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TOWEL RAIL

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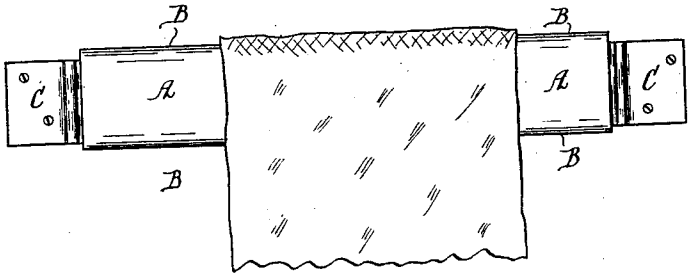


FIG. 1.

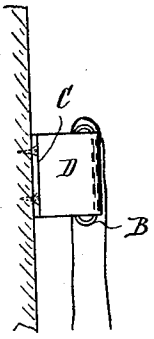


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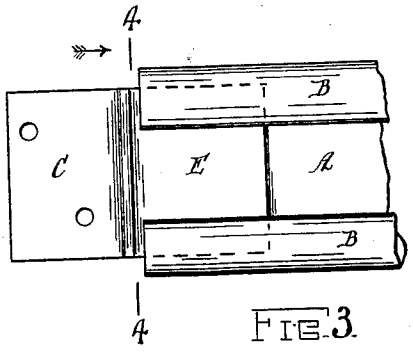


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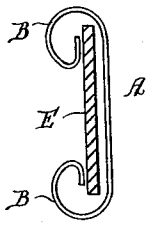


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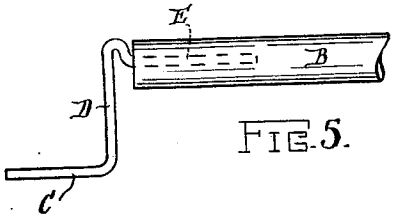


FIG. 5.

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This invention has been devised with the object of providing a simple and cheap construction of towel rail suitable for attachment to a wall surface and useful as a fitting for bathrooms, lavatories and like places, for the hanging of towels thereon.

The invention comprises a novel form of rail, and the combination therewith of brackets of special design whereby the rail may be fixed to the wall surface and held at the requisite distance away from such surface to permit of the towels being hung across it and free from contact with the wall.

This combination is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the rail and its brackets.

Figure 2 is an end elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is a rear elevation, on an enlarged scale, of one end of the complete rail.

Figure 4 is a cross sectional end elevation thereof on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a plan thereof.

In this invention, the rail proper is formed by a flat strip A of sheet metal of suitable nature, that has each of its two edges bent rearwardly in a rounded curve, as at B, and then extended within the curve in a line parallel with the main part of the strip. These rearwardly curved edges therefore form springy clips between them and the main portion. The rail thus made may be of any desired length and of any approved depth or width from top to bottom.

The supporting bracket for each end of the rail so made is made of flat cross section and shaped of goose neck form in plan, to provide a fascia member C, having apertures *c* to receive fastening screws, an outwardly projecting double springy member D, of the required length, and an outer carrying member E extending at right angles from the member D. Such member E is made of a depth such that it is adapted when inserted in one end of the rail, to extend into both curves B of the rail at its respective edges and to be clipped therein.

To fix the rail in position, a bracket is placed within each end thereof by passing the carrying member E into the end as far as it will go. The brackets are then screwed to the wall surface, the rail being thus held parallel with the wall and at a distance away from it corresponding with the length of the bracket members D. The curved upper edge of the rail then forms a rest across which the towels may be hung, its curved nature, and also the curving of the lower edge, obviating any liability of damage to the towels.

I claim:—

1. A towel holder, comprising a rail made from a length of flat sheet metal shaped to curve rearwardly along its two edges, the edges being spaced from both the curved portions and the straight portion in order to provide a resilient support for a towel or similar article, and supporting wall brackets for each end of the rail, said wall brackets being of goose-neck form to provide a fascia member adapted to be fastened to a wall, a carrying member shaped to fit within the rail between the edges and the flat portion, and a forwardly flared double spring member connecting the fascia member and the carrying member, said double spring member serving to limit the degree of insertion of the carrying member into the space between the edges and flat portion of the rail.

2. A towel holder, comprising a rail made from a length of flat sheet metal shaped to curve rearwardly along its two edges, the edges being spaced from both the curved portions and the straight portion in order to provide a resilient support for a towel or similar article, supporting wall brackets for each end of the rail, said wall brackets having rail engaging elements adapted to be received in the ends of the rail between the curved edges and the straight portion thereof, and goose-neck bends in the brackets adjacent the rail engaging elements to limit the insertion of said elements into the rail.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

LOUIS JENKINSON.