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Fig. 1

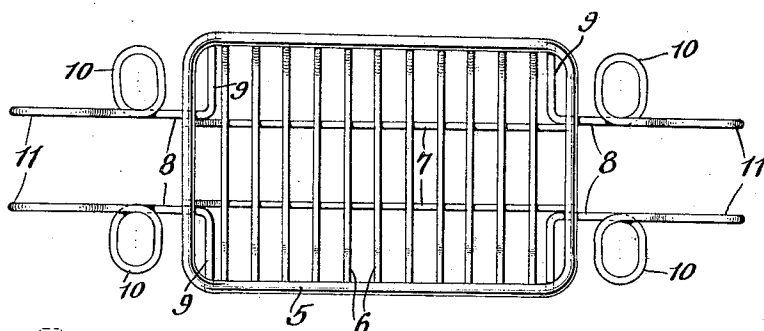


Fig. 2

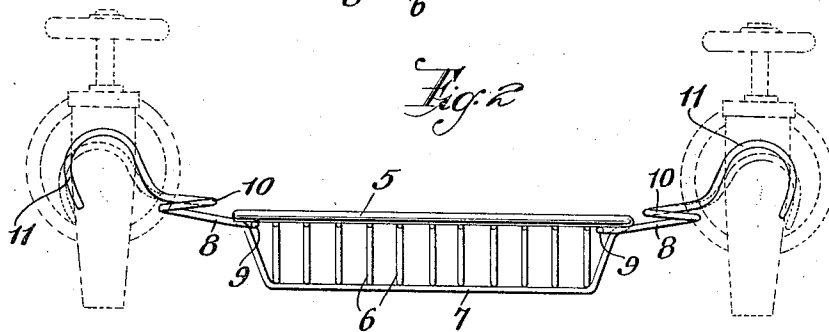


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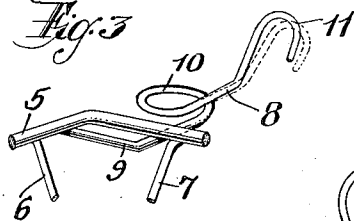


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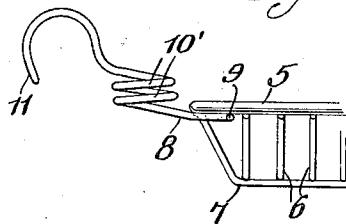
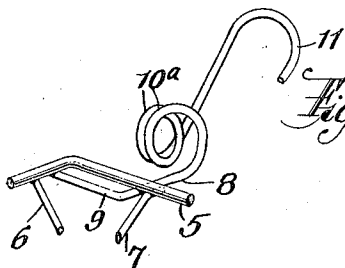


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB POSTAL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Soap Dishes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved soap dish or analogous receptacle and has particular reference to articles of this character which are constructed of enameled wire. It has been heretofore proposed to provide means whereby such a soap dish or receptacle may be hung or suspended between the spaced faucets of a sink, bath or laundry tub. Of such devices, the patent to Reigger, No. 950,559 of March 1st, 1910, discloses an example. It will, however, be observed that the suspension means or hangers for the tray are pivotally connected to the opposite sides or ends thereof. It is not possible to enamel these pivotally movable hangers and so connect the same to the tray that the enameling will not be broken. After a short period of use the enamel cracks and breaks off from the contacting portions of the relatively movable parts so that the dish or tray presents an unsightly appearance. It is, therefore, the primary object of my present improvement to provide such a dish or receptacle provided with means for hanging or suspending the same between spaced faucets and having all parts of the receptacle itself, as well as the hangers, enameled.

More particularly, the present invention provides hangers suitably connected to opposite sides or ends of the dish and which may be properly adjusted in accordance with the space between the faucets without liability of cracking or breaking the enamel.

Incidentally, I provide hangers for the dish or tray which are so constructed that the individual hangers provide means which serves as a holder or support for a tooth brush, nail brush or the like.

With the above and other objects in view, the present invention consists in the improved soap dish or receptacle as will be hereinafter more particularly described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and

subsequently incorporated in the subjoined claims.

In the drawing wherein I have shown several preferred embodiments of the invention and in which similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the improved soap dish;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detail perspective view showing the manner of connection of one of the hangers of the tray or dish;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary side elevation illustrating a slightly modified form of hanger, and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary perspective view showing still another alternative construction.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawings, the dish or tray which may be of any desired or improved shape, preferably, though not necessarily, includes a marginal frame wire 5. As herein shown, this frame is of rectangular form in plan and a plurality of equi-distantly spaced transversely extending wires 6 have their end portions angularly bent and welded or otherwise permanently fixed at their extremities to the underside of the frame wire 5. Spaced longitudinally extending wires 7 are disposed beneath and in contact with the wires 6 and also have their end portions upwardly extended and welded to the ends of the frame wire 5. The wires 6 and 7 are preferably of less diameter than the frame wire 5. It will be understood of course, that the dish or tray proper which I have just described may be of any desired depth and may be utilized as a holder or receptacle to receive a bath sponge, brush or other articles as well as a soap cake.

The dish or receptacle is adapted to be detachably mounted and suspended between spaced faucets by means of two pairs of hangers 8 which are respectively secured to the opposite ends of the dish in the following manner. Each hanger is formed from a single length of wire one end of which is angularly bent, as at 9. Adjacent to the bend in the wire said wire is engaged with

the marginal frame 5 so that the end portion 9 extends outwardly in parallel relation to the wires 7 and at its extremity, engages the side portion of the frame wire 5.

At the point of contact of the hanger 8 with the frame 5 the two wires are securely welded or otherwise permanently fixed to each other. I have referred to the hangers 8 as being fixed to the opposite ends of the dish or receptacle frame, but it is to be considered as within the scope of the present invention to fix these hanger wires to one of the wires 6 if so desired.

The hangers 8 project laterally from the ends of the dish or receptacle in parallel relation to each other, and each of the hanger wires has its intermediate portion formed into a transversely elongated loop or coil 10 spaced from the end of the marginal frame 5 and projecting outwardly towards the side of the dish. From the inner sides of these coils 10 the free end portions of the hanger wires are upwardly extended and formed into the open loops or hooks 11 which are adapted to be engaged around the upper portions of the water faucet as clearly shown in Fig. 2. The hooks 11 of each pair of hangers at opposite ends of the tray or dish are disposed at opposite sides of the upwardly projecting hub or casing of the faucet in which the valve cock is housed.

All parts of the wire dish as well as the hangers 8 are enameled, thus materially adding to the attractive appearance of the article. By providing a rigid or fixed connection between the hangers and the receptacle, breaking or cracking of the enamel will be obviated. At the same time, however, owing to the provision of the yieldable loops or coils 10 in the hanger wires, these hangers may be adjusted as indicated in dotted lines in Figs. 2 and 3 so that the hangers on opposite ends of the receptacle can be spaced apart for the distance necessary in order to enable the hooks 11 to be properly engaged with the spaced faucets. In this adjustment of the hangers, the enamel covering the hanger wire is not broken, as it possesses sufficient elasticity to permit of the slight variation in the angular positions of the hooks 11 which may be required.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a slight modification wherein each hanger is provided with two of the elongated loops or coils 10' which will permit of a more extensive adjustment of the suspending hooks.

In Fig. 5, another alternative form is illustrated wherein the loops or coils 10^a are disposed in vertical planes instead of being horizontally arranged as in the other embodiments of the invention.

In each form of the device above referred to, the loops and the hanger wires, in addition to their function of permitting of the

angular adjustment of the suspending hooks 11, provide convenient means for supporting or holding a tooth or nail brush or similar article.

From the foregoing description considered in connection with the accompanying drawing, the construction, manner of use and several advantages of my improved soap dish or receptacle will be clearly understood. It will be seen that the essential feature of my improvement resides in the provision of the faucet engaging hangers which are adjustable relative to the body of the dish or receptacle and are so connected thereto that the enameling covering the metallic wires will not be cracked or broken. This idea might of course be carried out in practice by various other alternative constructions than those to which I have particularly referred and it will therefore be understood that the privilege is reserved of resorting to all such legitimate modifications in the form, proportion and arrangement of the several parts as may be clearly embodied within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim:

1. A combined soap and tooth brush holder comprising a soap dish and independent wire hangers projecting in pairs from opposite ends thereof, the wires of each pair having hooks adapted to engage opposite sides of one faucet and being provided between said hooks and the dish with horizontally disposed individual integral expansion coils which serve the double function of tooth brush holders and hanger expanders.

2. A combined soap dish and article holder comprising a soap dish having a top rim, spaced resilient wire hangers at each end of the soap dish, each hanger wire having an end portion extending beneath the top rim of the soap dish and rigidly fixed thereto, the other end of each hanger wire being formed into a hook adapted to be engaged upon a water faucet, each of said wires being further provided intermediate of its ends with an expansible coil to receive and support an article and to permit said hooks to be independently moved relative to the ends of the soap dish whereby the pairs of hangers may be properly engaged with spaced faucets to suspend the soap dish therebetween.

3. A combined soap dish and article holder comprising a soap dish having a rectangular top rim, spaced resilient hanger members projecting laterally from each end of the soap dish and each consisting of a length of resilient wire bent at one of its ends to provide a hook adapted to be engaged upon a water faucet, said wire at its other end terminating in a laterally bent portion extending at right angles to the

plane of said hook, said bent end portion of the wire being engaged with the underside of the transverse and longitudinal portions of said rectangular rim and rigidly fixed thereto, and each of said hanger wires having an expansible coil formed in its intermediate portion and disposed at one side of the plane of said hook, said coil permitting of the independent relative adjustment of said hook and also adapted to receive and support an article. 10

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name hereunder.

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