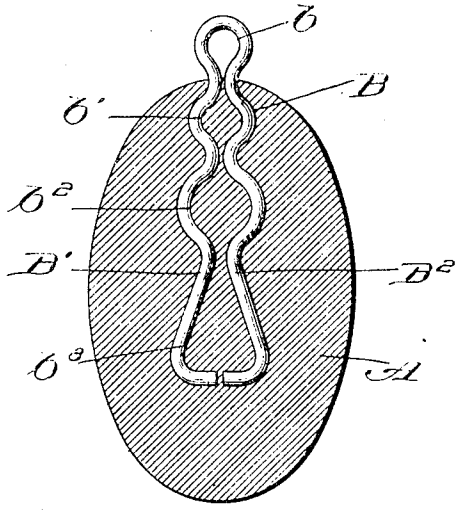
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Fig. 1.



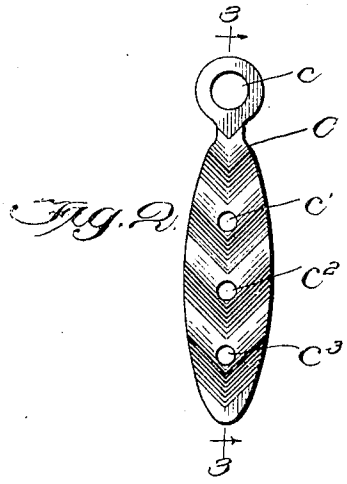
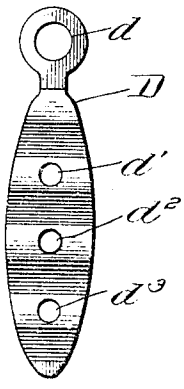


Fig. 2.

Fig. 4.



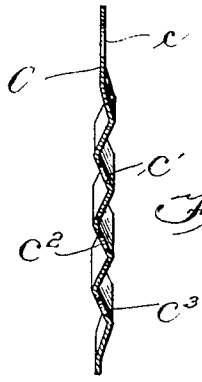


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. DROUGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Anchors for Cakes of Soap; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates in general to toilet soap, and more particularly to cakes of soap which are provided with means for suspending the same from a support when not in use.

The expense of providing lavatories with toilet soap, especially those of hotels and other public places, is greatly increased by the number of cakes which are carried away by unscrupulous persons and also by the waste resulting from careless users leaving the soap in the water. Such unnecessary expense may be avoided by providing lavatories with soap-holders—such, for instance, as covered by United States Letters Patent No. 594,086, dated November 23, 1897.

The primary object of my invention is to provide an attachment for cakes of soap which may be securely anchored in the soap and by which the soap may be attached to a holder, such as covered by the United States patent referred to, or may be suspended upon a hook or other support.

A further object of my invention is to provide an anchor for cakes of soap around which the soap may be molded when in a plastic condition and which when the soap has hardened will afford a secure means for supporting the same.

A still further object of my invention is to provide an anchor for cakes of soap which will be simple in construction, inexpensive in manufacture, and efficient in use.

The embodiments in which I have disclosed my invention may be generally described as comprising a supporting-eye and a corrugated body portion adapted to be inserted in a cake of soap and having holes through which the soap extends, thereby firmly uniting the soap to the anchor.

My invention will be more fully described hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which the same is illustrated as embodied in several convenient and practical forms, and in which—

Figure 1 is a central sectional view through a cake of soap, showing my improved anchor attached thereto; Fig. 2, an elevational view of a modified form of anchor; Fig. 3, a sectional view on line 3 3, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4, an elevational view of another modification.

Reference-letter A indicates a cake of toilet soap which is shown as provided with an anchor B, composed of corrugated wire.

The anchor B comprises two portions B′ and B^2, adapted to be surrounded by the soap when in a plastic condition, so that the soap will be firmly secured thereto when it has hardened. An eye *b* is formed at the upper end of the anchor and projects outside of the cake of soap and affords means for securing the soap to a holder or for suspending the same, from a hook. The corrugations of the two portions B′ and B^2 of the anchor are so arranged with respect to each other as to form holes *b*′, b^2, and b^3 between the same, through which the soap passes when plastic, and thereby firmly secures the soap to the anchor.

In Figs. 2 and 3 I have shown a modified embodiment of my invention in which the anchor is formed of a corrugated plate C. An eye *c* is adapted to project out of the cake of soap to afford means for suspending the same, while the corrugated body portion is adapted to be embedded in the soap. The soap when plastic is readily molded around the anchor, so that portions thereof extend within the corrugations and also through holes *c*′, c^2, and c^3, thereby securely uniting the soap to the anchor.

In Fig. 4 I have illustrated still another form of my invention in which the corrugated plate D is provided, having transverse corrugations in the body portion thereof and also provided with holes *d*′, d^2, and d^3. *d* indicates the suspending-eye. The modification shown in Fig. 4 is similar in all respects to that illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3, except that the corrugations extend transversely instead of being inclined.

In the forms of my invention shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4 the anchor may be formed of any suitable material—such, for instance, as cast or sheet metal. Corrugated stiff paper or other fabric may also be used as the material of which the anchor is made.

From the foregoing description it will be observed that I have invented an improved anchor for toilet soap which is simple and inexpensive in construction, which may be rig-

idly attached to the soap, and which affords a convenient means for suspending the soap, and thereby obviating unnecessary waste thereof.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim is new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A wire anchor for a cake of soap comprising an eye for supporting the soap and two corrugated portions adapted to be embedded in the soap, the corrugations in said two portions being so arranged as to form holes between the same through which the soap extends thereby firmly uniting the soap to the anchor.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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