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Fig. 1.

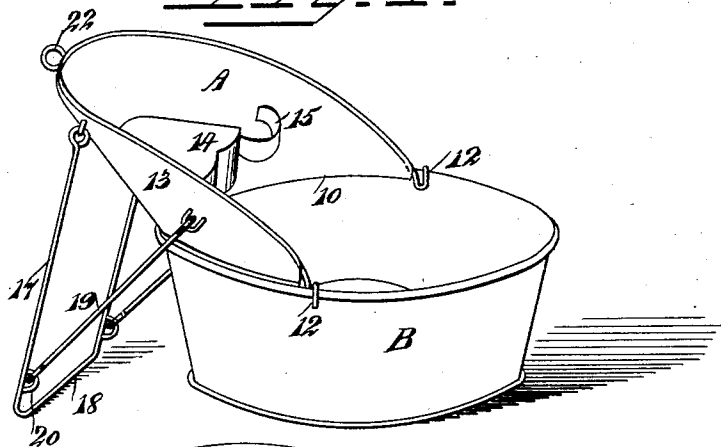


Fig. 2.

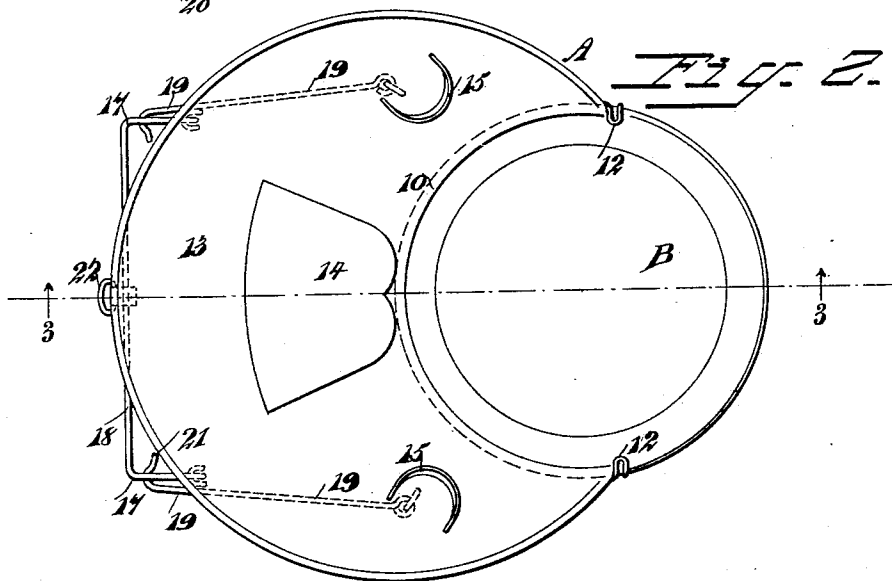
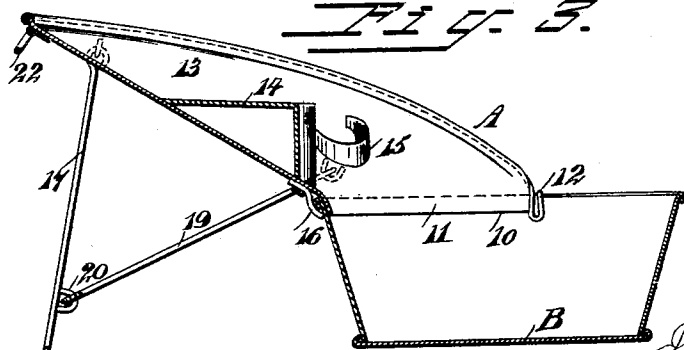


Fig. 3.



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BATH-TUB.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN C. LACY, of Long View, in the county of Gregg and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Bath-Tub, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide a superior bath-tub of that class in which the small portable or foot tub is provided with a removable shield and seat capable of enlarging the size of the tub and of furnishing a rest for the person using the tub. I attain these ends by certain peculiar features of construction, which will be fully described hereinafter and defined 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 figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bath-tub constructed after the manner of my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

The device shown in the drawings comprises a tub B, of the usual circular form, and a shield A, formed of rigid material and having a lower edge 10, curved in the arc of a circle conforming to the curvature of the side of the tub B, such lower edge 10 being bent to lie snugly against the inner side of the tub B, while the ends of the edge are provided with clips 12, embracing the upper edge of the tub and serving to hold the shield in place.

The middle lower portion of the shield A is provided with a tongue 16, which embraces the upper edge of the tub B midway between the clips 12 and assists in holding the shield upon the edge of the tub. The shield extends outwardly and upwardly from the tub, and its upper edge is approximately of circular contour, as shown in Fig. 2. Pivotally connected to the under portion of the shield A is a U-shaped rod forming legs 17, each of which has an eye 20, with which the links 19 have removable connection through the medium of hooks 21. The links 19 are permanently pivoted to the under side of the shield A. It will thus be seen that the legs 17 may be held

in an extended position to support the shield, as shown in the drawings, or that by disengaging the hooks 21 with the eyes 20 the parts may be folded to occupy a comparatively contracted space.

Rigidly secured to the lower portion of the shield A and centrally located thereon is a seat 14, the upper side of which is arranged to be horizontal, so as to be convenient to the operator, while the upper side of the shield is provided on either side of the seat 14 with pockets 15, suitable for soap or other articles. The shield may be sustained when not in use by means of an eye 22, fixed to the center portion of its upper edge.

By reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen that while the upper edge of the shield is approximately circular the blank of material from which the shield is formed is crescent-shaped, so that when the shield is bent the lower edge will exactly conform to the circular edge of the tub, while the upper edge will be projected upward and outward to give the shield the form shown in the drawings.

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

1. A shield for bath-tubs, the shield being formed of rigid material and of a blank approximately crescent-shaped, the blank being bent to extend upwardly and outwardly whereby to enlarge the tub, and a seat carried by the upper side of the shield and at approximately the center thereof, substantially as described.

2. A shield for bath-tubs, the shield being adapted to be supported on the upper edge of the tub and being formed of a sheet of rigid material approximately crescent-shaped and bent so that its lower edge may lie snugly against the upper edge of the tub and so that the upper edge of the shield will extend outward and upward from the tub, and the shield having a seat secured to its upper side and also having two pockets one on each side of the shield, substantially as described.

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