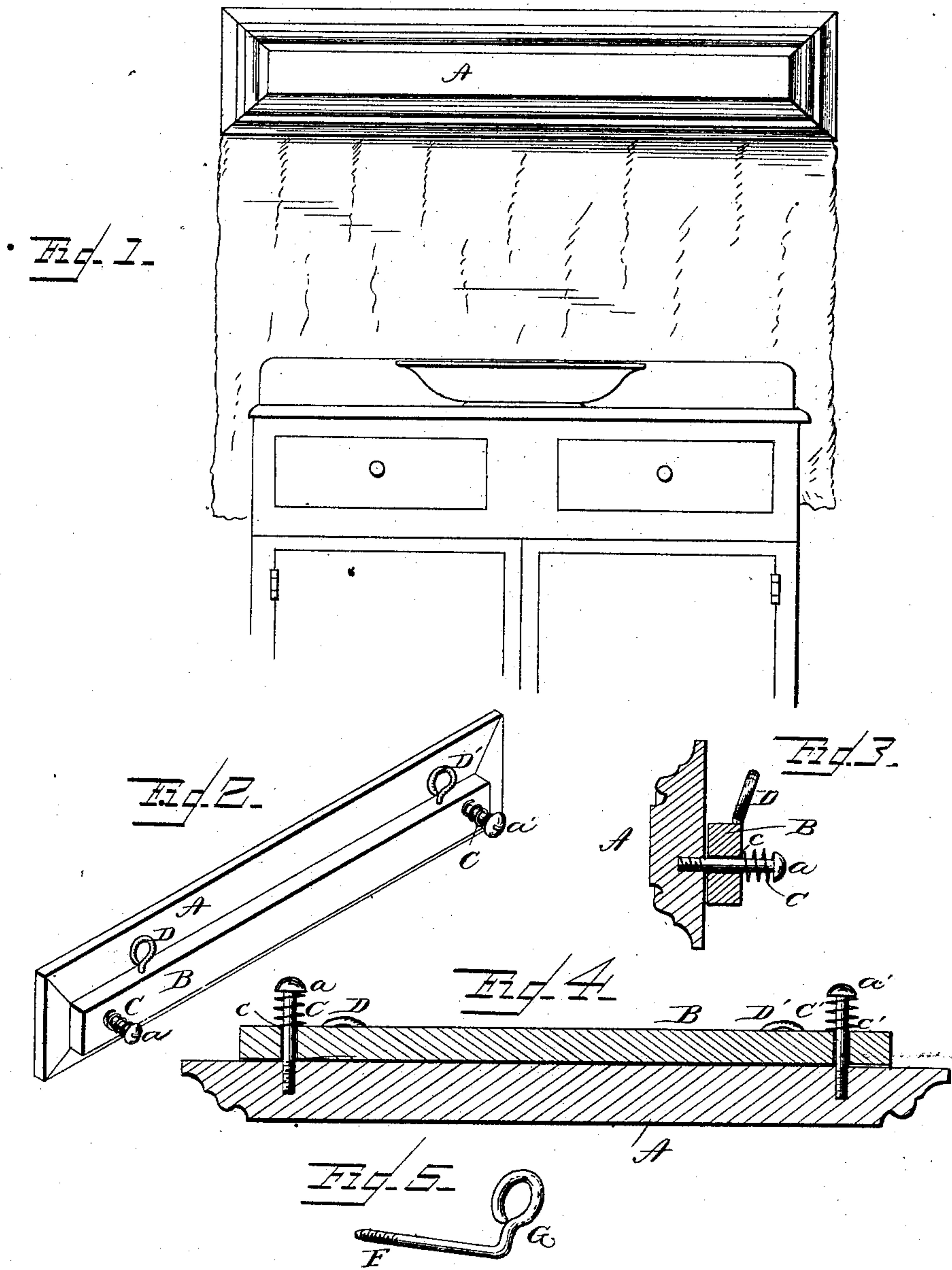


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AMANDA REYNOLDS SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Prophetstown, in the county of Whiteside and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Splasher-Holder, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to splasher-holders, the object being to provide a device of this character of cheap, simple, and durable construction.

A further object of the invention is to obviate the necessity of securing the splasher to the wall by tacks, &c., as has ordinarily been the case, the same being objectionable on account of their liability to become disengaged and to tear the paper.

The invention consists in the improved construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improvement with a splasher applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the rear side of my device. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same on the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 5 illustrates a modified form of screw.

A represents the front portion of my improved splasher. The same consists of a frame or cornice, which may be made of any suitable size and material, and ornamented, if desired.

B represents the splasher-clamp, which is held in position upon the rear side of the cornice by means of screws *a a'*. These screws or fastenings *a a'* pass through perforations *c c'* in the splasher-clamp, and coiled springs C are interposed between the heads of the screws and the said clamp, which is forced against the rear side of the cornice A.

D D' represent screw-eyes for holding the splasher-frame upon the wall, the same being arranged upon the upper edge and near the ends of the splasher-clamp.

It will be observed from the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, that the entire device can be very readily suspended or hung upon a wall by merely entering the heads of nails or the like in the eyes of the hooks D', and that the device can

be very readily detached without tearing the paper or otherwise injuring the wall. The clamping-plate is concealed from view by and movable laterally from the cornice A throughout its entire length to permit the end of a "splasher," as it is called, to be easily, quickly, and readily inserted therein, and when the clamping-plate is released from the hands of the operator the coiled springs instantaneously force the same against the splasher and clamp the latter between the cornice and the clamping-plate by frictional contact between the opposing faces. The splasher can be of any preferred material, and it is held rigidly and securely in the holder, while at the same time it can be readily detached without liability of the end thereof that is clamped in the holder becoming torn. The clamping-plate is supported and movable on headed screws that are screwed into the cornice and permanently secured therein, and the coiled pressure-springs are confined between the clamping-plate and the heads of the screws. The headed screws prevent the springs from becoming disengaged, and they can be turned or adjusted to vary the tension or force of the springs. The suspending-eyes D are inclined at an angle to the clamping-plate, so that they project beyond the rear vertical face of the said plate, whereby the clamping-plate can rest squarely against the wall or other place.

My improved splasher-holder is very simple, strong, and durable in its construction; is very effective and easy of operation; presents a neat, ornamental, and attractive appearance, inasmuch as the clamping-plate and the screws, eyes, and springs are concealed from view by the cornice, which has its ornamental face presented to view, and it is cheap and inexpensive of manufacture.

In Fig. 5 I have shown a modified form of screw which serves the purpose of securing the parts together and for hanging the splasher-holder upon the wall. The same consists of an ordinary screw, F, formed with an eye, G, bent at a right angle thereto.

The operation of my invention is as follows: When a splasher is to be suspended from the holder, the operator grasps the clamping-plate and forces the same laterally away from the cornice and against the tension of the springs, so that a space is left between the clamping-



plate and cornice. One end of the splasher is now inserted in the space between the clamping-plate and cornice and the plate released, so that the springs will force the same inwardly toward the cornice and clamp the splasher between the cornice and plate, as will be very readily understood. The holder, together with the splasher secured therein, is now suspended on proper nails or the like that are driven in the wall or other place from which the holder is to be suspended. The splasher can be readily detached from the holder while the latter is suspended on a wall by merely pulling upon the lower or side edges of the splasher.

In order to define the nature and scope of my invention, I would state that heretofore it has been proposed to provide a combined wall-protector and towel-rack that is to be suspended from a wall by means of hooks and nails, and is provided with pivoted towel-holding arms at each end, that are adapted to fold within recesses of the bracket, or to be extended outwardly therefrom at an angle, a splasher of any suitable material being tacked to the rear surface of the bracket.

I am also aware that an ironing-table has been provided with an outer clamping-frame comprising a board to which are rigidly connected end bars with reduced ends, laterally-movable side bars mounted on the reduced ends of the end bars, and coiled springs for normally forcing the side bars inwardly, and an inner frame that consists, essentially, of movable side bars that are adapted to bear against the spring-actuated bars of the outer frame, and pivoted links connected with said inner movable bars and actuated by a longitudinal screw, whereby when the screw is adjusted the side bars of the inner frame are moved toward and away from the spring-actuated bars of the outer frame, which construction, however, is for a distinct purpose, more complicated and expensive, and is not adapted to and cannot fulfill the function of my invention. My invention differs from these devices in the fact that I provide a holder that is to be suspended from a wall, and which consists, essentially, of a bracket or cornice, A, that is ornamental or plain in appearance, and a laterally-movable spring-actuated

clamping-plate that is supported and concealed from view by the cornice, one end of the splasher being detachably clamped between the plate and cornice.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an article of manufacture, a splasher-holder adapted to be suspended from a wall, comprising a cornice and movable spring-actuated clamping-plate arranged in rear of and supported by said cornice, one end of the splasher being clamped between the cornice and the movable clamping-plate, substantially as described.

2. As an article of manufacture, a splasher-holder adapted to be suspended from a wall, and comprising a cornice and a laterally-movable spring-actuated clamping-plate supported and concealed from view by the cornice, one edge of the splasher being detachably clamped between the cornice and the plate by frictional contact between the opposing faces, substantially as described.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a splasher-holder comprising a cornice, a laterally-movable clamping-plate concealed from view by the cornice, pins secured in the cornice and passing through openings in the plate, the plate being supported and free to move on the pins, and springs on the pins for normally pressing the clamping-plate in contact with the cornice, substantially as described.

4. The combination, in a suspended splasher-holder, of a cornice, the headed adjustable screws *a*, supported therein, a movable clamping-plate, C, supported on the screws and concealed from view by the cornice, the coiled pressure-springs arranged on the screws and bearing against the clamping-plate to normally force the latter against the cornice, and the angular suspending-hooks D, secured to the clamping-plate, the whole combined and arranged substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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