received within the larger channel.

Each of the modifications above described may be equally and easily snapped into place around a rod and will be held in proper relation thereto by frictional engagement or actual penetration of the tangs into the rod should the latter be of soft enough material for that purpose. Also, each of the modifications provides frictional contact for preventing slippage of a towel laid across the rod upon which the devices are mounted. If desired, each extended longitudinal edge 10a of the sleeve may be provided with one or more apertures through which rivets or the like may be passed for clamping the sleeve on the rod 12.

I claim:

1. An attachment for towel rods or the like having a longitudinal groove, said attachment comprising a split rubber sleeve, a spring metal insert therein tensioned to contract said sleeve, and tangs projecting inwardly from the ends of said insert and being receivable in the rod groove.

2. An attachment for towel racks comprising a split rubber sleeve having two channels of different diameters, a spring metal insert therein tensioned to contract said sleeve, and resilient tangs projecting from said insert inwardly into each channel for engagement with a rod passing therethrough.

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