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Roller for Towel.

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Fig. 2

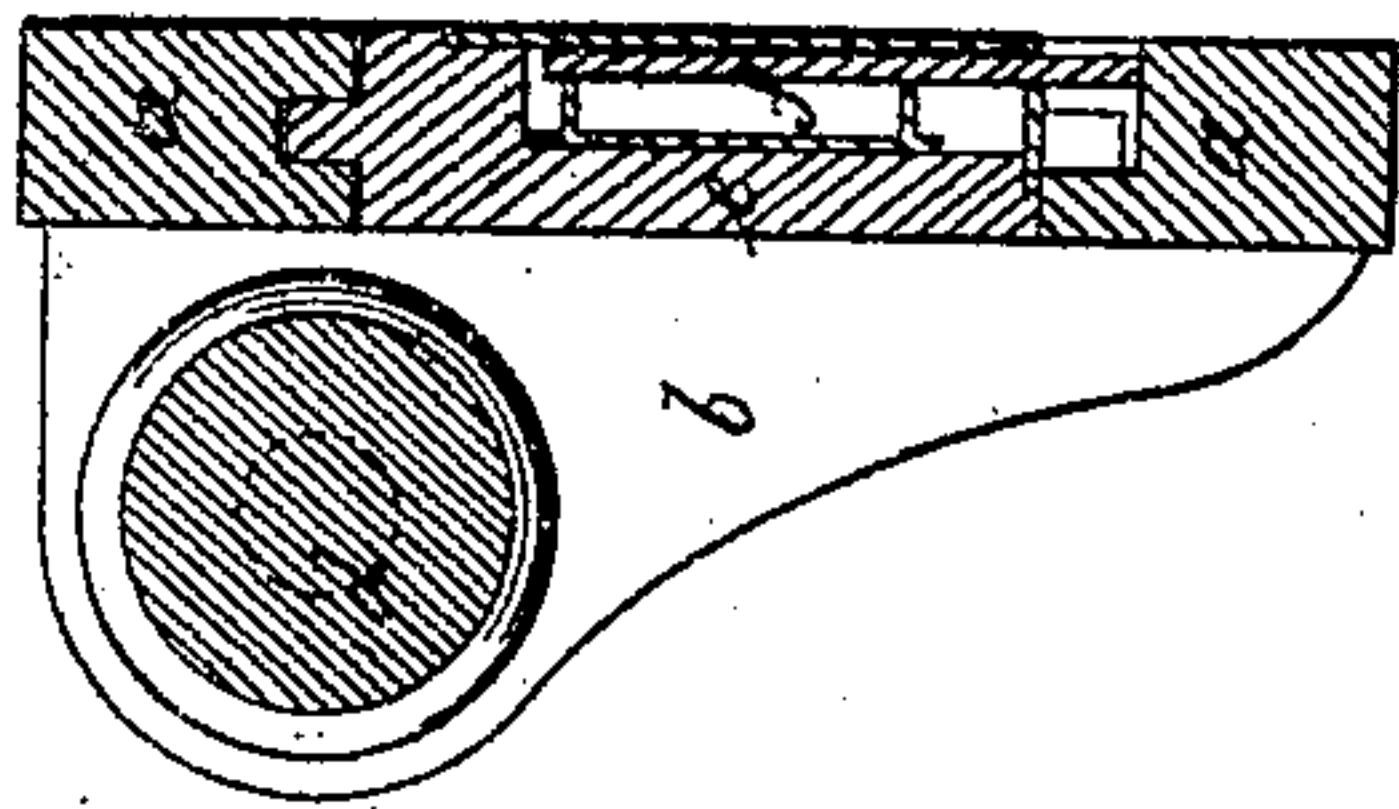
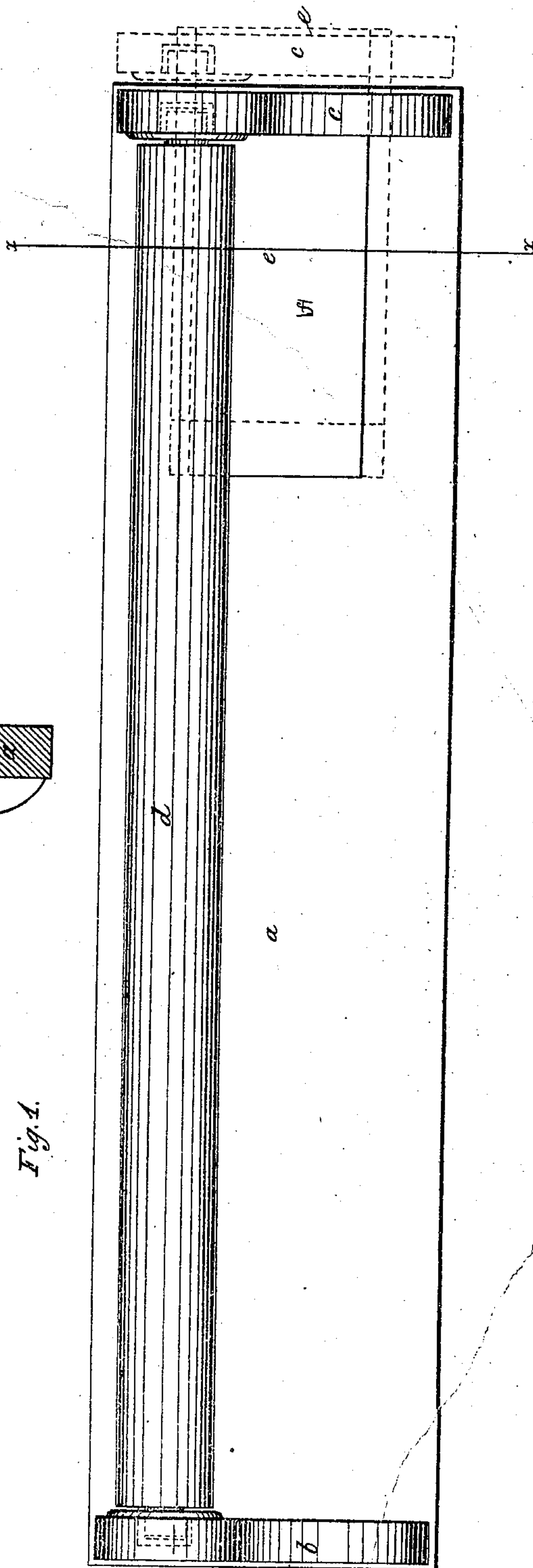


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVED ROLLER FOR TOWELS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. LEWIS, of the city and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improvement in Rollers for Towels; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the towel-roller and bracket, the red lines showing one bracket moved away for taking out or replacing the roller; and

Figure 2 is a section at the line *x x*.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

In public places it is often difficult to secure the towel from being taken off the roller, and either mislaid or improperly used. The object of my invention is to lock the roller permanently into the bracket holding the same, so that the endless web forming the towel cannot be taken off until the bracket that holds the roller is relieved by unlocking the fastening. By this device the roller is held so that it cannot fall out accidentally, but it is free to turn, and the towel is always kept in its proper place.

In the drawing, *a* represents the bracket-holder, formed of a piece of wood connecting the brackets *b* and *c*, and by means of which they may be screwed or nailed up to place. The bracket *b* has a socket in it for the reception of the end of the towel-roller *d*, and said bracket *b* is permanently attached to the holder *a*. The bracket *c* has a similar socket, but is attached movably to the holder *a*. For this purpose I have shown a sliding piece, *e*, set in grooves in an opening in *a*, so that this piece *e* can be moved endwise, carrying the bracket *c* sidewise away from the journal of the roller *d*, so that that can be taken out or put into place. To secure the sliding piece *e*, I make use of the lock *f*, actuated by any suitable key, so that the towel cannot be taken off until the slide *e* is unlocked. The sockets in the brackets *b* and *c* are made of pewter or other soft metal that causes the roller to revolve with freedom.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A movable end-piece for securing the end of the towel-roller, substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1867.

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