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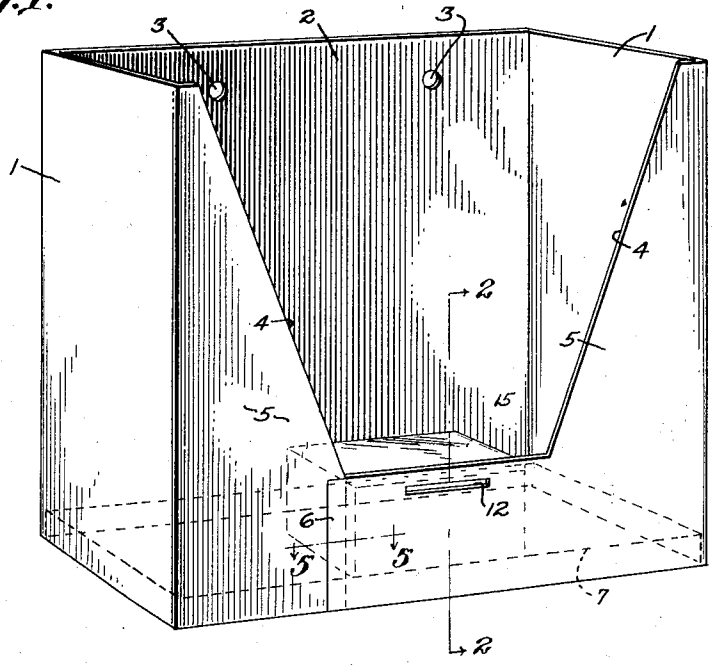


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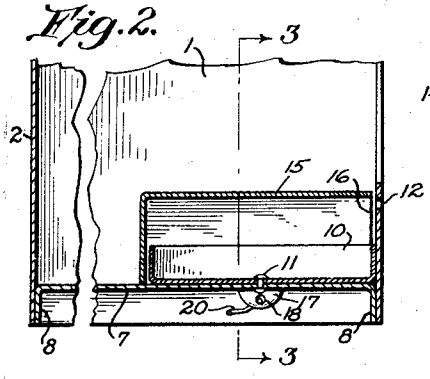


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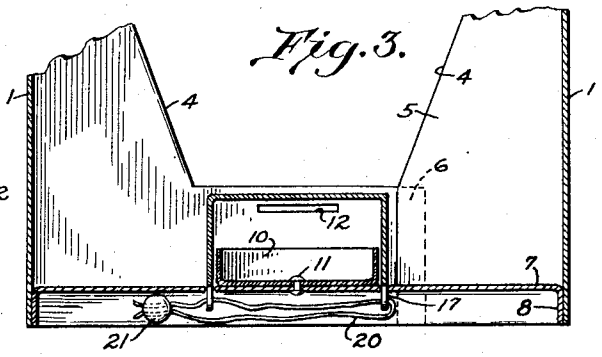


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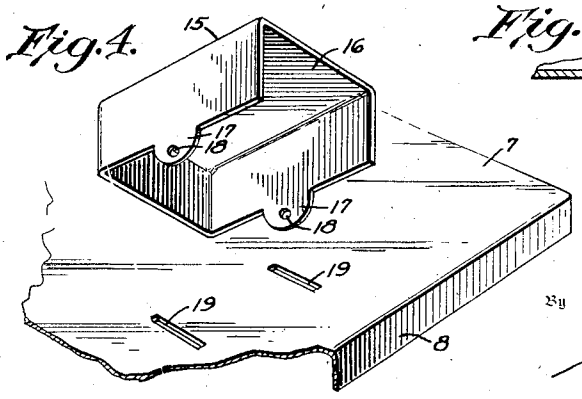
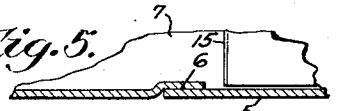


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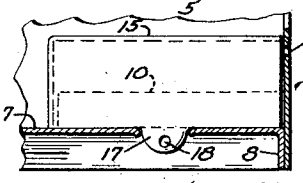


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This invention relates to containers and more particularly to those for dispensing towels, having for its object to provide a device simple in construction, and less costly to manufacture than those heretofore proposed.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel details of construction and combinations of parts more fully hereinafter disclosed and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification in which like numerals represent like parts in all the views,

Figure 1 is a perspective front view of a container made in accordance with this invention;

Figure 2 is a partial sectional view taken as on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 and looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 3 is a partial sectional view taken as on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 and looking in the direction of the arrows illustrating the locking device for the coin receptacle;

Figure 4 is a partial perspective view illustrating the assembly of the cover of the coin receptacle and the floor of the container;

Figure 5 is a sectional detail view taken as on the line 5—5 of Figure 1 and looking in the direction of the arrows illustrating a detail of construction of the container; and

Figure 6 is a detail view showing the cover of the coin receptacle in place.

The container has four walls and a floor and may be provided with a removable or hinged top although the latter has been found unnecessary. The walls generally indicated by the numeral 1 are preferably formed from a single piece of sheet metal bent around as indicated in Figure 1 and in the back wall 2 there is provided one or more apertures 3 by means of which the container may be secured in place on a building wall. The ends of the sheet of metal are obliquely cut as indicated at 4 so that, after the sheet has been bent to form the walls of the container, the front wall 5 will have therein a substantially V-shaped opening extending from the top to a point near the floor of said container and through which the towels may be withdrawn, as will be perfectly clear from the drawings. The lowermost corners of the ends of the sheet metal, constituting the front wall pieces of the container, are sufficiently overlapped as indicated at 6 to permit the same to be secured together. In this respect one of the corners may be dished or pressed out of the plane of the front wall to receive the overlapping other corner in such manner that the exterior surface of the front wall as assembled will be perfectly smooth.

The floor 7 of the container is also preferably made of sheet metal and fitted within the walls to lie in a plane slightly above the bottom edges thereof, as clearly shown in Figure 2. Said floor is provided with downwardly extending edge flanges 8 adapted to contact with the inner surface of the walls and secured thereto in any suitable manner as by soldering or welding.

In the front of the container preferably in line with the V-shaped opening is a box 10 secured to the floor as by a rivet 11, said box adapted to receive a coin inserted through a suitable slot 12 in the front wall of the container.

A cover 15 is provided for the coin box, said cover having one of its vertical sides open as indicated at 16 so that when the cover is in place, a coin inserted through the slot 12 in the front wall may pass beneath the top of the cover and freely drop into the box. In this respect said side may be apertured for this purpose or the entire side may be omitted as shown in Figure 4. The box and its cover are adapted to be positioned in such close proximity to the front wall of the container that an inserted coin can not accidentally or otherwise fail to reach said box. The cover is clearly illustrated in Figures 2, 3 and 4 from which it will be seen that two opposite sides thereof are each provided with a depending ear 17 provided with an aperture 18. The floor 7 is slotted as indicated at 19 to register with and receive the ears 17 and the apertures 18 of said ears are positioned therein to lie beneath the floor when the cover is in place so that a suitable

locking means may be inserted through said apertures, such for example as the wire 20 the ends of which are secured by the usual lead seal 21. When collections are made the seal is broken, the cover removed, and the coins abstracted from the box 10.

By this construction it will therefore be seen that a simple yet effective container for towels is provided and that a coin receptacle having a simple securement is likewise provided in keeping with the use of the container. That is to say, this device is intended for use in public or semi-public lavatories on an honor system. In other words, anyone desiring to use a towel in the lavatory will take one from the container and subsequently deposit the soiled towel in a receptacle provided therefor, for which service no pay is expected. On the other hand, as with travellers, should a clean dry towel be desired taken away, for use elsewhere than in said lavatory, this can readily be done but it is intended that the honor of the traveller will cause him to deposit the requisite coin in this device for each towel so removed. The amount of money to be so deposited is intended to cover only the cost of the towels taken away.

It is obvious that those skilled in the art may vary the details of construction as well as arrangements of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention, and therefore it is not desired to be limited to the foregoing except as may be required by the claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A container for towels the same comprising a plurality of walls one of which is provided with an opening through which the towels can be removed, a floor supported by said walls, a coin box in said container secured to said floor and positioned to receive a coin inserted through one of said walls, and a cover for said box having portions extending beneath said floor for securing said cover.

2. A container for towels the same comprising plurality of walls one of which is provided with an opening through which the towels can be removed as well as a coin slot, a floor supported by said walls, a coin box in said container positioned to receive a coin inserted through said slot, and a cover for said box said cover extending above said slot within the container and provided with locking means extending through said floor.

3. A container for towels the same comprising a plurality of walls one of which is provided with an opening through which the towels can be removed as well as a coin slot, a floor supported by said walls, a coin box in said container positioned to receive a coin inserted through said slot, and a cover for said box said cover having a top disposed above said slot to cover the same within said container, and sides extending to said floor one of said sides permitting free passage of a coin from said slot into said box and other of said sides having means penetrating said floor for securing said cover.

4. A container for towels the same comprising a plurality of walls one of which is provided with an opening through which the towels can be removed as well as a coin slot, a floor supported by said walls, a coin box in said container positioned to receive a coin inserted through said slot, and a cover for said box said cover having a top disposed above said slot to cover the same within said container, and sides extending to said floor and by which the cover is supported one of said sides permitting free passage of a coin from said slot into said box and other of said sides having opposed means penetrating said floor for securing said cover.

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