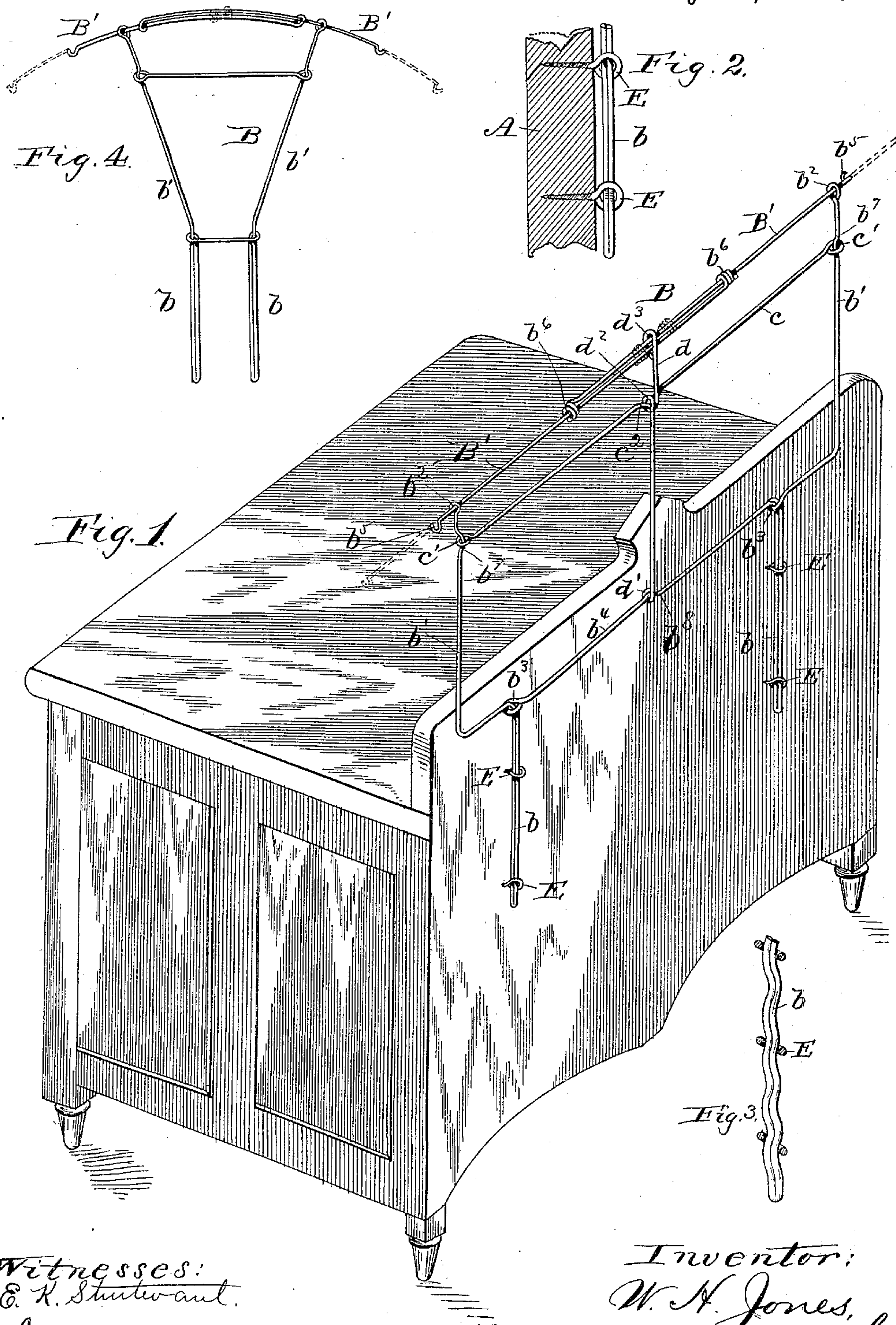


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brookeville, in the county of Montgomery and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holders for Splashes, Wall-Protectors, &c.; and I do 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

It is the object of my invention to provide a holder for splashes and similar articles, especially adapted for use with wash-stands to protect the wall, of simple and improved construction, which may be applied and firmly secured to a wash-stand of any character by an unskilled person in such manner as also to permit of ready vertical adjustment, and upon which the splashes may be supported and neatly stretched without removing the device from the wash-stand or changing its connection therewith, although such splashes be of different widths.

With such objects in view my invention consists in the parts and combinations thereof, hereinafter particularly described and claimed.

In order to make the invention more clearly understood, I have shown in the accompanying drawings means for carrying the same into practical effect.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a wash-stand having a holder embodying my invention applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a portion of the same, showing on a larger scale, the means for securing the holder in place. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the securing devices taken on a plane parallel with the back of the stand, the lower end of the holder being slightly modified. Fig. 4 is an elevation of a modified form of fan-shaped holder, also embodying my invention.

Referring to the drawings, A indicates a wash-stand having applied thereto in such position that it extends above and parallel with the back thereof the holder B. The latter is formed of malleable wire or equivalent material, and comprises vertical legs b , uprights

b' , provided with eyes or bearings b^2 , and arms B' extensible independently of the uprights and held and adapted to slide in said bearings. 55

The parts above described are preferably made of three pieces of wire, the first being bent intermediately between its ends to form the double legs b , at the upper end of which latter the wire of one side of the leg is turned around the wire of the other side, forming a connecting eye or loop b^3 , and the middle portion forming a transverse bar b^4 , which connects the legs. The second and third pieces are surrounded each by one of the bearings b^2 , 65 are bent at their outer ends to form hooks or clamps b^5 , and at their inner ends are provided or formed with bearings or eyes b^6 , by which said pieces engage, slide upon, and steady each other. A transverse brace c may 70 also be employed, if desired, to connect the upper ends of the uprights b' , in which case I provide the latter with bends b^7 , to prevent the eyes c' of said brace from sliding down out of place. A central vertical brace d may 75 also be added, having an eye d' , which engages a bend b^8 in the brace b^4 , an eye d^2 , which encircles a bend c^2 at the middle of brace c , and an elongated or flat bearing d^3 , which holds the arms B' so that they cannot revolve or 80 turn in bearings b^2 , although their sliding is freely permitted.

E indicates ordinary screw-eyes of suitable size to loosely encircle the legs b , and provided with screw-threaded shanks e , which 85 are adapted to be screwed into the back or other suitable part of the wash-stand or other object. The eyes having been screwed in place and left horizontal it will be observed that the holder can be vertically adjusted according to the height of the back of the stand 90 and depth of the splasher to be used by moving the legs b up or down in them; but upon turning the eyes upon the axes of their shanks e , as nearly as possible into a vertical position they will engage and bind upon the sides of the legs and hold the device securely. Any convenient or desired number of eyes E may be employed. If preferred, the legs may be 95 notched or bent in corrugations, as indicated in Fig. 3, to give the eyes a more positive engagement; but the construction indicated in Fig. 1 will ordinarily be sufficient. 100

In Fig. 4 the holder is fan-shaped, and the

arms B' formed upon arcs of circles, as shown. The splasher will be preferably of similar shape and connected by loops, tapes, or clasps with the intermediate parts of the arms as well as with their ends.

In applying a splasher to my improved holder the former is attached at the upper corners to the hooks b^3 , for which purpose the splasher may have sewed to it loops of tape. The arms B' are then extended, so as to stretch the splasher neatly. The bearing d^3 , or the other bearings, or both, are sufficiently tight to hold in position the arms so extended.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The herein-described holder for splashes, consisting of a frame having legs b , uprights provided with bearings b^2 , laterally-extensi-

ble arms engaging each other and held in said bearings, and the central bearing d^3 , surrounding and tightly holding said arms and adapted to maintain them in their extended position, substantially as set forth.

2. The herein-described holder comprising the wire bent to form uprights b' , double legs b , cross connecting-brace b^4 , and bearings b^2 , combined with a brace c , engaging said uprights, and extensible arms B', engaging each other and held in said bearings, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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