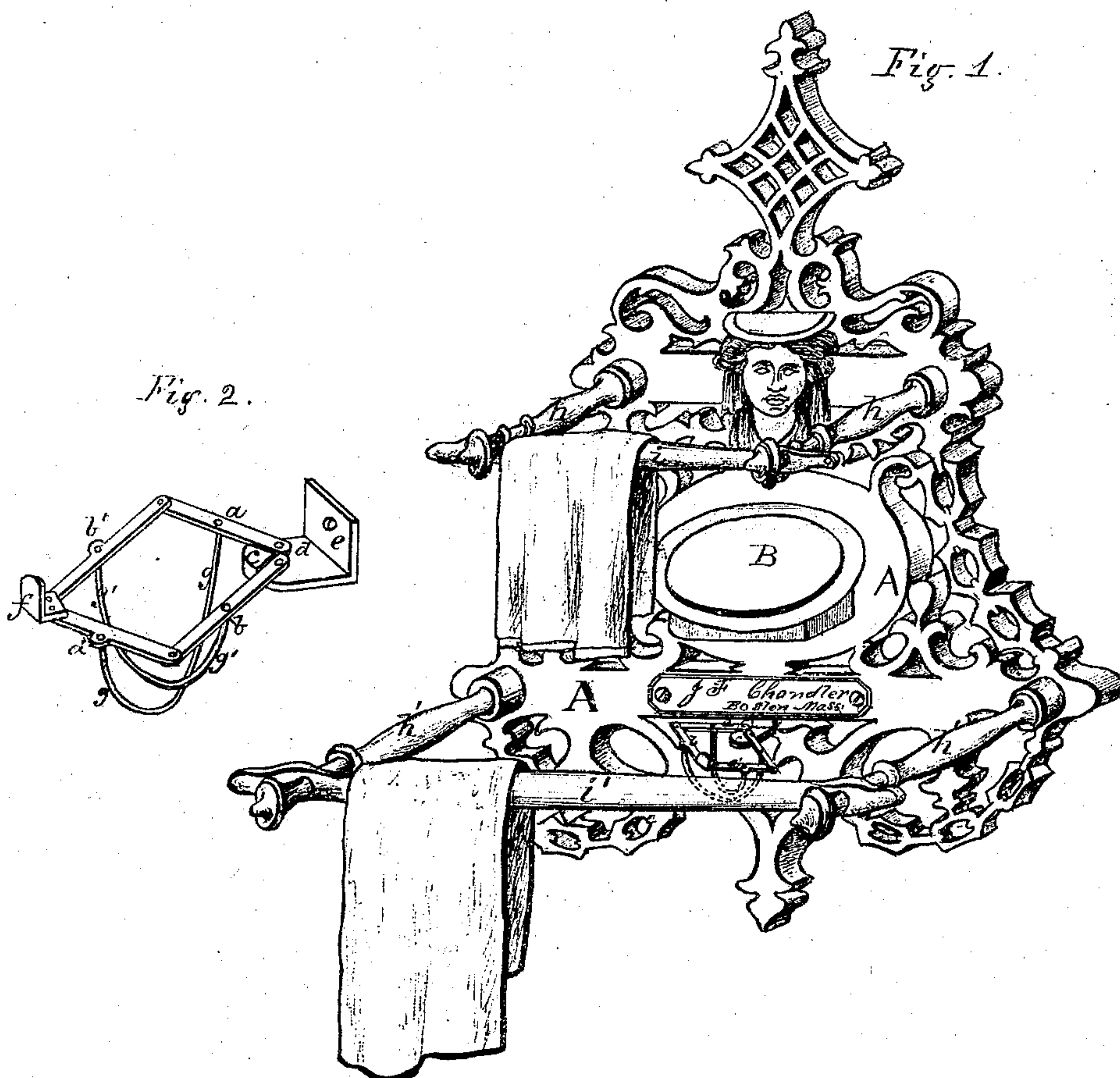


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IMPROVEMENT IN TOWEL-BRACKETS AND SPONGE-HOLDERS.

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, J. FRANK CHANDLER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Towel-Bracket and Sponge-Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of this specification.

The invention consists in one or more rails or bars for holding towels, supported on rods or arms projecting from an ornamental back-piece.

The invention further consists in a holder or basket for a sponge, so made that it will allow the air to circulate through and dry the sponge, and when not so used it can be folded back and so occupy but a very small space.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the sponge-holder.

A is the back-piece made of any desired pattern.

From this the arms *h h' h' h'* project forward to a suitable distance, and on these the rails *i i'* are supported.

The rails and their supports form a neat and economical arrangement on which to hang towels, as shown.

In fig. 2, representing the sponge-holder, *a a' b b'* are four strips of metal or wood pivoted together on the principle of the lazy-tongs, so that the four together form the sides of a parallelogram.

At one of the angles, marked *d*, the pivots fasten the pieces to a plate, *e*, which supports the whole, and is in its turn fastened to the ornamental back-piece A, before mentioned.

On this plate, in the space between the two sides *a b*, is an angular projection or stop, *c*, against which the sides *a b* bring up when the parallelogram is opened sufficiently.

On the opposite angle, making the front angle of the holder, another plate or hand-piece, *f*, is secured by the pivots for the convenience of opening or shutting the holder.

From the opposite sides *a a' b b'*, and working loosely in them, one or more wires, *g g'*, extend, curving downward so as to form a sort of basket when the holder is open. When the holder is closed these wires lie close up against one another.

I also attach to the back-piece A a box, B, for brushes or other articles which it may be convenient to place therein. The lid of this box may be fitted with a mirror if desired.

There are many advantages obtained by my invention. The ordinary towel-horse is very unhandy; if it stands away from the wall it occupies a large space and is continually liable to be thrown down; if placed against the wall a large portion of its rails cannot be readily utilized. My towel-bracket being hung against the wall occupies no floor space; it is as easily put up or taken down as an ordinary picture, and all its length of rail is available.

The sponge-holder provides a place for a sponge, an essential article to the toilet, but for which there has heretofore been no proper place when not in use. Moreover, the bracket with its adjuncts is an ornamental piece of furniture.

I claim—

1. A combined towel-rack and sponge-holder, consisting of the ornamental back-piece A, brush-box B, arms *h h'*, rails *i i'*, and expansible sponge-holder *a b c*, all constructed and arranged as described.

2. The sponge-holder, made to open and shut, as described, the same consisting of the strips *a a' b b'*, pivoted to each other and to the angle-plate *e*, and having the wires *g g'* attached to form the basket, all in the manner and for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my said invention signed and witnessed at Boston this 4th day of March, A. D. 1871.

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