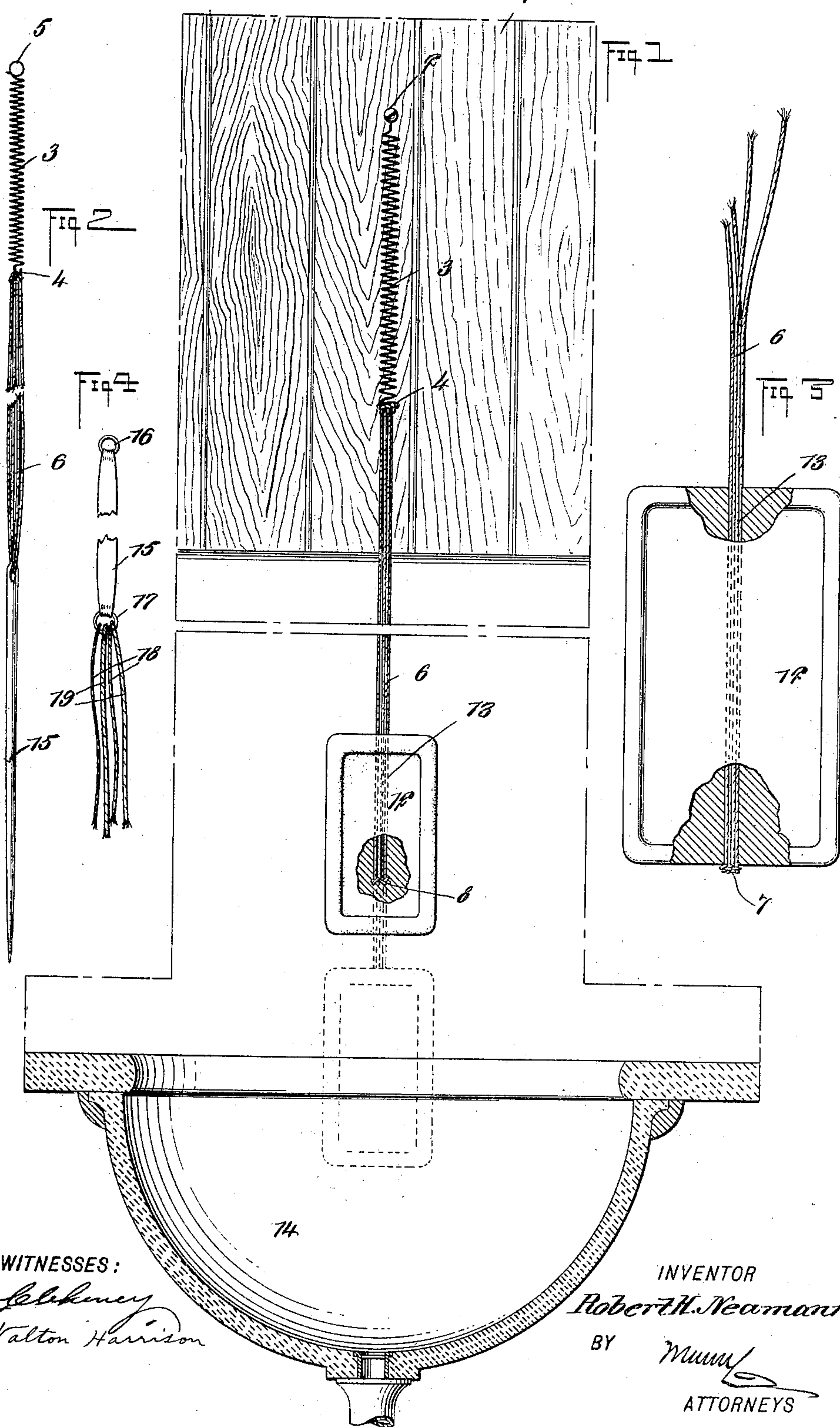


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## PENDENT SOAP-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT H. NEAMANN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pendent Soap-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to soap-holders, more particularly of a type in which a bar of soap is suspended by a flexible longitudinal member.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the device in position. Fig. 2 shows the essential parts of the device considered as an article of manufacture. Fig. 3 is an elevation showing a bar of soap anchored by means of the device shown in Fig. 2 and also showing a slightly-modified form of anchor, and Fig. 4 is a detail showing another form of elastic member for supporting the soap.

To the wall 1 is secured a screw 2, from which depends an elastic spring 3, provided at its lower end with a hook 4, to which cords 6 are secured, and at its upper end with a similar hook 5 for engagement with the screw 2. The cords 6 are knotted at 7 8 either by a person applying the invention to a bar of soap already manufactured or by the manufacturer of the soap, as the case may be.

The structure shown in Fig. 3 represents the product of individual effort, Fig. 1 being the product as sold by the manufacturer. In Fig. 4 instead of the elastic spring 3 is an elastic rubber band or web containing an elastic thread 15, provided at one end with a ring 16 for engaging the screw 2 and at the other end with a ring 17 for engaging the cords 18 19. 12 represents the bar of soap suspended from the cords and which when in use is pulled down into the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, so as to be in the basin 14. The cords 6 or 18 19 pass into the soap by means of the channel 13.

In cases where persons desire to apply the

invention to bars of soap already purchased it is advisable to buy from the market the structure shown in Fig. 2, which may, however, be modified by substituting the device shown in Fig. 4 for the spring shown in the upper part of Fig. 2. As thus purchased any person can take the needle 15 and push the same through the bar of soap 12, pulling the threads through the hole thus formed. Then cut off the needle and tie the knot 7, as shown in Fig. 3.

Supposing that the device is installed as shown in Fig. 1, a person desiring to use the same merely draws down the bar of soap 12, washes his hands with the same, and in order to clean the dirt from under his nails he scrapes the ends of his fingers upon the cords 6. These cords are comparatively inelastic and soft and yet are provided with rough surfaces, due to the twisted fiber of the several cords, for the purpose of removing dirt, such as ink-spots, from the hands and more particularly from under the nails. I call this plurality of cords a "multiflor" member. The cords can readily be separated, so that a finger or the entire hand or a finger-nail can be inserted between any one and the other three or between any two and the other two. These cords I find from actual experience are of great use in cleaning the hands. For instance, if there is an obstinate ink-spot on the back of the finger the multiflor member can be split, so that the finger is inserted upon two sides thereof, and the ink-spot can thus be rubbed off, and the cords can be rubbed with soap before using.

The preferable form of cords is shown in Fig. 4. The cords 18 are small and hard, while the cords 19 are large and soft. By thus making the cords of different sizes and different degrees of hardness the scope of usefulness of the device is greatly increased. A shoemaker with sticky wax under his nails can select a cord suitable to clean out the wax, and a lady or child with delicate hands can select one or more appropriate cords suitable for the particular sort of hands.

By suspending the soap so that it normally hangs above the water not only is the chance for losing the soap by dropping into the water or to the floor entirely prevented, but there is a great saving in that the soap does not



become water-sogged, and thereby caused to deteriorate, and the chances for theft of the soap are also lessened.

If desired, the spring or elastic may be omitted altogether and the cords suspended directly from a screw or hook.

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

10 1. A pendent soap-holder, comprising a longitudinal member provided with an anchor for holding a free bar of soap, and composed of a plurality of separate cords each capable of use independently of the other, for the purpose of removing dirt from the hands, and means for suspending said member from a fixture.

20 2. A pendent soap-holder, comprising a longitudinal inelastic section, consisting of a plurality of flexible but inelastic cords arranged parallel with each other so as to be readily separated by the insertion of a finger, and each provided with a rough surface for the purpose of removing dirt, an elastic section secured to one end of said inelastic section, and means for securing a bar of soap to the other end of said elastic section.

25 3. A pendent soap-holder, comprising a multifilor-section of separate cords for the double

purpose of cleansing the hands and of suspending a bar of soap, said multifilor-section being provided with an anchor for holding said bar of soap.

4. As an article of manufacture, a soap-holder comprising a longitudinal member made in sections, one of the said sections being of material elastic in the direction of its length, and another section being made of rough cords, said cords being provided with a needle and threaded through the eye of the same, for purposes of passing said cords through a free bar of soap.

5. A pendent soap-holder, comprising a multifilor member consisting of hard and soft cords, and means upon such cords for securing a bar of soap.

6. A pendent soap-holder, comprising a multifilor member consisting of large and small cords, and means upon such cords for securing a bar of soap.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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