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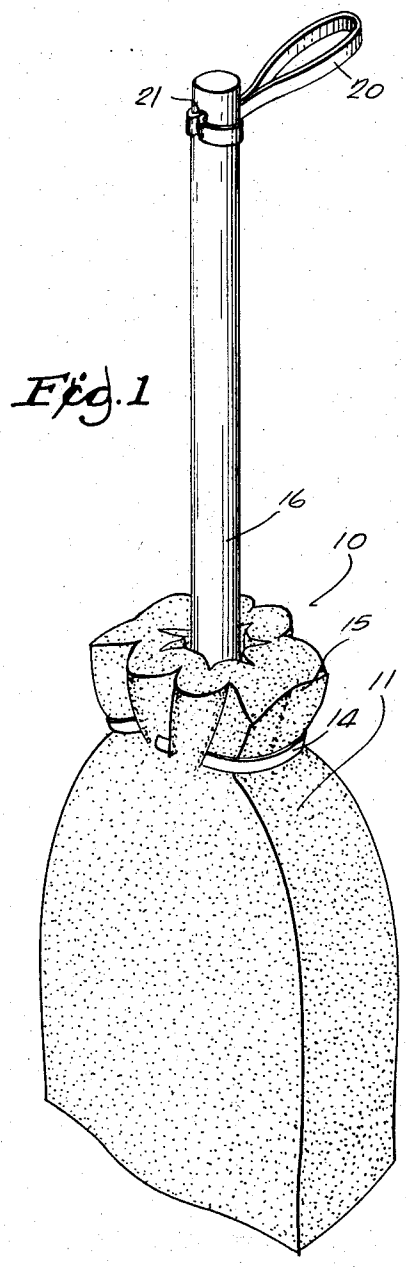


Fig. 1

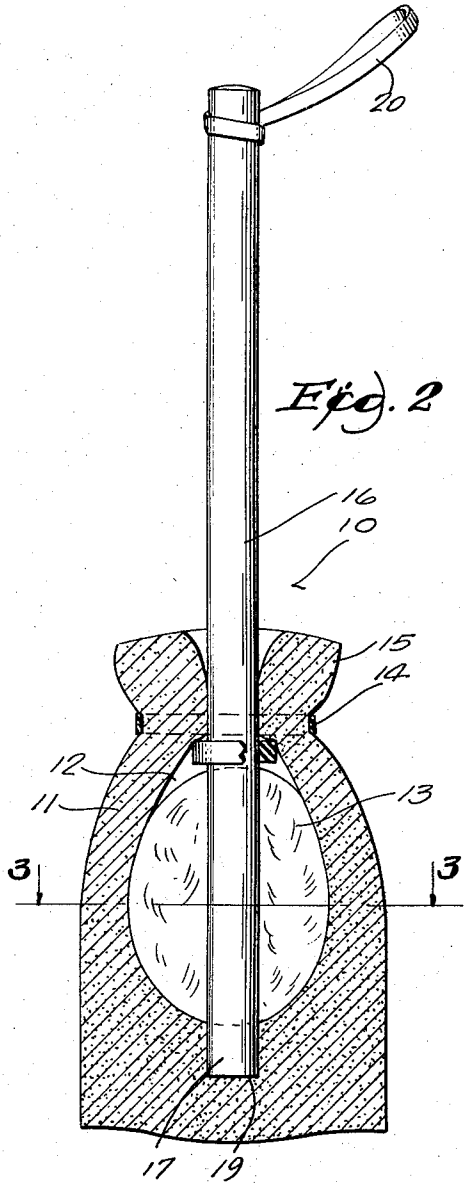


Fig. 2

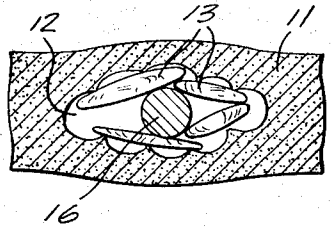


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to a novel bath sponge with an elongated handle, and more particularly to a novel bath sponge receptacle for soap and an attached handle.

An object of the invention is to provide a device of the type which will hold a bar of soap or a plurality of soap portions until the same are completely used.

Other and further objects of the invention will appear as the description proceeds, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a view in perspective of a bath sponge soap holder embodying the invention.

FIG. 2 is a view partly in elevation and partly in vertical cross-section.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the numeral **10** refers to the device generally having sponge body **11** provided at **12** with an arcuate central aperture of a size convenient for the reception and retention of a bar of soap which need not be of any particular size. The cavity may retain the soap bar **13**, or a plurality of soap bits, (not shown), and the resilient band **14** is used to confine the end portion **15** of the sponge body **11** around the handle member **16** which passes therethrough and has its inner end **17** cemented within the central aperture **18** in a circular recess at **19** thereof. A loop **20** is secured through an aperture at **21** of the free end of handle member **16**. The loop **20** is of resilient material and is of use in releasably securing the handle **16** to the user's hand while bathing, as well as for suspending the device from a hook when not in use.

The resilient band **14** is pulled open to simultaneously

open the end portion **15** of the sponge body **11** for insertion of a soap bar **13** or bits of soap. It will be apparent that all the soap may be used without any waste. The sponge rubber body **11** will permit easy entry of water therethrough as well as convenient wringing of the same.

It will be understood that the device is capable of many modifications in structure and design, without departing from the spirit of the invention, within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed and desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A bath sponge soap receptacle including a resilient sponge body portion having a central longitudinal aperture open at one end, said aperture having a reduced portion at the dead end thereof, a handle member, one end thereof cemented within said reduced portion, the other end thereof extending well beyond the opn end of said sponge body, and a resilient means for gathering the sponge adjacent to the open end thereof and retaining securely a portion or portions of soap held within said longitudinal aperture.

2. A device as in claim **1**, and a relatively firm resilient ring fixed on said handle adjacent to the resilient means for gathering the sponge on the sponge side thereof for preventing of longitudinal compacting of said sponge during use in bathing.

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