This invention relates to bath towels, and more particularly to a bath towel having handle means for manipulating the same.

One object of this invention is to provide a towel of the above nature having a body portion preferably of Turkish toweling material by means of which a person may readily clean, massage and dry his back and shoulders.

Another object is to provide a towel of the above nature in which the toweling material is provided with end strips devoid of the Turkish "nap", each end strip having a pair of elongated slots which are adapted to register with each other when the towel is folded longitudinally upon itself to provide suitable handle or finger grips at the opposite ends of the towel.

A further object is to provide a towel of the above nature which will be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, easy to manipulate, compact, ornamental in appearance, and very efficient and durable in use.

With these and other objects in view, there have been illustrated on the accompanying drawings two forms in which the invention may be conveniently embodied in practice.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 represents a plan view of one form of the bath towel.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same as it appears in partly folded position.

Fig. 3 is a view of the towel in completely folded position.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary plan view of a modified form of the invention.

Referring now to the drawing in which like reference numerals denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 10 indicates the body of the towel which is preferably made of a heavy Turkish toweling. The base fabric of the Turkish toweling is extended beyond the thick "nap" at the center of the body 10 to form thin end strips 11 and 12 devoid of all nap. A pair of elongated oval-shaped aligned slots 13 and 14 are cut in each of the end strips 11 and 12, as most clearly shown in Fig. 1.

The slots 13 and 14 are reinforced by means of button-hole stitches 15 and 16 sewed about the edges of said slots to prevent the cloth from unraveling and permit said slots to be used as a handle means for the manipulation of the towel.

The slots 13 and 14 are spaced apart in their respective end strips 11 and 12 in such a manner that when the towel 10 is folded along its longitudinal center line, indicated by the dot and dash line 17 in Fig. 1, said slots 15 and 16 will be in registry with each other to permit the user's hand or fingers to be inserted there-through and assure a firm grip of the towel in using it in the folded position as shown in Fig. 3.

In the modified form of the invention shown in Fig. 4, the nap-free strips 18 on the opposite ends of the towel 19 are made wider than in the first form of the invention, and a pair of elongated oval-shaped handle slots 20 are positioned therein longitudinally, or parallel with the center line of said towel 19. The slots 20 are reinforced with button-hole stitches 21 in the same manner as the slots 13 and 14, and are so spaced that they will be in registry with each other when the towel is folded lengthwise.

It will be understood that while the invention has been herein illustrated as applied to a bath towel, it is not limited to such a device, but may also be employed as a wash cloth, a shoe shining cloth and other analogous articles.

One important advantage of the present invention lies in the fact that by having the double handle slots in opposite sides of the cloth, the latter may be folded lengthwise back upon itself in such a manner that four different rubbing surfaces are available to the user.

While there have been disclosed in this specification two forms in which the invention may be embodied, it is to be understood that these forms are shown for the purpose of illustration only, and that the invention is not to be limited to the specific disclosures but may be modified and embodied in various other forms without departing from its spirit. In short, the invention includes all the modifications and embodiments coming within the scope of the following claim.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed is new, and for which it is desired to secure Letters Patent, is:

In a rubbing cloth, a rectangular sheet of flexible material provided at its ends with handle sections, each handle section having a plurality of elongated finger-insertion slots transversely spaced with respect to each other, the slots at each end of said sheet being adapted to register with each other when said sheet is folded longitudinally, to provide a single combined relatively thick hand grip at each of the opposite ends of said cloth.

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