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SHOWER SAFETY SOAP BELTS

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This invention relates to soap handling, and more particularly to a new and useful belt to be worn by a person taking a bath, such as a shower for example, which belt is equipped with a container holding soap while the party is so engaged.

Heretofore various soap containers or holders have been suggested, these usually consisting of a rigid dish-like holder fixedly mounted on the side or wall of a shower stall or other bathing place, and in which soap is placed for use by the bather. These are not particularly satisfactory in that soap often falls therewith and remains on the floor of the shower as a safety hazard, particularly in quasi public places such as locker rooms of clubs and the like, dormitories, camps, etc.; sanitation is at least doubtful when one person after another uses the same soap; a person in a shower may fall and hurt himself against a projecting soap dish; and in some cases, no soap holders at all are provided in the face of these objections, this being particularly true of Navy fighting ships where every man must be responsible for his own soap.

An object of this invention is to provide an easily mounted and easily removable soap belt for baths. Another object is to insure sanitation in such a device.

Another object is to make possible economy of construction therein.

A still further object is to make possible simplicity in a soap holding belt.

Another object is to provide a safety-sanitary soap belt for use on naval ships and the like, although not limited to such use, which will be thoroughly satisfactory to and for the uses for which it is intended in making readily available personal soap bars at all times without the potential hazards of injury as by the lurch of a ship causing the occupant of a shower stall being driven against a conventional metal soap dish rigidly mounted on the wall or of adjacent to such shower facility.

These and other objects made apparent during the further progress of this specification are accomplished by means of the instant invention, a full and complete understanding of which is facilitated by reference to the drawings herein, in which:

FIG. 1 is a view in perspective, illustrating the invention in detail, and in its entirety, making additional views unnecessary.

Referring now to the drawing, the numeral 10 designates a belt of suitable and desired length and width, preferably formed of water-proof material, and capable of being adjusted around the mid-section of the average man. Said belts may of course be formed in several sizes if desired, as in the case of belts sold for use as conventional wearing apparel. One end of the belt is provided with a plurality of spaced apertures or openings 11 for receiving a hook or fastener 12, which is preferably formed with an out-turning curved surface 13 to avoid direct engagement with the human body. Said hook is firmly attached to that end of the belt proper opposite the end containing apertures 11, adjacent slits 16.

Positioned at a point about midway between the fastening arrangement and the two ends of the belt and firmly anchored thereto is a somewhat flexible soap holder or container 14, having drainage openings therein 15 which function in a conventional manner. Soap dish 14 may be formed so as to hold a bar of soap as securely as possible against accidental displacement at all times, yet be readily accessible instantly when desired. This may be accomplished by slightly sloping the outside edge and ends of the device upwardly and slightly inwardly to effect a more secure holding pocket for the soap, although this is an optional feature.

From the foregoing it is apparent that there has been shown and described a new and efficient safety soap belt that is simple in structure and operation, low in cost, and thoroughly adapted to its intended purposes. It will be further apparent that while said invention has been described in a preferred form in considerable detail, that no limitation is implied or intended thereby, but on the contrary, certain changes, additions, modifications, additions by way of simplification, and the like, may be resorted to without departing from the appended claims, which are to be given a construction and scope fairly in keeping with the contribution to the art.

I claim:

1. An article of manufacture comprising:
(a) a belt adapted to fit around the waist of a human being;
(b) closing means secured at one end of said belt, the other end of said belt having a series of spaced perforations adapted to receive said closure means, said one end of said belt defining a series of spaced slits adapted to receive the other end of said belt when said closure means is inserted in one of said series of spaced perforations on the other end of said belt;
(c) receptacle means integral with said belt, said receptacle being enclosed on the bottom and sides thereof except for a plurality of perforations in said bottom, said receptacle being of such dimensions as to easily receive a conventional cake of soap and permit ready removal thereof, said article being entirely constructed of rust-proof material.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 in which the entire article is fabricated from a suitable plastic material.

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