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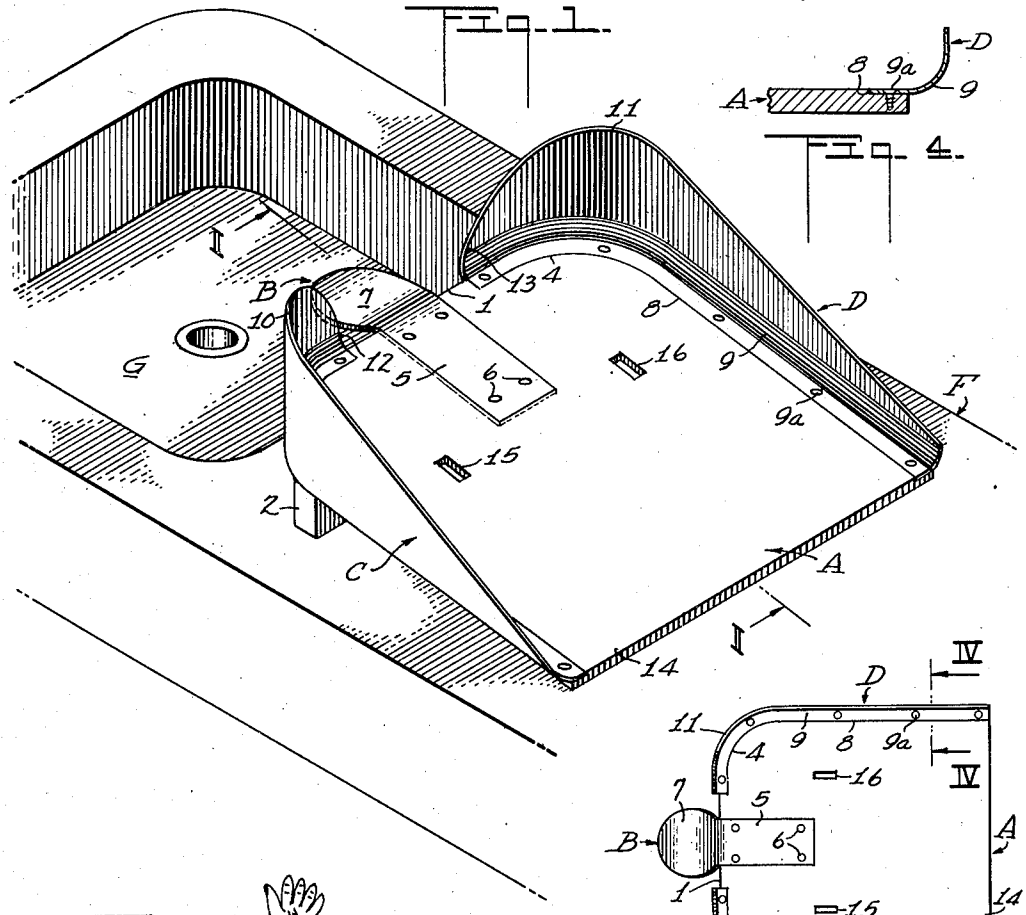


Fig. 1.

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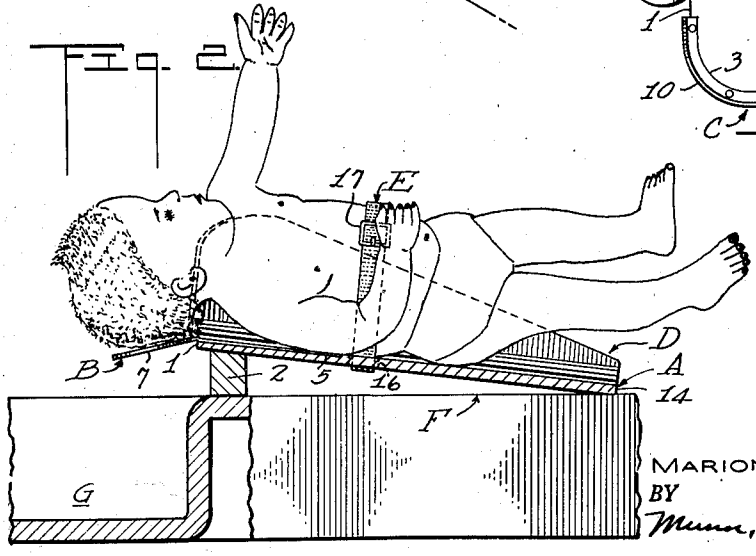


Fig. 2.

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An object of my invention is to provide a bathing device for babies and small children which may be removably disposed on the drainboard of a sink and which has novel means for holding the child from moving while permitting the mother or nurse to use both hands in washing the infant. The child is prevented from rolling himself sideways or from sitting up while being bathed. The device may be used in the bathtub or metal tub for a bathing support.

A further object of my invention is to provide a bathing device for babies and small children in which a head rest is designed to project over the sink so that the baby's or child's head and hair may be thoroughly washed. The head rest is inclined to obviate any tendency of soap or water from running into the eyes of the infant. The device is ideal for shampooing older children's hair.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a device in which the baby-supporting board is inclined at a slight angle in order to be self-draining of any water and at the same time provide a more comfortable support for the child while being bathed. The device is extremely simple in construction and is portable. The invention is compact and it can be packed away in a small space when not in use.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features of the device will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming a part of this application, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the bathing device shown placed on the drainboard of a sink;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section taken along the line II—II of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the device; and

Figure 4 is a transverse section taken along the line IV—IV of Figure 3.

While I have shown only the preferred form of my invention, it should be understood that various changes or modifications may be made within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a bathing device that has an inclined platform indicated generally at A in Figure 1. In Figure 2 I show how the front end 1 of the platform is supported in a raised position by a transversely extending leg or support 2. The platform may be made of any material desired and of any size

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and shape. I have shown the platform substantially rectangular in plan view with curved top corners 3 and 4, see Figure 3. The platform may be colored in any manner desired to provide an attractive piece of merchandize.

In the center of the platform and adjacent to the top, I provide a head rest indicated generally at B. This head rest has a shank 5 that overlies the platform and is secured thereto by any suitable fastening means, such as screws 6. If desired, the upper surface of the shank may lie flush with the upper surface of the platform by placing the shank in a groove provided in the top of the platform. The head supporting portion 7 of the head rest is inclined downwardly with respect to the platform as shown in Figure 2.

I provide novel means for holding the infant on the device and this comprises side members C and D which are attached to the platform. Figure 4 shows the platform sides provided with grooves 8 that receive the curved lower portions 9 of the side members. Screws 9a or other suitable fastening means secure the side members to the platform. The curved portions 9 permit ready cleaning. Figure 3 shows how the shoulder members are rounded at 10 and 11 so as to conform to the rounded upper corners 3 and 4. Figure 1 illustrates how the shoulder members have downwardly inclined edges 12 and 13 that are spaced from each other and extend down to the platform A, so as to provide a head-receiving recess. The upper side edges of the shoulder members are inclined downwardly from the rounded portions 10 and 11 to the rear edge 14 of the platform so as to merge into the upper surface of the platform when they reach the rear platform edge.

The shoulders of the infant are received in the rounded portions 10 and 11 and prevent the child from moving in the direction of its length toward the head rest B. At the same time sufficient space is provided between the sides for permitting the child's body to be soaped and rinsed with water. In order to prevent the youngster from sitting up, I provide strap receiving openings 15 and 16 in the platform for receiving a strap E that may be threaded through the openings and passed over the body of the child. A buckle 17 or other suitable fastening means may be used for securing the strap to the child.

From the foregoing description of the various parts of the device, the operation thereof may be readily understood.

The device is placed on the drainboard F in a position where the head rest B will overlie one end of the sink G. The leg 2 inclines the plat-

form A in the manner indicated in Figure 2. The child is laid with its back on the platform and its head resting on the inclined head supporting portion 7. The strap E is then passed around the body of the youngster and is fastened for holding the child in place. The device is designed to be used for babies who are a few months old, up to a young child three, four or five years old. The legs of the infant can extend beyond the rear edge 14 of the platform and will rest on the drainboard.

The entire body of the child can be washed and the hair can also be shampooed and rinsed in the sink. Since the shoulder members and the strap hold the child in place, both hands of the operator can be used for washing purposes. The water will drain from the inclined platform to the drainboard and then flow back into the sink.

The device is compact and sturdy and after use can be removed from the drainboard and stored away in a small space. The curved side portions 9 provide rounded portions between the platform and the sides. A more thorough cleaning of the device can be accomplished with this construction. I do not wish to be confined to any particular type of material used, because wood or plastic will form an ideal material for constructing the device. I do not wish to be confined to any size nor to any particular color.

I claim:

1. A bathing device for babies comprising an inclined platform with an upper edge and adapted to rest on a supporting surface, curved side members secured to the sides and upper edge of the platform for contacting with the sides of a baby for preventing the baby from rolling off the platform, the curved portions of the members contacting with the shoulders for preventing the child from moving upwardly along the platform toward the upper edge, the curved portions being spaced from each other at the upper edge of the platform a distance sufficient to receive the child's head, and a head rest positioned between the curved portions of the members and projecting beyond the platform upper edge, the head rest being inclined downwardly at an angle from the platform upper edge, said platform having slots therein spaced inwardly from the side members, and a strap passed through the slots and adapted to encircle the body for holding the child on the platform.

2. A device for use during bathing of a youngster comprising a platform adapted to rest on a supporting surface and support the youngster, a head rest extending beyond the platform for supporting the youngster's head, and upstanding members on the platform positioned to extend alongside of the youngster's sides and overlie the youngster's shoulders for restricting longitudinal as well as lateral movement of the youngster, the members having ends spaced from each other a distance sufficient to accommodate the youngster's head.

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