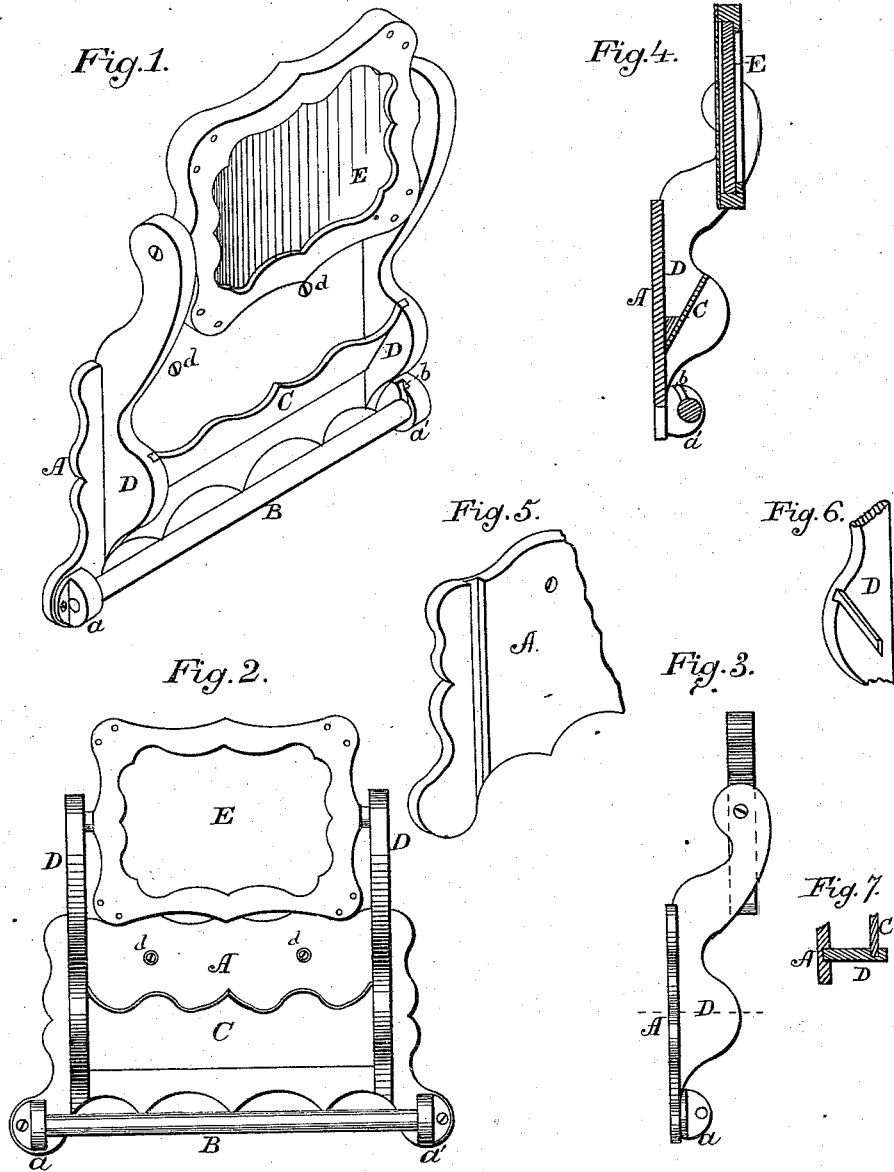


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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOILET-BRACKETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, REUBEN A. SMITH, of East Weare, county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toilet-Brackets, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to manufacture the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, similar letters indicating corresponding parts in the different figures.

The object of this invention is to produce an article of furniture which shall take the place, to a certain extent, of the more costly toilet devices now in common use, combining, as it does, the functions of the towel-rack, the case for holding combs and brushes, and the adjustable mirror, all in one and the same article of furniture, which is ornamental, and may be readily moved from place to place, and easily secured to the wall of a room, door, or another article of furniture in the most convenient position for use; and the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the different parts of the device, as will be hereinafter fully described, and then pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 represents the bracket in perspective, Fig. 2 being a front view; Fig. 3, an end or side view; and Fig. 4 a vertical section on the lines *x x* of Fig. 2, showing the arrangement of the different parts. Figs. 5, 6, and 7 are detailed views, showing the method of uniting the different parts of the bracket to each other.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the back of the bracket, which may be formed of walnut or other suitable ornamental wood cut to the desired shape, and provided near its lower edge with two ears or projections, *a* and *a'*, which may be of metal, and secured to the back piece by screws or other equivalent devices, the projection *a* being pierced with an orifice for the reception of one end of the towel-roll B, the other end being secured in the curved recess *b* formed in the projection *a'*, thus allowing the roll to be readily removed and replaced when desired.

The curved form of the recess serves to assist in retaining this end of the roll in position while the towel is being used, as were the sides of the recess made vertical, the roll would be liable, when revolved by a pull upon the towel, to rise out of it and allow the towel, when what is termed a roller-towel is used, to become disengaged. Two side pieces, D D, are secured to the back A, and, like that, may be of ornamental form and material, and, in conjunction with a front piece, C, secured between them and to the back in any suitable manner, forms a pocket for the reception of combs, brushes, and the various other articles required in the operations of the toilet. These side pieces D project sufficiently above the back to form supports for the pivots which sustain the adjustable mirror E, the frame of which may be cut to any desired ornamental pattern; or, if it is intended to furnish a cheap bracket, they, as well as the remaining portions, may be left plain and made of cheaper material. Two holes, *d d*, are made in the back A, through which pass the nails or screws used for securing the bracket in position.

The method by which I unite the different pieces composing the bracket is clearly shown in Figs. 5, 6, and 7 of the drawings, and consists in forming two parallel grooves in the back piece A to receive the edge of the side pieces D, which are, in turn, grooved, as shown in Fig. 6, to receive the ends of the piece C, thus forming the pocket. By this means I am enabled to form the various pieces constituting the bracket at different times, each piece being formed to correspond with a certain pattern. They may then be packed away or shipped in this condition, and, when required, the parts may be readily put together by even an inexperienced workman, as each piece fits into its own groove, and may be fastened there by glue, without the necessity of using screws or nails.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, the following:

As a new article of manufacture, the bracket herein described and shown, consisting of the back A, side pieces D, and strip C, all united

by grooves formed in said back and side pieces, the towel-roll B, and mirror E, the latter being hung at the extremity of the outwardly-projecting side arms, and above the back A, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I hereunto affix my signature in the presence

of two witnesses this 26th day of February, 1875.

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