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Fig. 1.

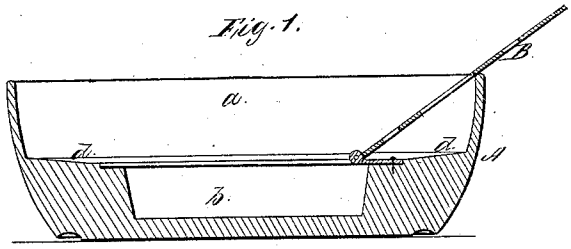


Fig. 3.

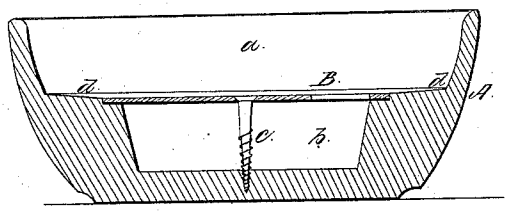


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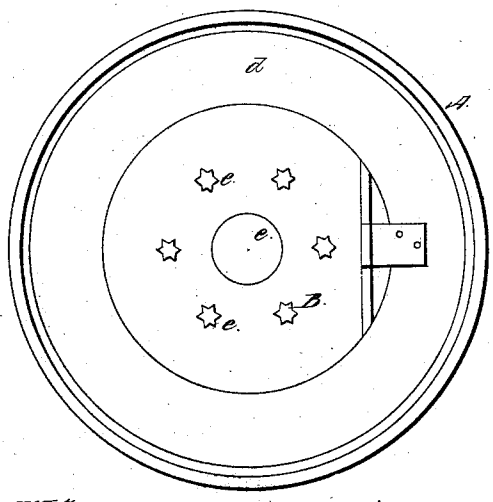
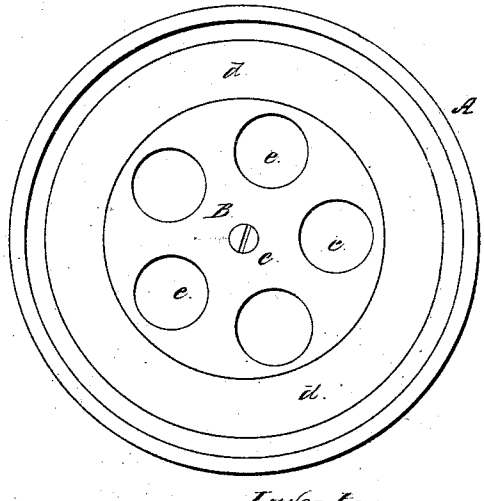


Fig. 4.



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IMPROVED SOAP-DISH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN CUNDY, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Soap-Bowl; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to an improvement in the wooden soap-bowls frequently deposited on wash-stands as receptacles for soap, my improved bowl having an inclined ledge and two compartments separated from each other by a movable or detachable perforated plate of metal, all as described hereinafter, for the purpose of maintaining the soap in a dry state after use, and affording facilities for the ready cleansing of the interior of the bowl.

In order to enable others to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a vertical section of my improved soap-bowl; Fig. 2, a plan view of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a vertical section of a modification of my improved soap-bowl, and Fig. 4 a plan view.

On reference to Figs. 1 and 2, A is the bowl, which is turned from a solid piece of wood to the form shown, there being in the interior of the bowl two compartments, *a* and *b*, separated from each by a circular plate, B, which is hinged, as shown in Fig. 2, to the edge of the inclined ledge *d*, the latter, with the plate B, forming the bottom of the compartment *a*, and the plate B being perforated with any suitable number of holes, *e*, as seen in Fig. 2.

The soap, after being used, is deposited in the compartment *a*, and rests on the bottom of the same, so that whatever water may be taken up with the soap will be drained off from the same, and, flowing down the inclined ledge *d*, will pass through the perforations *e* of the plate B into the compartment *b*, the soap being thus maintained in a comparatively dry state. When the interior of the bowl has to be cleansed, the plate B is thrown back to the position shown in Fig. 1, the drippings from the soap emptied from the compartment *b*, and both compartments washed out.

The plate B may be made of tinned or galvanized iron, plate-zinc, or other metal, the surface of which is not injuriously acted on by water.

In the modification shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the bowl is of the same, or approximating to the same, form as that shown in Fig. 1, both externally and internally, there being the inclined ledge *d* and the two compartments *a* and *b*, separated from each other by a perforated plate, B, which, instead of being hinged to the bowl, is secured to the same by a central screw, *c*, on withdrawing which the plate can be detached from the bowl.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, as a new article of manufacture—

The wooden bowl A, having an inclined ledge, *d*, and two compartments separated from each other by a movable or detachable perforated plate, B, of metal, all as set forth.

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

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