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Fig. 1.

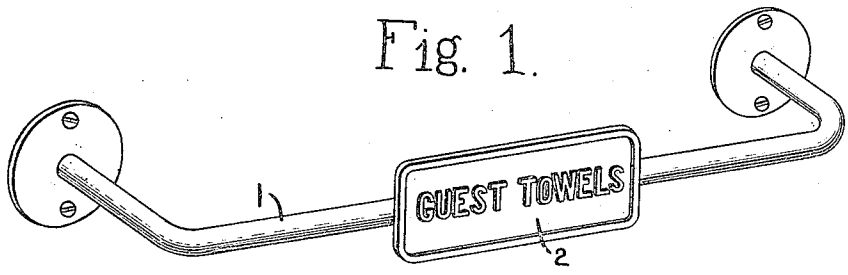


Fig. 2.

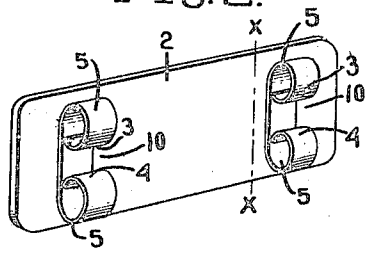
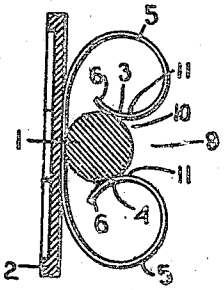


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS E. PEASE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Somerville, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Labels for Towel-Racks and Similar Articles, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a specification, like characters on the drawing representing like parts.

This invention relates to labels adapted to be applied to towel racks and similar articles for indicating the use to which the article is to be put or giving some other information relative to said article, and the object of the invention is to provide a novel label which can be readily attached to or removed from an article; which will be firmly held in place when applied, and which has other novel features, all as will be more fully hereinafter set forth and then pointed out in the appended claims.

In order to give an understanding of my invention I have illustrated in the drawings an embodiment thereof in the form of a label for towel racks, but I wish to state that the invention is not confined in its use to a label for towel racks, but may be applied to labels for other articles than towel racks.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a towel rack having my improved label applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the back side of the label showing my improved clamping means;

Fig. 3 is a section on the line x—x, Fig. 2.

When my invention is embodied in a label for towel racks, it may be used to indicate the use to which the towels on the rack are to be put, or the person for whose use the towels are intended. For instance, if the label bears the designation "guest towels" as indicated in the drawings, this would indicate that the towels on the rack were intended for the use of the guests.

I have shown at 1 in the drawings a towel rack of familiar construction which presents a cylindrical towel-holding portion.

My improved label comprises a body member 2 which bears on its face suitable words indicative of the use to which the towels on the rack are intended. This body member 2 is provided with novel clamping devices for removably clamping it to the towel rack 1. In the illustrated embodiment of my invention I have shown two clamping devices, one at each end of the plate 1, although the number of clamping devices is immaterial and will be determined by the conditions of use. Each clamping device comprises two clamping members which are connected to the body member 2 and are normally spaced apart a distance less than the diameter of the towel rack or other article on which the device is applied and are also normally spaced from the back of the body member a distance less than the diameter of the towel rack or other article. These clamping members are shown at 3 and 4, respectively, and each is connected to the body member by a resilient arm or member 5. These resilient members 5 are herein shown as having a general spiral shape and the inner ends thereof constitute the clamping members 3 and 4. These arms are so shaped and positioned relative to each other that the space between the clamping members 3 and 4 is normally slightly less than the diametrical dimension of the towel rack 1. The extremities 6 of the clamping members 3 and 4 are directed away from each other and are spaced from the back of the body member 1 by a distance less than the diametrical dimension of the towel rack 1. This construction provides a tapered or flaring throat 9 leading to the space 10 between the clamping members. In applying the device to a towel rack or other similar article the body member is brought into position so that the towel rack will occupy the flaring throat 9, and when in this position a slight pressure on the body member toward the towel rack will force the towel rack through the space 10 into the position shown in Fig. 3. During this operation the arms 5 will yield as necessary to provide sufficient space between the clamping members for the towel rack to enter.

The operative faces of the clamping members are convexed, as seen, so that as soon as the cylindrical towel rack passes the central point 11 of the clamping members, the resiliency of said clamping members will force the towel rack into the position shown in Fig. 3, and in this position the towel rack will be held between the clamping members and the body member. The clamping members, therefore, serve to yieldingly clamp the towel rack against the back side of the body member and the towel rack will be confined between the two clamping members and the body member.

It is essential that the body member of the label should always be maintained in its vertical position and it is also essential that the retaining means should be such as to permit the device to be readily applied to the towel rack and removed therefrom while at the same time holding the device firmly in its operative position. The construction of clamping member and resilient arm 5 herein shown is admirably adapted for this purpose.

It will be noted that the resilient arms 5 are bent into a curve which extends outwardly from the central portion of the body 2 toward the edge thereof and then laterally away from said edge, and then inwardly, and then laterally again toward the body 2 to form the clamping member, the curve of the arm continuing to the extremity 6 thereof. This makes a clamping device which engages the towel rack 1 at the sides only, the portion of the resilient arm between the clamping member and the body 2 extending in a wide curve.

With this construction the resilient arms 5 may be made of sufficient stiffness so that the clamping members will be firmly clamped to towel racks that vary in diameter without at the same time making the arms so stiff as to interfere with the easy application of a device to a towel rack or its removal therefrom.

The two resilient arms 5 may be secured to the body member in any suitable way. One simple and convenient construction is herein illustrated wherein the two arms are formed from the same piece of spring metal which is brazed, welded or otherwise permanently and fixedly secured at its central portion to the back side of the body member 2, the ends of this spring metal member being bent to present the arms 5 and clamping members 3 and 4.

A device embodying my invention can be readily applied to and removed from a towel rack and is extremely convenient not only for the guests but for the hostess as well.

While I have herein illustrated the invention as embodied in a towel rack, I wish to repeat that the invention is not limited to this use, but is capable of being embodied in labels for other articles than towel racks.

I claim:

A device of the character described comprising an elongated body member bearing on one face thereof data relative to the article to which the device is to be applied, a pair of oppositely-disposed resilient arms secured to the opposite face of said body member at each end thereof, each arm extending outwardly from the central portion of the body member toward one of its edges in a direction transversely thereof and then laterally away from said edge, then inwardly and laterally toward the body member again, the arms of each pair constituting clamping members and engaging the article at two points less than 180° apart and clamping and forcing the article against the body member, said arms having sufficient resiliency to permit the device to be readily applied to or removed from the article and the pairs of arms having sufficient stiffness and being sufficiently separated from each other to hold the body member firmly in operative position when it is applied to the article.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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