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TOWEL RACK

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Fig. 1

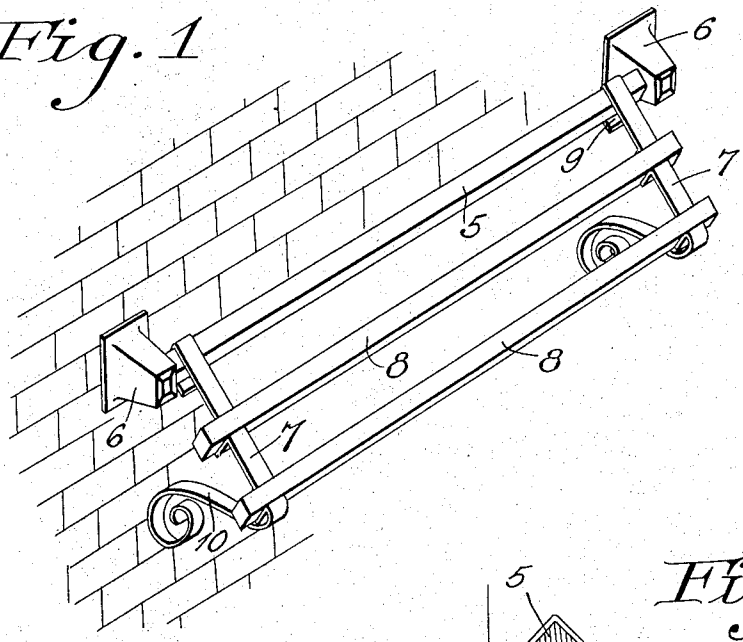


Fig. 2

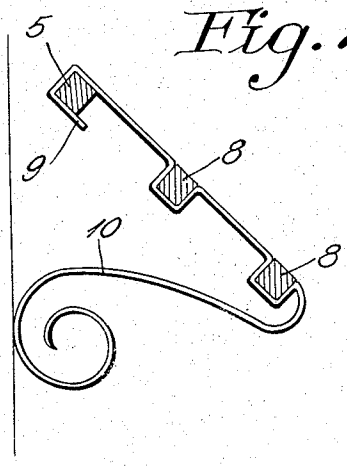


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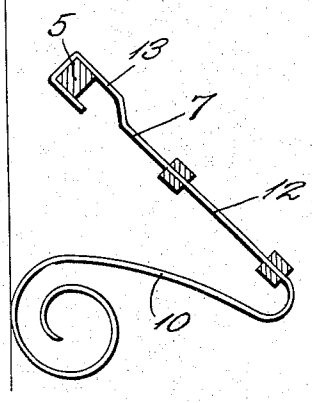
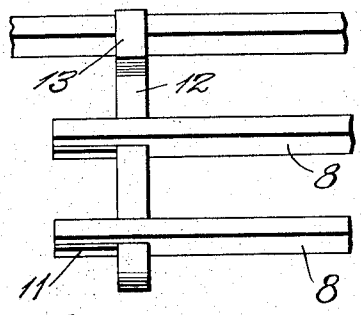


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to towel racks and has for its principal object the provision of a supplementary or auxiliary rack which may be conveniently attached, when required for use, to the permanent towel bar secured to the wall.

A further object of my invention is to provide an auxiliary towel rack of simple and economical construction and of particularly attractive appearance which, when attached to the permanent towel bar, will provide adequate space for the hanging of a greater number of towels and such cloths.

The invention will be fully and comprehensively understood from a consideration of the following detailed description when read in connection with the accompanying drawing which forms part of the application, with the understanding, however, that the improvement is capable of extended application and is not confined to the exact showing of the drawing nor to the precise construction described and, therefore, such changes and modifications may be made therein as do not affect the spirit of the invention nor exceed the scope thereof as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my device installed for use in conjunction with the present towel rack.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view illustrating the formation of the bracket as shown in Fig. 1; and

Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional and front elevational views respectively of a modified form of construction.

Referring to the drawing for a more detailed description thereof, numeral 5 indicates the permanent towel bar secured to a wall by its brackets 6. Altho the towel bar 5 illustrated in the drawing is of square section, the diagonal of which is disposed vertically, it is apparent that my auxiliary towel rack may be adapted to the various shapes and arrangements of towel bars now in regular use. Numeral 7 indicates the brackets by which the towel bars 8 are supported. The upper ends of the brackets 7 are provided with hooks 9 shaped to conform snugly to the periphery of the towel bar 5 and by which the bracket is suspended in conjunction with a lower leg 10 extending from the forward part of the bracket rearwardly thereof to bear against the wall upon which the permanent towel rack is installed. The upper portions of the brackets 7 are disposed at an angle to suitably support the rack bars 7 in spaced parallelism with the permanent towel bar 5 but at different elevations from same, by which arrangement the vertical surfaces of the towels hung on the respective bars are readily visible, which feature is particularly desirable when fancy decorative towels are hung on the rack. To provide some ornamentation for the towel rack the lower portions 10 of the brackets are spirally formed, altho this is not a pertinent feature of my device and therefore other forms of ornamentation may be employed. In the first form of construction illustrated in the drawing in Figs. 1 and 2 the towel bars 8 are secured to the brackets 7 by providing in the upper portion of the brackets a U-shaped formation by which three of the longitudinal sides of the bars 8 are securely grasped, the fourth side of the bars being flush with the upper surface of the bracket, thus providing a neat, practical and attractive construction which will permit the convenient disassembly of my auxiliary towel rack for the purposes of packing for shipment or storing the rack in confined spaces when not desired for use.

In a modified form of construction of my device illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, the towel bars 8 have their ends provided with longitudinal slots 11 to which the upper leg 12 of the brackets may be readily inserted and by the close fit of which the component parts of the towel rack are adequately held together. The upper portion of the bracket 7 in this modified form is likewise formed with a hook by which the bracket is supported on the permanent towel bar with a hook 13, the lower portion 10 of the bracket being suitably formed to bear against the wall.

What is claimed as new is:

1. The combination, with a towel bar, of a towel rack comprising a pair of brackets having hooked upper ends engaging the towel bar and including towel bar carrying portions inclined downwardly and outwardly from the towel bar and portions extending rearwardly to points beyond the first mentioned towel bar, and bars carried by said towel bar carrying portions of the brackets, said towel bar carrying portions of the brackets being bent to form recesses for receiving the ends of the bars carried by the brackets.

2. The combination with a horizontal towel bar attached to, and spaced from, a wall, of a towel rack extension attached to, and readily detachable from, said towel bar, said towel rack extension comprising spaced brackets having hooked upper ends engaging said towel bar, the lower ends of said brackets extending rearward-

ly beyond said towel bar and adapted to contact the wall and being unattached thereto, and a plurality of towel bars mounted on said brackets and parallel with said towel bar attached to the wall.

3. The combination with a horizontal towel bar attached to, and spaced from, a wall, of a towel rack extension attached to, and readily detachable from, said towel bar, said towel rack extension comprising spaced brackets having hooked upper ends engaging said towel bar, the lower ends of said brackets extending rearwardly beyond said towel bar and adapted to contact the wall and being unattached thereto, and a plurality of towel bars mounted on said brackets and parallel with said towel bar attached to the wall, the bar-carrying portions of said brackets being inclined downwardly and outwardly relative to the wall.

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