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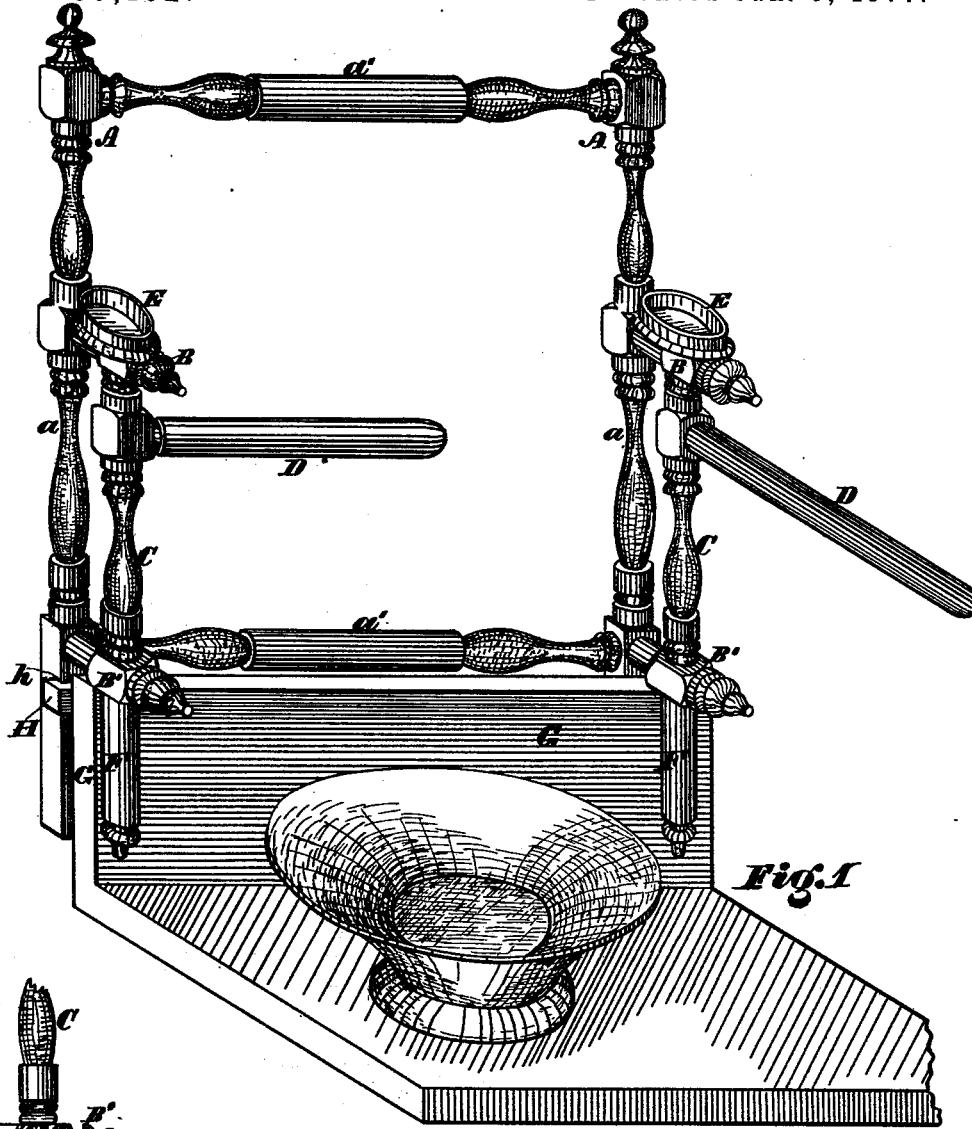


Fig. 1

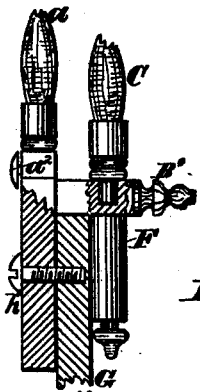


Fig. 2

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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED WALL-PROTECTORS AND TOWEL-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY M. HUTCHINSON and MARTIN V. LUNGER, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Wall-Protectors and Towel-Racks; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective, and Fig. 2 a side elevation (partly broken away,) of our invention.

The object of this invention is to provide a neat, durable, easily-constructed, and, withal, ornamental, device to be used in connection with a wash-stand, serving as a rack for towels and to protect the wall from the splashing or sprinkling of water, which usually takes place when ablutions are being performed.

The improvements consist in the peculiar construction and combination of parts, having reference particularly, first, to the means for sustaining the towel-arms so as to prevent their sagging; and, secondly, to the method of fastening the device to the upright cornice or back of the wash-stand.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A designates a frame formed of the two standards or posts *a a* and the transverse bars or rounds *a¹ a¹*. On the back of this frame are buttons *a²*, or equivalent devices, for the attachment of a curtain or screen of any suitable material, such as lace, muslin, oil-cloth, &c. *B B'* are short arms, rigidly attached to the standards *a* and projecting from the front thereof, affording bearings or steps for the posts *C C*, which are swiveled therein. *D D* are the towel-arms, firmly affixed in or to the swiveled posts *C C*, by means of which said arms may be folded against the wall or caused to project therefrom at any desired angle. *E E* are stands located on the arms *B B* for the reception of small pieces of the

toilet-set, and *F F* are rigid hangers depending from the arms *B' B'*, and forming, to the eye, continuations of the swiveled posts *C C*. The opening or space between these hangers and the standards *a a* is occupied by the upright cornice or back *G* of the wash-stand.

To fasten the parts more securely, a key, *H*, fitting in a groove, *h*, in the posts *a*, is employed when said cornice is of marble.

When the attachment is made to a wooden cornice the said key may be employed, or screws *h' h'*, entering through the back of the posts *a a*, may be employed.

For greater security, two keys, *H H*, one for each post *a a*, should be employed.

The advantages of the foregoing-described construction over that heretofore known is, briefly, as follows: The towel-arms, being rigidly attached to the swiveled posts, are permitted all the motion which the necessities of the case require without the tendency to sag, which is inevitable in the case where they are attached by a metal belt to the posts *a*, so as to swivel thereon. The posts *B B'* give an ornamental projection to the device, imparting an air of solidity, as well as affording a support for the posts *C C*, stands *E E*, and hangers *F F*.

The mode of attachment to the wash-stand is superior to that in which a spring-metal clamp is employed, being more secure than the latter and avoiding its tendency to scratch the finely-finished surface of the marble or wooden cornice. The key or screw *H* or *h'*, entering back of said cornice, is concealed from view, (whereas the clamp heretofore used was prominently displayed,) thus causing the attachment, when viewed from the front, to appear homogeneous with the wash-stand.

What we claim as our invention is—

1. The towel-arms *D D*, rigidly secured to posts *C C* swiveled in arms *B B'* projecting from the frame *A*, substantially as shown and described.

2. In combination with the posts *a a* and arms *B' B'*, the hangers *F*, said hangers being arranged to depend in front of the cornice *G* while said posts pass back of said cornice, the latter being made fast between said hangers

and posts by a key or screw, substantially as set forth.

3. The combined wall-protector and towel-rack for wash-stands, herein shown and described, consisting of the frame A, rigid arms B B', swiveled posts C C, and hangers F F, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we

have hereunto set our hands this 27th day of June, 1876.

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