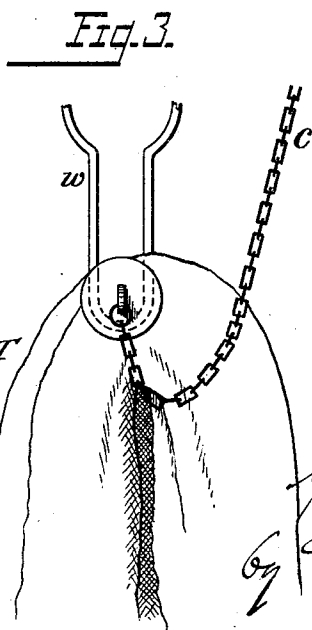
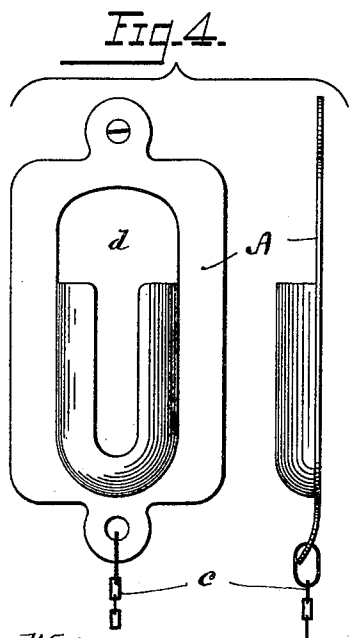
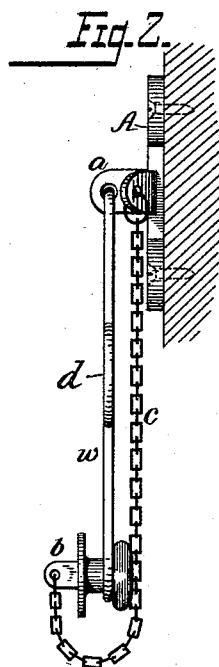
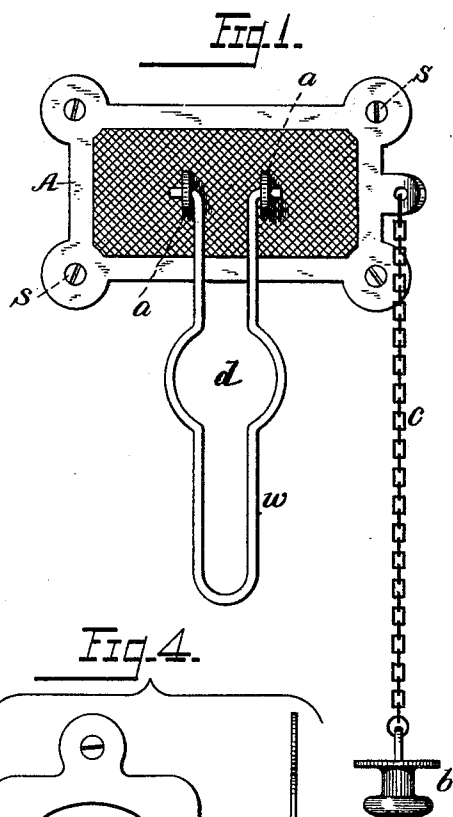


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE MCG. MORRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, Ohio, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Cloth-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to cloth-holders for towels or similar articles, its object being to produce a simple, inexpensive, and efficient
10 device for the purpose of holding a cloth—such as a towel, wash-rag, napkin, garment, or other article of this nature—either as a temporary or permanent support upon a wall, counter, or otherwise.

15 The ordinary appliances for holding hand-towels, for example, are in certain respects inconvenient and inefficient. For instance, the simple nail or hook in the wall or a bar projecting from a "towel-rack" requires that
20 the towel shall be hung over the same engaged therewith in some way, as by a loop. In any case the holding is insecure and frequently damaging to the article, which is liable to tear. Moreover, the holding is liable
25 to be displaced by the wind or by careless handling, besides being unsightly. Jaw clamping devices are also troublesome to manipulate, and their springs wear out and become lost, &c. Besides they are liable to tear
30 the article by their sharp, jagged, or dentate holding-surfaces.

This improvement furnishes a means of holding the towel or article at once simple, secure, stronger, (in respect to the holding-surface upon the towel itself,) easily applied,
35 and applicable to a wide range of usefulness.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

40 Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 a side elevation complete; Fig. 3, a detail view showing the button engaging a towel and suspending it upon a wire loop, and Fig. 4 a modification showing the engaging-loop formed as part of the retaining-plate.

45 Referring now to the drawings, A designates a wall plate or bracket adapted to be secured to a wall, counter, or other surface by screws or nails *s*, passing through suitable apertures in the plate. In the first-shown embodiment of the invention two projections *a a*
50 are carried upon the plate and pierced later-

ally for the engagement of a U-shaped wire loop *w*, whose ends are turned outward and inserted through apertures of the projections outwardly. The wire loop *w* hangs
55 downwardly from its pivotal support in parallel lines, uniting below, and at a mid-point is bent outward at each side in circular form, as shown at *d*. A button or stud *b* of the general form shown is suspended by a chain or
60 cord *c* from the plate and completes the device. To engage a towel, a portion of the material is spread across the loop *w* at the enlargement *d* and the stud *b* pressed against it partially through the enlargement of the loop,
65 carrying part of the fabric through the loop. The button is then moved downward into the narrow portion of the loop, engaging its front and rear heads between the parallel sides of the loop with the fabric interposed. The position of the button in relation to the wire is
70 indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, and in the latter figure the engaged fabric is shown. The frictional holding of the fabric thus engaged is very strong and cannot be displaced, except
75 by moving the button back again to the enlargement *d*, when it readily comes out and releases the material. It will be seen that a comparatively large surface of the material is engaged, so that the holding strain is widely
80 distributed.

The device also forms a very efficient clothes-holder. For heavy clothes a small piece of cloth sewed in place of the ordinary
85 tape-loop furnishes a convenient means of engagement.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the plate A is cast or stamped with a forwardly-projecting pocket having a vertical slot at the front
90 closed below and open above, which forms a substitute for the wire loop first described. The function being obviously the same as already described requires no further detail.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—
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In a cloth-holder, the combination of a plate or bracket provided with screw-holes for attachment to a wall, counter, or other permanent support and with lugs projecting from its face, a wire loop having a lower bight with
100 parallel sides opening into an enlargement and having its free ends turned oppositely

outward, engaging pivotally in the lugs and
retained by the outward spring of the wire, a
grooved button adapted to enter the enlarge-
ment of the loop and pass downward into the
5 lower bight and engage the parallel sides by
means of its groove, and a flexible cord or
chain connecting the button with the support-
ing-bracket, substantially as set forth.

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