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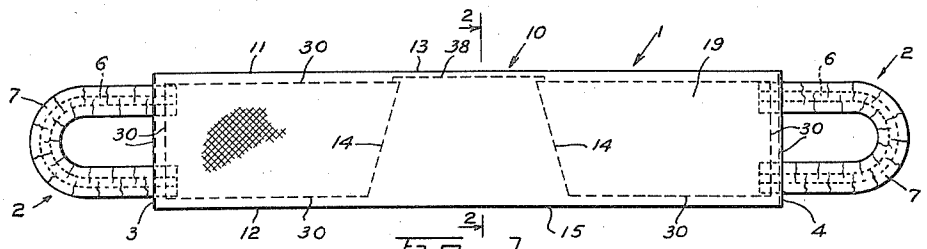
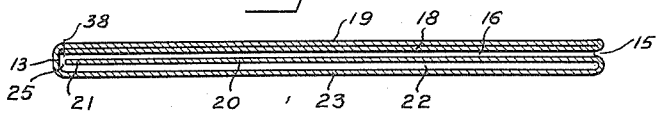


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Fig. 2.



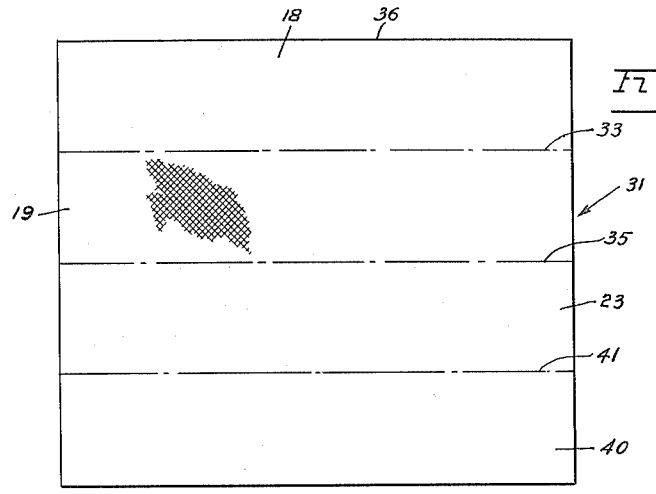


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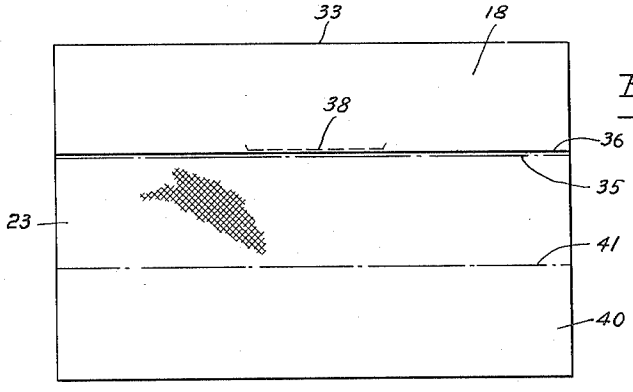


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This invention relates to improvements in wash cloths.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a wash cloth with a pocket therein for a soap cake.

Another object of this invention is to provide a wash cloth with a pocket therein for a soap cake, said pocket being so constructed as to securely hold said cake therein and to prevent any accidental discharge of said soap cake therefrom.

Another object of this invention is to provide a new article of manufacture, a wash cloth, which is durable, cheap to make and efficient for the purpose intended.

Other objects and advantages will appear as the specification proceeds and the novel features of the device will be particularly pointed out in the claims hereto annexed.

In this specification and the annexed drawing, the invention is illustrated in the form considered to be the best but it is understood that the invention is not limited to such form; and it is also to be understood that in and by the claims following the description it is desired to cover the invention in whatsoever form it may be embodied.

My invention is illustrated by an accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my wash cloth.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross-section of Fig. 1 taken on the line 2—2 of said figure.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a blank of cloth from which said wash cloth is made, and

Fig. 4 illustrates the first step in making said wash cloth out of said blank.

In detail my wash cloth consists of an elongated strap 1 having a loop 2 on each of its ends 3 and 4. Each of the loops 2 preferably consists of an elastic band 6 covered by soft material 7, so as to permit expanding of said loops 2 under stress. The strap 1 has a pocket 10 built in the middle thereof for retaining therein a cake of soap, not shown in the drawing.

The pocket 10 is in form of an isosceles trapezoid formed by the portions of two parallel sides 11 and 12 of said strap 1 forming the bottom 13 and the entrance 15 of said pocket respectively, and two nonparallel stitchings 14, the larger parallel side serving as said entrance.

The pocket 10 consists of a front compartment 16 which extends from said entrance to the bottom 13 and is confined between the upper inner side 18 and a flap 20. The side 18 is secured to the top side 19 by a stitching 38 at the bottom 13 and by other stitching hereinafter described. The flap 20 extends from the entrance 15 toward the bottom 13 and has its inner end 21 unattached. Under said flap 20 and between the same and lower side 23 of said strap is located a soap compartment 22. The latter may only be reached through an opening 25 between the end 21 of said flap and the bottom 13 of said strap.

In order to place a cake of soap in the soap compartment 22 the entrance 15 is opened wide the flap 20 is

pulled toward said entrance, the cake of soap is placed directly on the lower side 23 of said strap and covered by said flap. The entrance 15 is made considerably wider than the bottom 13 of said pocket for the purpose of permitting conveniently to reach the inner end 21 of the flap 20 and to pull the same toward the entrance 15, and also for the purpose of retaining the cake in said pocket more securely, due to the restricted size of the opening 25 between the end 21 of the flap 20 and the bottom 13 of said pocket. The cake of soap once properly inserted in said compartment 22, cannot get out of the same under any circumstances and stays there until completely exhausted or until extracted therefrom, and it cannot be lost accidentally or carelessly.

The edges of the strap 1 outside of said pocket 10 are stitched together as shown at 30.

The strap 1 is formed out of the piece 31 of suitable material substantially square in form, in the following manner: an outer portion substantially equal to one quarter of the width of said piece and forming the side 18 in the strap 1 is folded along a line 33 toward the central line 35 and the outer edge 36 of said piece is stitched at 38 to the upper central portion forming the side 19 in the strap 1. Thereupon the lower portion 40, also substantially equal to one quarter of the width of said piece, is folded along a line 41 toward said central line 35. The central part of said portion 40 forms the flap 20. Then the so folded piece is again folded upon itself along its central line. Thereafter the stitchings 14 and 30 are done. Before applying the stitches along the ends 3 and 4, the ends of the loops 2 are placed between the side 18 and the portion 40 and then the stitches are applied over the ends of said loops.

The wash cloth, made as above said, is simple to make, positively retains a cake of soap without any chance of loosing the same, may be manufactured very inexpensively and is efficient for the purpose intended.

I claim:

1. A wash cloth comprising an elongated strap formed of a plurality of superimposed layers of material; said layers being stitched together substantially in the middle of said strap to form a pocket in form of a trapezoid, the side edges of the strap serving as the parallel sides theerof; a portion of an inner layer of material forming a flap extending substantially the width of the strap and dividing said pocket into a front compartment and a soap compartment superimposed upon one another; said front compartment having a comparatively wide entrance at one side edge of the strap, and extending the width of said strap to the closed comparatively narrow bottom of the pocket; said soap compartment being closed at said one side edge and having an opening between a bottom free end of the flap and the bottom of the pocket for passing a cake of soap from the front compartment into the soap compartment; means for securely holding said layers of material together; and a handle secured to each end of the strap.

2. A wash cloth comprising a plurality of superimposed layers of material stitched together to provide an internal pocket, said cloth being made of a substantially square piece of material, the outside portions of which, being substantially equal to a quarter of the width of said piece, are folded on the same side of the piece to the central line thereof to form the inner layers; one of the inner layers being stitched to the adjacent underlying layer along the mid portion of the central line of the piece, whereupon the so folded piece is folded along its central line to bring the inner layers together, and is stitched through all layers by two stitches located some distance away from and symmetrically to a central transverse axis of said wash cloth to form said internal pocket therein, and

the wash cloth is stitched along its edges except the pocket area, and handles secured to each end of said wash cloth.

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