

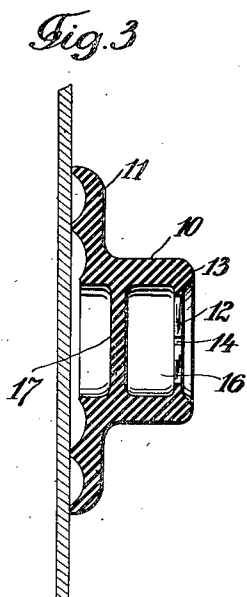
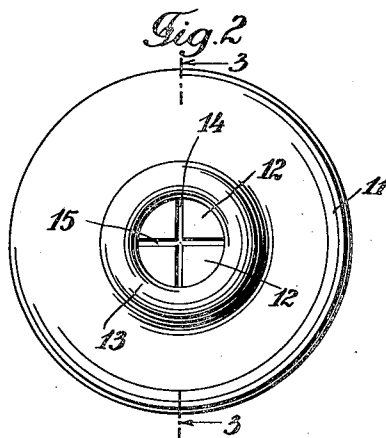
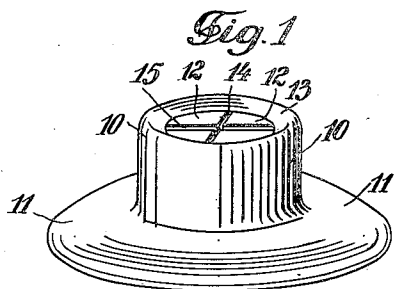
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This invention relates to a novel holder for towels or the like objects, and more particularly it relates to a holder that is provided with means for attaching the holder to a smooth surface.

In accordance with the invention I provide a hollow body of resilient material having near its surface a number of resilient flaps arranged to close the opening of the hollow body. These flaps are normally flush with each other and are adapted to be pushed into the hollow space behind these flaps. The hollow body preferably is cylindrically shaped and is secured to or integral with a means for attaching the holder to any smooth surface. Preferably, the cylindrical holder with its flaps is integral with a suction cup of any known and suitable construction. When a towel or the like object is pushed into the hollow space formed by the cylindrical holder and closed by the flaps, the flaps are pushed in and yieldably grip the object to be secured.

Accordingly, it is an object of the invention to provide an improved holder for towels of the like articles.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved holder of the type referred to secured to or integral with a suction cup for attachment to any flat surface.

Still an object of the invention is to provide a holder of the type described having a plurality of gripping flaps which are adapted to be pushed into a hollow space arranged behind the flaps.

These and further objects of the invention will become more evident in the following description of a preferred embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of my improved holder,

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the holder of Fig. 1,
Fig. 3 is a section along the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 showing the holder attached to a flat surface.

Referring to the drawing, the improved towel holder comprises a cylindrical member 10 which is integral with a suction cup 11 of known and suitable construction. Cylindrical body 10 is provided with four flaps 12 which are normally flush with each other. Flaps 12 are integral with edge portion 13 of cylindrical body 10. Flaps 12 are separated from each other by two slots 14, 15 vertically arranged to each other. Holder body 10, flaps 12 and suction cup 11 consist of a resilient material and preferably of rubber.

As clearly shown in Fig. 3, a hollow space 16 is arranged below flaps 12. Space 16 is defined by the side walls of cylindrical body 10 and by wall 17 of suction cup 11. Suction cup 11 is shown with a number of concentric rings in its body portion. However, it will be understood, that any other suitable suction cup construction can be used with the holder of the invention.

The operation of my improved towel holder will now be evident. By means of suction cup 11 the holder can be secured to any flat surface, for instance to the tiles which are found in many bathrooms. In order to secure the towel to the holder a portion of the towel is pushed through flaps 12 into space 16. The edges of flaps 12 will now yieldingly retain the towel within the space 16.

It is also feasible to secure a rod between two holders of the invention which are attached to opposite walls. One end of the rod is pushed into space 16 where it is retained by cylindrical wall 10. The other end of the rod is introduced in a similar manner into a second holder, and it is now possible to hang laundry or cloth hangers over the rod.

Various changes and modifications can be made to the details of construction of the invention without departing from the broader spirit and scope thereof, as set forth in the following claims.

I claim:

1. A holder for towels or the like objects comprising a hollow body of resilient material, a plurality of flaps of resilient material, said flaps being integral with and projecting from the inner surface of said body to be normally flush with each other and being arranged to substantially close the opening in said body, and means integral with said holder for securing it to a support, said flaps being adapted to be pushed into said body.

2. A rubber holder for towels or the like objects comprising a hollow body, a plurality of flaps integral with one end of said body and arranged to substantially close the opening in said body, said flaps being normally flush with each other, and a suction cup integral with the other end of said hollow body, said flaps being adapted to be pushed into the space within said body for yieldingly retaining an object pushed thereinto.

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