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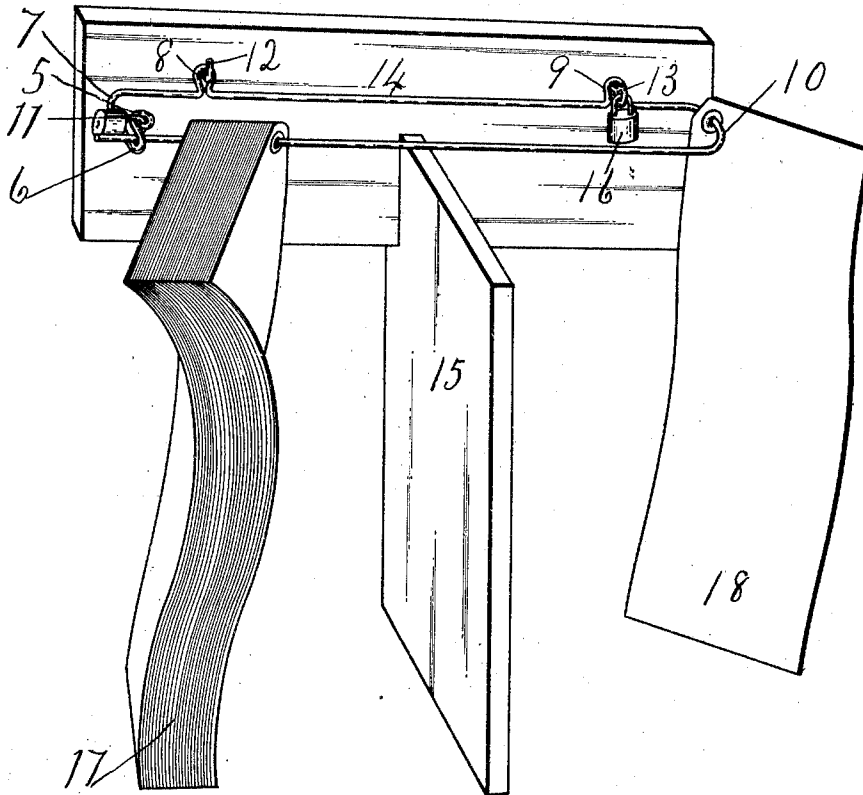
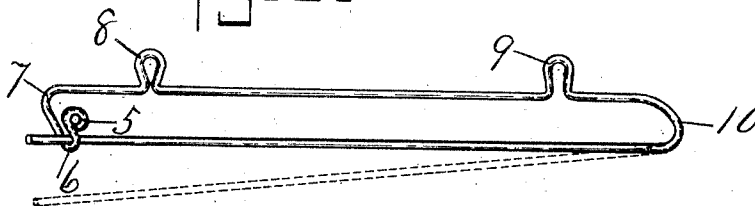


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. ROY, a citizen of the United States, residing at #831 South Fourth street, in the city of Louisville, county of Jefferson, and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Towel-Racks and Separators, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in towel racks and separators designed to provide for the convenient and safe carriage and custody of towels while in transit between the laundry and customers, and while in the possession of the customers, and at the same time providing a simple means of separating the used towels from the clean towels.

It is a fact that many towels are lost and stolen between the time they leave the laundry and the time they are returned, although they are generally counted and listed when they are taken from the laundry and when returned. It is also a fact that towels, when loose and unsecured, are used for other than personal toilet purposes, such for instance as wiping shoes, furniture, windows, etc.

One object of my invention is to meet and overcome these unfavorable and expensive conditions, and to insure to those engaged in supplying towels to the public the safety of said towels by keeping them under lock and key during the time they are away from the laundry.

Another object is to provide means for conveniently separating the used or soiled towels from the clean towels.

I attain these objects by means of my towel rack and separator, formed as indicated by the drawings submitted herewith, and made, preferably, of spring steel rod, although any other metal or composition may be used if found satisfactory, and having means of securely locking the device so that the towels can not be removed without unlocking the device.

To facilitate the hanging of the device and to provide a means of holding the soiled from the clean towels, a cross-like member is provided, which is permanently attached to the wall where it is desired the towels shall hang, having a forwardly projecting element rigidly attached to a horizontally positioned member, and which stands out between the clean and the soiled towels.

Each towel is provided with a gromet,

which will facilitate the sliding of the towel on the device.

These specifications set forth an embodiment of my invention as it is preferred, but it is to be understood that such changes and modifications may be resorted to as come within the scope of the claim appended hereto.

With the above and other objects in view my invention has particular relation to certain novel features of construction, more fully set forth in the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a sectional view of the device as it looks when in normal position and in use, with the towels hanging thereon.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device.

Similar numbers refer to similar parts throughout the several views:

The apparatus comprises a spring rod with an eye-loop, 5, formed at one end, and a U-shaped hook, 6, of which the eye-loop is a part, the rod then bent at right-angle, 7, and extended a short distance to a vertically-extended eye-loop, 8, and extended another distance to another such eye-loop, 9, then extending another distance and bent into a turn, 10, to the left and extending thence to engage in the U-shaped hook, 6. After said engagement is made, and the desired allotment of towels placed on the holder, the bow of the lock, 11, is passed through the eye-loop, 5, said bow encircling the U-shaped hook, 6, and preventing the opening of the device and the removal of the towels thereon until the lock, 11, is removed. The eye-loops, 8 and 9, are intended to engage screw-eyes, 12 and 13, to retain the device in the desired position on the cross-like support, 14, to which a dividing member, 15, is rigidly attached, the latter positioned vertically and extending forwardly the desired distance. Either one of the hooks, 12 or 13, may be provided with means for receiving a lock, as indicated at 16.

It is intended that all of the clean towels, 17, will be positioned on the holder, and on either side of the dividing member, 15, and that, when a towel has been used it will be passed along the holder, and over the dividing member, to the other side of said dividing member, 15.

The very simple process of removing a holder, containing soiled towels, 18, from the screw-eyes, 12 and 13, and substituting

a holder containing clean towels is all that is necessary to replenish the supply of towels.

Having thus described my invention I
5 claim:

A towel rack and separator, made of one piece of spring rod, or other suitable material, one end formed into a loop, intended to receive the bow of a pad-lock which when
10 in position encircles that part of the device adjacent to the loop, said loop forming part of a U-shaped hook, then a turn in the rod at a right angle the desired distance to another loop, and at a short further distance
15 another loop, the last two loops intended to engage nails or other means for sustaining the device, the rod extending thence a short distance and there formed into a turn to the left and extending thence to engage the

hook formed at and of the other end of the 20 rod, the latter extension intended to carry the towels, the device having a cross-like support composed of a flat member, preferably a board, positioned horizontally and designed to be fastened to a wall, having 25 two hooks on which to hang the towel rack, and having also a dividing member, part of the edge of which is rigidly attached to the support, in vertical position, the upper end beginning at a point below, and at the proper 30 distance from the towel rack, when latter is hung on the support, all substantially as set forth and described herein.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature this the 29 day of September, 35 1920.

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