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Fig. 1.

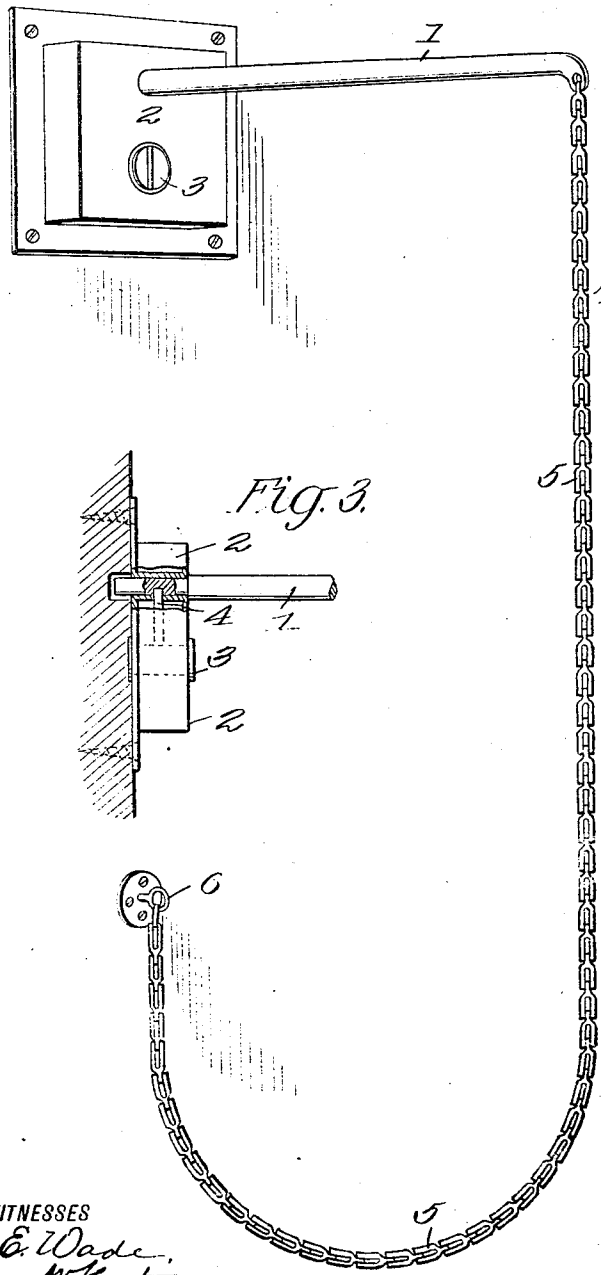


Fig. 2.

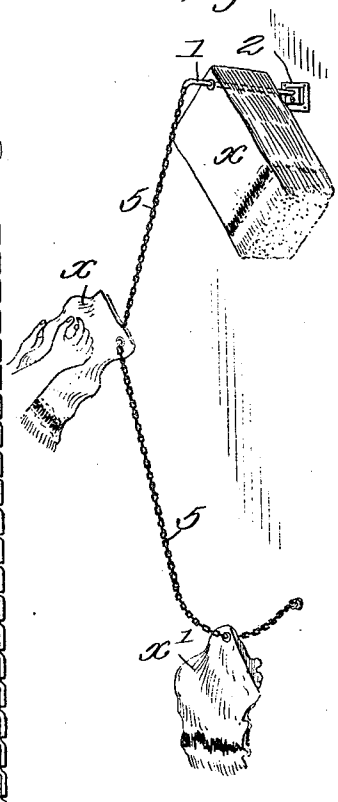
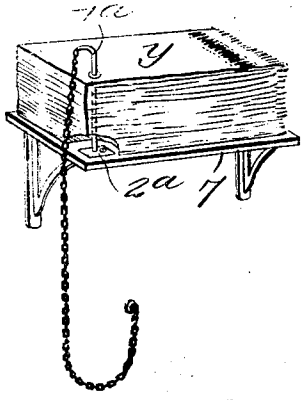


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GUY REID, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Osage City, in the county of Osage and State of Kansas, have invented an Improved Combined Towel Holder and Lock, of which the following is a specification.

As is well known, the surreptitious abstraction of towels in hotels involves a considerable financial loss to the proprietors, and I have devised an improved means for holding and securing towels in toilet and other rooms in such manner as to prevent their removal without interfering with their convenient use. To these ends, I provide the towels with metal eyelets and string them on a bar or rod which is supported in, and locked to, a fixed support, and to whose outer end a chain is attached, the other end of the latter being secured to a wall staple or ring. The towels are normally held on the bar or rod, but may be slid off and down on the pendent chain so as to be conveniently used, the soiled towel hanging on the loose portion of the chain.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view illustrating the practical use of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail view partly in section illustrating the connection of the towel-supporting bar or rod with a locking support. Fig. 4 is a perspective view illustrating a modification.

I will first describe the invention as illustrated in Figs. 1, 2, and 3. A horizontal bar or rod 1 is inserted in a support consisting of a lock case 2 which is secured by screws, or other means, to a vertical fixed object, say a wall or a window frame. The rod passes through the lock proper 2, and the latter is provided with a rotatable device 3 adapted for operating a tumbler or locking bar 4 which is adapted to engage a notch in the bar, as shown in Fig. 3. By inserting a key in the rotatable device 3, the bar or rod 1 may be unlocked and withdrawn from the support, when it is required to remove or apply towels.

In Fig. 2, a number of towels x is shown hanging from the bar or rod 1, it being understood that the several towels of the pack have been first arranged with the holes, which are near one corner, in the desired coincidence, and the bar or rod 1 inserted through them and then engaged with the locking support 2.

A chain, or wire rope, 5 is attached to and pendent from the free end of the towel-support 1, and its lower end is permanently secured to a wall staple or ring 6. As shown in Fig. 1, the lower end of the chain is carried upward to the point of attachment 6, thus forming a loop from which the soiled towels x' depend, as indicated in Fig. 2.

It will be understood that, when a towel is required for use, it is pulled off the bar or rod 1 and drawn down on the chain, as indicated in Fig. 2, and then, after using, it is allowed to fall and descend by gravity to the position indicated at x'. This operation is repeated as often as a towel is desired, until the supply is exhausted, when the bar or rod 1 is unlocked and the soiled towels drawn off the chain and rod and a fresh pack is applied and suspended, like the former ones, in the manner shown in Fig. 2.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4, a number of towels y is applied to a bar or rod 1^a which is arranged vertically instead of horizontally, as in the first case, the locking device 2^a being secured to a shelf 7 supported horizontally on wall brackets. In other respects the construction and operation are precisely the same as before described. In other words, as shown in Fig. 4, the towels are supported on the shelf 7 instead of hanging directly from a rod or bar passing through them. This, of course, relieves the towels from strain and is in some respects more advantageous.

What I claim is:—

The improved apparatus for holding towels and securing them while permitting their use, the same comprising a chain, a fixed wall-ring to which one end of the chain is attached, a lock fixed to the wall above said ring, a rod adapted to enter and detachably engage said lock and extending therefrom to such length as adapts it to serve as a towel holder, the free end of the rod being connected with the chain which depends therefrom, as shown and described.

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