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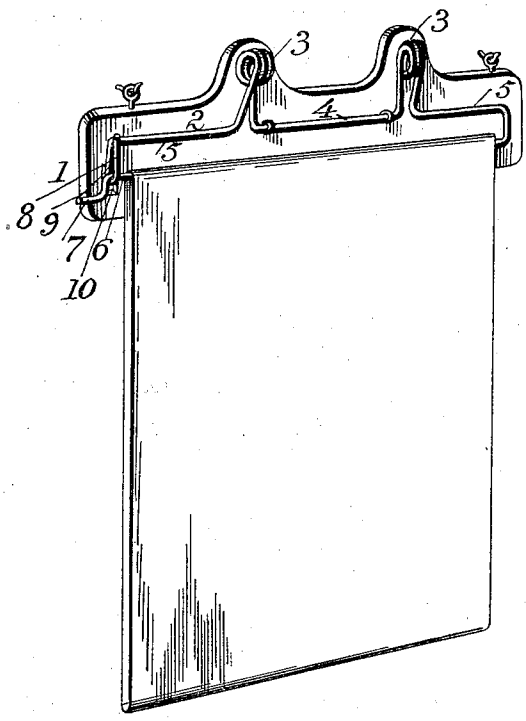


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

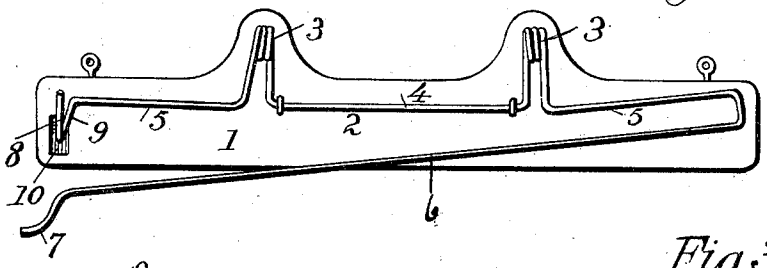
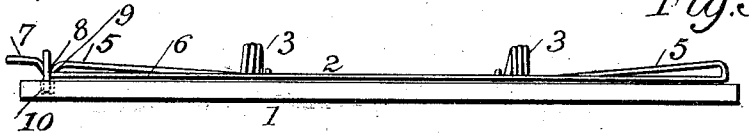


Fig. 3.



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TOWEL-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. GORRELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carsins Run, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Holders; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention has relation to towel-holders.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character by means of which an ordinary towel or an endless towel may be held in position for use and easily and quickly removed when desired, thereby overcoming the many objections urged against the roller-holder heretofore used for supporting endless towels.

With this object in view the invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, showing the endless towel in position. Fig. 2 is a front view of the device, showing it in position to receive the towel. Fig. 3 is an edge view.

In said drawings, 1 denotes the base-board or frame, provided with any suitable means—such, for instance, as screw-eyes—for hanging it to hooks secured in the wall or other support.

2 denotes the holder, consisting of the coil-springs 3, connected by the intermediate rod 4, and having outwardly-projecting extensions 5. One of these extensions 5 normally projects upwardly in an inclined direction and has its extremity bent downwardly and is provided with a clamping-arm 6, which arm has a thumb-piece or handle 7, adapted to engage a hook 8, formed on the downwardly-projecting portion 9 at the free end of the other extension 5.

In order to permit of the clamping-arm 6 lying flat against the base-board throughout its entire length, and thereby firmly clamping the towel to said board, I form a recess 10 in the board to allow the butt-end of the hook to rest therein. The springs 3 3 serve to hold the clamping-arm 6 firmly against the base-board, not too firmly, however, to permit of the drawing of the endless towel between the rod and the board.

By inclining one of the extensions 5 upwardly, as shown in Fig. 2, I form an additional spring for the clamping-arm, so that when the same is sprung upwardly and engaged with the hook the tension, which is exerted in a downward direction, will be sufficient to prevent said arm becoming accidentally disengaged from the hook.

The coil 3 nearest the hook exerts its energy to firmly press the butt-end of the hook into the recess and retain it therein to insure at all times an engagement of the clamping-rod throughout its entire length with the base-board.

Although I have specifically described the construction and relative arrangement of the several elements of my invention, I do not desire to be confined to the same, as such changes or modifications may be made as clearly fall within the scope of my invention without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A towel-holder comprising a base-board having a recess at one end, a clamping device secured thereto and consisting of two coil-springs connected together and having outwardly-projecting extensions, one of which is inclined upwardly and exerts its energy inwardly and upwardly when pressed downward, said extension bent downwardly and formed with a longitudinally-extending clamping-arm, the other extension being bent downwardly and exerting its pressure inwardly, and formed with a hook to engage said clamping-arm, the butt of said hook being seated in the recess, whereby the clamping-arm throughout its entire length is adapted to have a bearing against the base-board, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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