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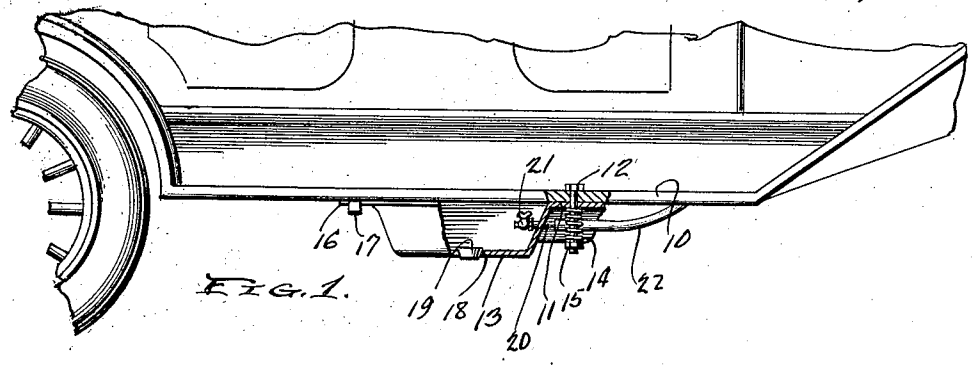


Fig. 1.

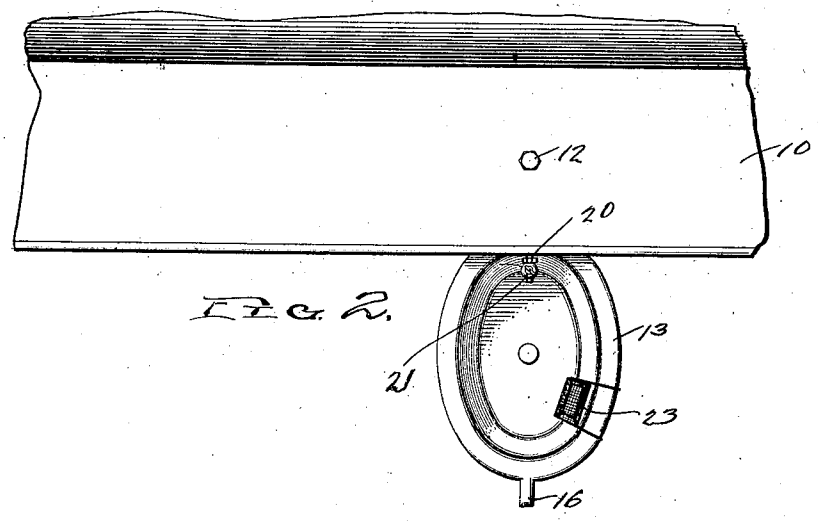
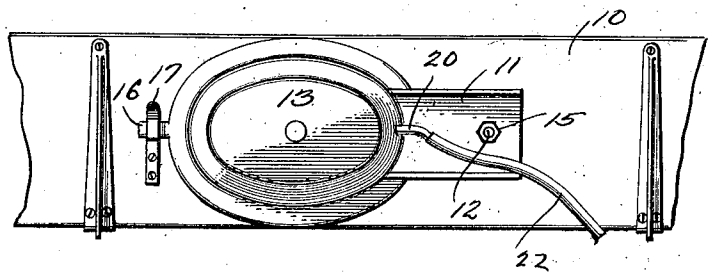


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK P. SULLIVAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belvidere, in the county of Boone, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washbasins for Automobiles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in attachments for automobiles, and particularly to washing facilities for the occupants of the automobile.

One object of the present invention is to provide a novel and improved receptacle which is carried by the running board of the automobile and which is readily capable of being withdrawn for use.

Another object is to provide a novel and improved device of this character wherein provision is made for utilizing the hot water from the cooling system of the engine for the purpose of washing.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the running board of an automobile showing the washbasin in folded position thereunder.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the same, the basin being swung out for use.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view of the running board and basin, showing the basin in folded position.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawing, 10 represents the running board of an automobile. Disposed against the lower face of the running board, and having an apertured ear 11, through which is vertically disposed a pivot bolt 12, is the basin 13, the said bolt also passing vertically through the running board. On the bolt, below the ear, is a coil spring, shown at 14, a nut 15 being disposed on the lower end of the bolt to retain the spring thereon, said spring being of sufficient tension to properly support the basin in horizontal position whether beneath the running board or swung out ready for use. A projection 16 is formed on the edge of the basin diametrically opposite to the ear, and is retained beneath the running board by the spring clip 17, which clip is secured to the lower face of the running board. In the center of the bottom of the basin there is formed the waste opening 18, and disposed removably in this opening is the stopper 19.

Disposed through one side of the basin, and secured rigidly in position, is a pipe 20, the inner end having a faucet 21 carried thereon, while the other or outer end is arranged for attachment of the hose 22, said hose being arranged to be connected to any water lead from the engine, so that hot water can be readily and easily drawn into the basin for use by the occupants of the car, or for the driver after having worked on the car and soiled his hands.

A soap tray 23 is carried by one edge of the basin. The basin, when disposed beneath the running board may be used to store small articles, such as towels, or the like.

What is claimed is:

The combination with the running board of a motor vehicle, of a wash basin disposed beneath the running board, means pivotally connecting the wash basin to the running board whereby the basin may be swung from a concealed position beneath the running board to an outer position clear of the running board so that the basin is exposed for service, means on the under side of the running board for engaging the outer end of the basin when in its concealed position for retaining it therein, and means for supplying water to said basin from the motor vehicle.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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