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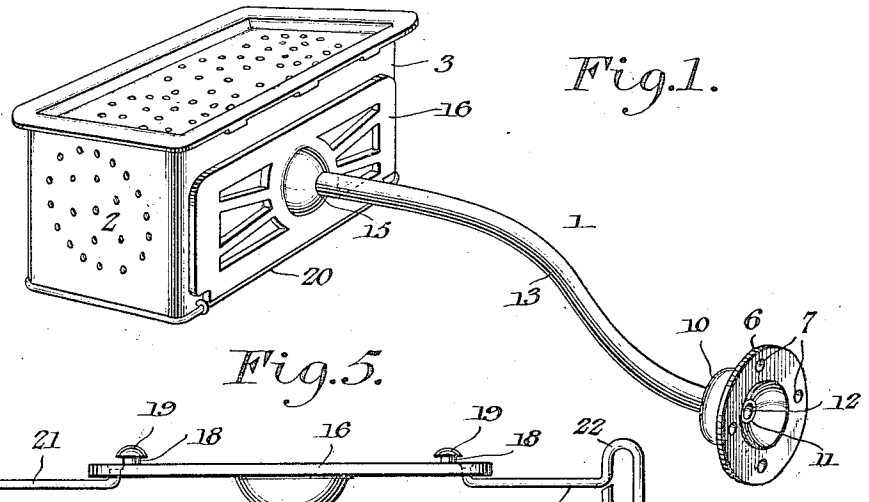


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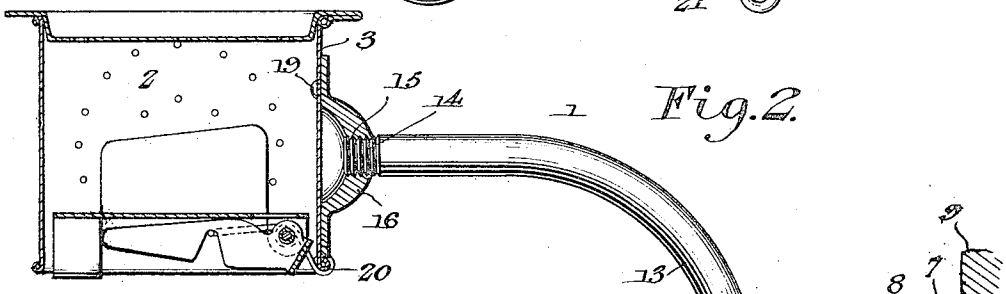


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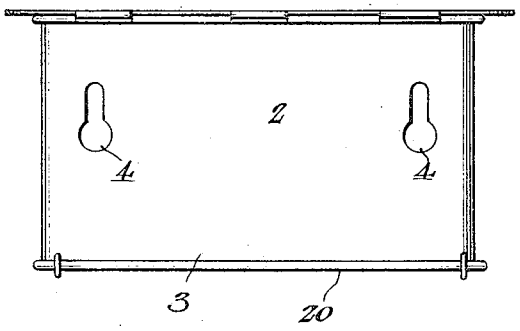
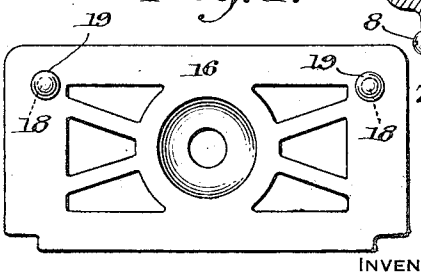


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST G. RAUTZENBERG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Soap Holders and Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to brackets, and has particular reference to a bracket primarily adapted for use in supporting soap receptacles, the latter being of the type utilized for household and toilet use, an object of the invention being to provide supporting means for such receptacles, whereby the latter will be held in spaced relation from an adjoining wall or the like, so as to prevent drippings emanating from the receptacle from defacing or marring the wall.

Another object resides in a bracket having fastening means formed therewith for readily accomplishing the securing of the receptacle in a fixed or secured position thereon, and to effect the convenient removal of the receptacle from the bracket, so that the former may be conveniently cleaned or adjusted; the bracket being also formed to permit the same to be easily detached from a supporting wall or surface.

Other objects reside in a bracket of this character, possessing substantial, practical and durable features of construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and possessing an attractive and ornamental appearance.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in features of construction, combination of parts hereinafter set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

From the drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bracket comprising the preferred form of the present invention, and illustrating the same connected with a soap receptacle.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken through the bracket and the associated receptacle.

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the receptacle.

Fig. 4 is a front view of the receptacle-securing plate, and

Fig. 5 is a top plan view of a slightly modified form of the plate, illustrating tooth-brush-supporting means connected therewith.

Similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

The bracket 1, comprising the present invention, is primarily operable to be employed in connection with a soap receptacle, but it will be understood that it is also applicable to be utilized for supporting other analogous devices, if found desirable. However, the form of the bracket specifically illustrated in the accompanying drawings has been designed for service in supporting the soap receptacle set forth in the patent issued to F. Rautzenburg, January 2, 1917, #1,211,353, so that the said receptacle will be maintained in spaced relation with regard to a supporting surface or wall. This receptacle has been designated by the numeral 2, and in view of the fact that its construction does not form an essential part of the present invention, detailed reference to its specific use and method of operation will be accordingly omitted. The rear wall 3, however, of the receptacle is provided with a plurality of horizontally alined and spaced bayonet slots 4, which are utilized in effecting the securing of the receptacle to a stationary support, as will be hereinafter fully described.

To this end the bracket 1 consists of a wall member 6, preferably in the form of a circular plate, and having openings 7 provided therein for the reception of suitable securing elements 8, which are utilized in fastening the member 6 in a secured and rigid position to a supporting wall or surface 9. The central portion of the member 6 is bulged or enlarged, as at 10, and is provided with an axially extending threaded opening 11, the latter being formed to receive the inner threaded extremity 12 of a curved, or straight, spacing rod 13. The rod may be formed from any suitable material, or may be made in varying proportions, as will be clearly understood. The outer extremity of the rod is provided with threads 14, which are adapted to enter a threaded opening 15 centrally provided within a receptacle-securing plate 16, said plate is preferably rectangular in formation, and is adapted to be positioned in contact with the rear wall 3 of the receptacle 2. Pins or studs 18 protrude from the plate and are provided with enlarged heads 19, said pins being adapted to enter the bayonet

slots 4 provided in the receptacle 2, so that the latter will be rigidly, but detachably secured to the bracket 1.

From the foregoing description it is thought that the following remarks with regard to the operation of the device will be clearly understood. In securing the receptacle to the plate 16, the enlarged portions of the slots 4 are passed over the pins 18, then the receptacle is lowered so that the restricted portions of the slots will receive the shanks of the pins 18, the heads 19 of the latter lying interiorly of the receptacle, and effectively preventing the latter from becoming accidentally disengaged with said pins. It will be noted that the lower edge of the plate 16 lies contiguous to the beaded edge 20 of the receptacle 2, and in contact with said edge, whereby oscillating movement on the part of the receptacle will be prevented. If desirable, as shown in Fig. 5, the plate 16 may be provided with twisted wire holders 21, which are formed with looped ends 22 to enable the handle of a tooth brush, not shown, to be passed therethrough, whereby said brush will be supported by the bracket and spaced away from the wall 9. Thus it will be evident that the bracket 1 affords an efficient and substantial means for supporting the receptacle 2 in a secured and spaced position with regard to the wall 9, so that matter dropping from the receptacle will not contact with said wall, so as to deface or stain the same. The bayonet slot construction permits the receptacle to be readily removed from the bracket when it is desirable to clean or repair the same.

Having described the invention what is claimed as new and patentable is:

In a device of the class described, the combination with a receptacle having a plurality of spaced horizontally alined bayonet slots formed in a wall thereof, of a bracket for supporting said receptacle in spaced relation with a stationary support, said bracket including a plate operable to be disposed contiguous to said receptacle, pins carried by said plate and adapted to project into said bayonet slots to detachably secure said receptacle to the plate, a rod having an extremity thereof threaded into an opening formed in the said plate, means formed on the lower edge of the rear wall of said receptacle and with which the plate engages for preventing any oscillating movement of the latter, and a fixed member carried by said support and having a threaded opening formed therein for the reception of the opposite threaded extremity of said rod.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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