

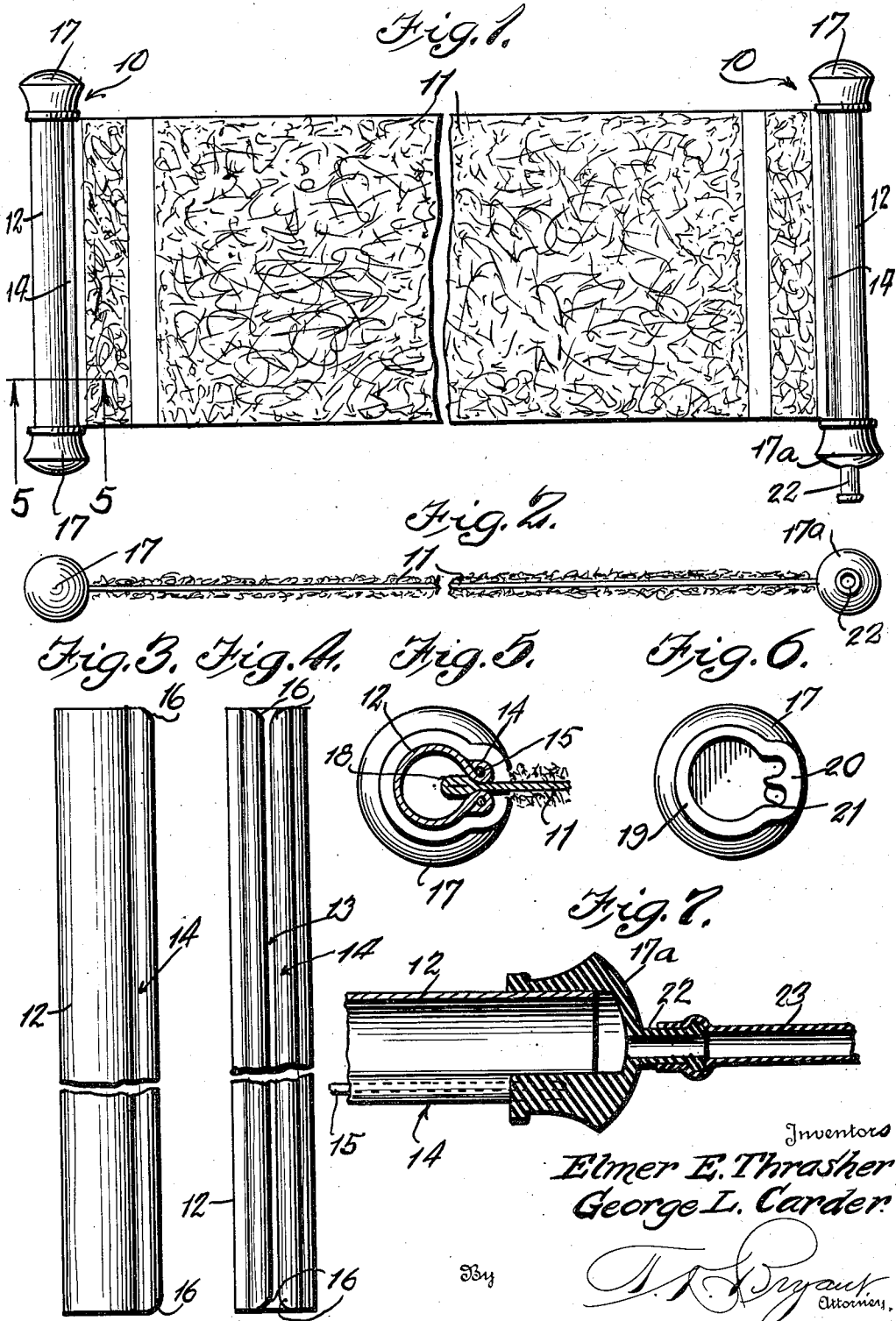
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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in washing, spraying and drying towel holder.

The primary object of the invention is to provide holders in the form of relatively short hand grips or handles with which the opposite ends of a relatively narrow strip of toweling material or the like are detachably connected with the handles moved apart to place the towel strip in a substantially taut condition for body washing and bathing purposes or for an after bath drying and massaging.

It is a further object of the invention to provide hand grips or handles to which the opposite ends of a towel strip are attached with the handles in the form of longitudinally split resilient tubes open at their ends to facilitate positioning of the towel ends and adapted to receive end caps to retain the towel in position with one of the caps fashioned with a nipple to receive a hose that may be placed in communication with a source of water supply and the particular handle used as a spray device when the towel strip is disengaged therefrom.

With the above and other objects in view that will become apparent as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a plan view partly broken away of a towel strip having a handle attached to each end thereof with the end cap on one handle provided with a nozzle for the attachment of a water hose;

Figure 2 is a side edge elevational view, partly broken away of the assembled towel strip and handle;

Figure 3 is a side elevational view, partly broken away of one of the handles;

Figure 4 is another side elevational view, partly broken away of one of the handles, showing the longitudinal slip with beaded edges flaring outwardly at their ends to facilitate placement of the hemmed edge of a towel strip therebetween;

Figure 5 is a detail sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 1, showing the hemmed edge of the towel strip confined in the tubular handle by means of the beaded edges of the split portion;

Figure 6 is an inner end elevational view of one of the end caps for a handle, showing the complementary formation thereof relative to the beaded side edge of the handle; and

Figure 7 is a fragmentary longitudinal sectional

view of one end of the handle and end cap provided with a nipple for the attachment of a water hose.

The washing, spraying and drying towel holder comprises a pair of handles 10 with which the opposite ends of a towel strip 11 are detachably connected. Each handle 10 comprises a tubular hand grip 12 that is split longitudinally to provide a longitudinally extending slot 13 in the side wall and each edge wall of the slotted opening 13 is reinforced by an outwardly directed bead 14 strengthened by a wire insert 15 as shown in Figures 5 and 7. The tubular hand grip 12 is preferably formed of resilient material to facilitate the gripping of towel ends and to provide a relatively narrow slot 13 when the towel is disengaged from the hand grip. As shown more clearly in Figure 4, the inner edges of the opposite ends of the beads 14 are flared or bevelled outwardly as at 16 to facilitate the placement of the hemmed end of a towel into the tubular hand grip 12.

The towel 11 is of strip formation and is of a width slightly less than the length of the handles 10 so that when the towel ends are inserted in the tubular hand grip, end caps 17 may be placed upon the ends of the handles for retaining the towel strip in position. As shown more clearly in Figure 5, the towel strip 11 is provided with a hem 18 upon opposite ends that is positioned within the tubular hand grip 12 with the bead 14 of the hand grip engaged with the towel strip inwardly of the hemmed end 18, the latter preventing escape of the towel strip from the handle during use of the device.

The handle caps 17 are of hollow formation, being closed at their outer ends and having a neck portion 19, one side of which is offset as at 20 as shown in Figures 6 and 7 to facilitate placement over the beaded edges 14, the offset 20 carrying an inwardly directed rib 21 to be received in the adjacent end of the slot 13.

The end cap designated by the reference character 17a in Figures 1, 2 and 7, carries a hollow nipple 22 at its outer end to facilitate the attachment of the water supply tube or hose 23.

When using the device as a washer during bathing, the towel strip is lathered and the handles 10 individually gripped for placing the towel strip in a substantially taut condition and at which time the same may be easily rubbed over all parts of the body. To use the device as a sprayer, the handle 10 provided with the end cap 17a is disengaged from the towel strip 11 and the water supply hose 23 attached to the

nipple 22, the water flowing into the tubular hand grip 12 and escaping in a relatively fine ribbon-like stream through the restricted slotted opening 13. A dry towel strip 11 is then engaged 5 with the handles 10 for the purposes of drying the body with massage effects. The end hems 18 of the towel strip 11 securely retain the latter within the tubular hand grip 12 and placement of the hemmed ends of the towel strip into the 10 tubular hand grip is facilitated by the bevelled ends 16 of the reinforcing bead 14.

From the above detailed description of the invention, it is believed that the construction and operation thereof will at once be apparent and 15 while there is herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

20 We claim:—

1. In a washing, spraying and drying towel holder, a towel strip having a handle detachably engaged with each end thereof, each handle being of tubular formation and longitudinally 25 split, a hem on each end of the towel disposed inwardly of the handle split, and a removable cap for each handle end.

2. In a washing, spraying and drying towel holder, a towel strip having a handle detachably 30 engaged with each end thereof, each handle being of tubular formation and longitudinally split, a hem on each end of the towel disposed in-

wardly of the handle split, a removable cap for each handle end, and outwardly directed longitudinal beads bordering the handle slot constituting towel pulling abutments for the towel hem.

3. In a washing, spraying and drying towel 5 holder, a towel strip having a handle detachably engaged with each end thereof, each handle being of tubular formation and longitudinally split, a hem on each end of the towel disposed inwardly of the handle split, a removable cap for 10 each handle end, and outwardly directed longitudinal beads bordering the handle slot constituting towel pulling abutments for the towel hem, each cap having a laterally offset portion with the inner face of the offset portion formed com- 15 plementally to the beaded side of the handle to facilitate placement of the cap on the handle.

4. In a washing, spraying and drying towel holder, a towel strip having a handle detachably 20 engaged with each end thereof, each handle being of tubular formation and longitudinally split, a hem on each end of the towel disposed inwardly of the handle split, a removable cap for each handle end, outwardly directed longitudinal 25 beads bordering the handle slot constituting towel pulling abutments for the towel hem, and the inner faces of the outer ends of the beads being bevelled outwardly to facilitate placement of the ends of a towel strip in the handle. 30

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