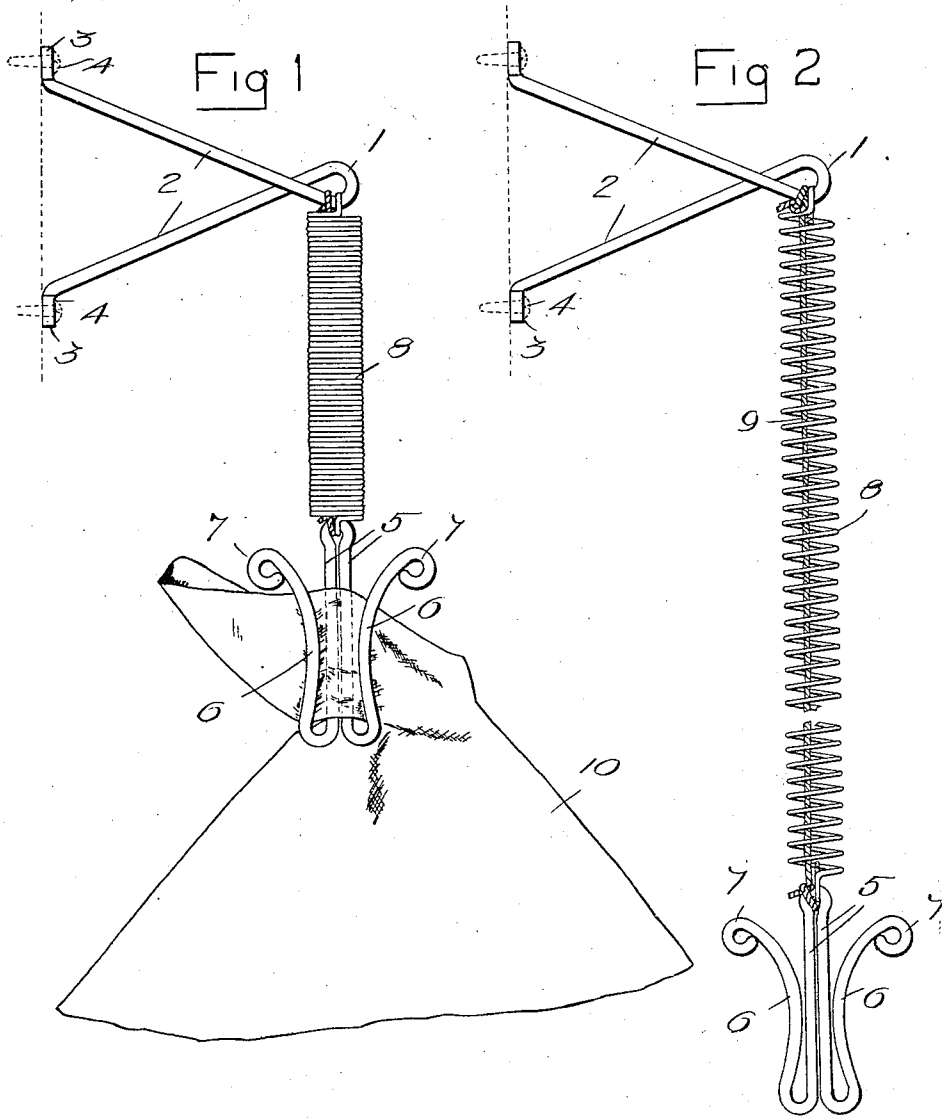


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RAY T. FINUCAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Marshfield, in the county of Wood and State of Wisconsin, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Towel-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in towel holders and has for its object to provide a device of the character specified which will firmly and releasably grip the towel, and which is connected by resilient mechanism to a fixed support, in order that the towel may be held, when not in use, clear from the floor or which may be withdrawn some distance from the support when in use.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a side view showing the improved holder in use with the parts in one position.

Fig. 2 is a similar view with the parts in another position.

In the present embodiment of the invention a bracket is provided formed from wire, bent upon itself to form an eye 1 and a pair of diverging arms 2 each of which is provided at the end remote from the eye 1 with an eye 3 which is adapted to receive a screw 4 or the like, to connect the bracket to a fixed support, as for instance, a wall.

A grip or clamp for the towel is also provided, said grip or clamp being formed from wire doubled upon itself to form a shank 5, and the extremities of the wire are bent back upon the shank and on opposite sides thereof to form gripping jaws 6.

These jaws 6 cooperate with the shank to

grip the towel in the manner shown in Fig. 1, portions of the towel being passed between the gripping jaws and the shank. 40

It will be noticed that the jaws 6 are curved, and they are arranged with their convex edges inward. The free end of each extremity of the wire is bent to form an eye 7, and the clamp or grip is connected to the bracket by means of a coil spring 8. This spring as shown engages at one end the eye 1 of the bracket and at the other the connection between the two portions of the shank. 45

In order to limit the extension of the spring a flexible member 9, as for instance a cord, is connected at one end to the eye 1, and at the other to the connection between the portions of the shank. The said flexible member 9 is of such length that it will permit the towel 10 to be withdrawn a sufficient distance from the bracket and to be returned to normal position when the said towel is released. 50

I claim:—

A towel holder comprising a spring having at one end a grip for engaging the towel, the grip being formed from wire doubled upon itself to form a shank, the ends of the wire being bent backward alongside the shank at opposite sides thereof and in spaced relation at their ends, said ends being curved and the convexity of the curve being toward the shank. 55 60 65

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