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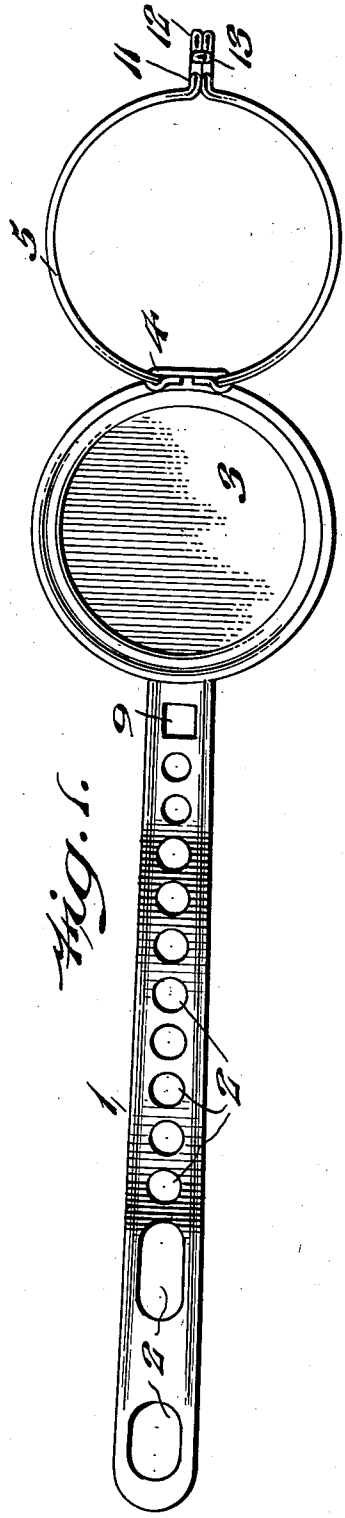


Fig. 1.

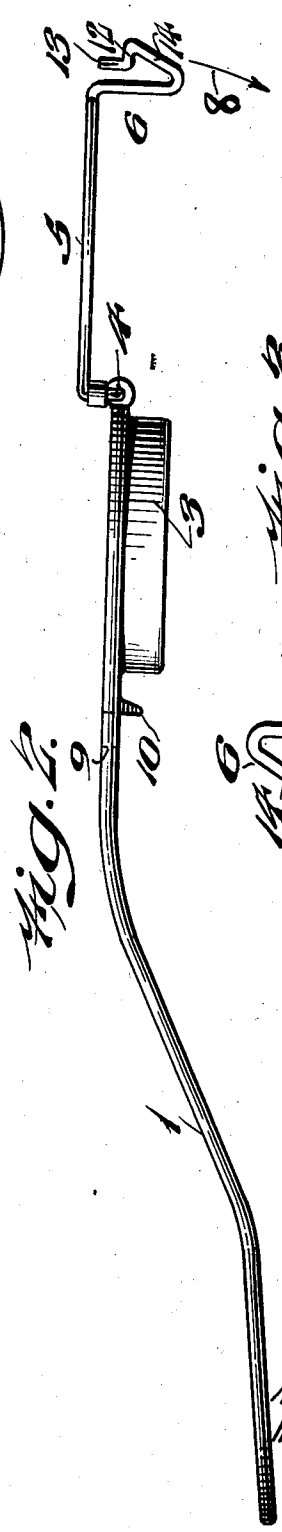


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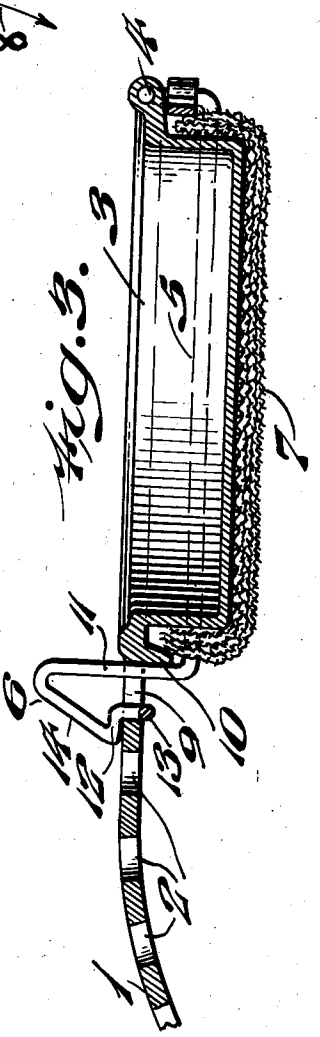


Fig. 3.

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Our invention relates to a new and useful wash rag holder calculated to enable a person to reach the usually inaccessible parts of the back and further adapted to permit the easy and instantaneous application or removal of a wash rag.

Our invention further relates to a device of this character which is of an extremely simple design, which is extremely inexpensive to produce and the parts of which can not get out of order.

Our invention still further relates to a wash rag holder which can be sterilized without any damage and which, by permitting the needed exchange of the wash rag used, contributes to its sanitary qualities.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 represents a plan view of a wash rag holder with the wash rag removed.

Fig. 2 represents a side elevation of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 represents a fragmentary, vertical, sectional view on a slightly enlarged scale showing the wash rag clamped in position.

Referring to the drawing in which like reference characters indicate like parts 1 designates a suitable handle which is preferably curved as shown in Fig. 2 to facilitate manipulation and to insure complete and effective contact with all parts of the body. The handle 1 has cut out portions 2 for lightening the construction. Suitably secured to the end of the handle 1 is a cup-shaped member 3 to which is hinged at 4 the wire ring 5 which is provided with the hooked end 6. The wash rag 7 is folded over as desired and is draped over the bottom of the cup-shaped member 3 and the wire ring 5 is then swung upon the hinge 4 in the direction of the arrow 8 until the hooked end 6 thereof passes upwardly through the opening 9 in the handle, as shown in Fig. 3, thus clamping the wash rag 7 between the ring 5 and the cup-shaped member 3. 10 designates a flange depending from the handle 1 or the rim of the cup-shaped member 3, as desired, and forming an abutment or bearing for the vertical limb 11 of the hooked end 6. The other end of the hook 6 is deflected to form a shoulder 12 which seats upon the edge of the opening 9 while the other end 13 of the hooked member 6 passes downwardly through the opening 9. The hooked member 6 being formed of wire is entirely resilient, and its own tension holds it in the position shown in Fig. 3 to prevent accidental removal. After the user has taken a bath, it is merely necessary to press on the inclined limb 14 of the hooked member 6 in the direction of the vertical member 11 whereupon the entire hooked member 6 passes easily downwardly through the opening 9. This releases the wash rag 7, which can then be rinsed and left to dry, and another person wishing to use the device can apply his own particular wash rag, and so on.

My device is preferably made of some inexpensive and rustless metal which is both strong and light, and in view of the fact that it can be produced by one stamping operation and one bending operation, or perhaps with both operations combined, it will be seen that it can be produced to sell for as low as twenty-five cents or thirty cents which is well below the cost of brushes and similar articles which, due to glue used to fasten the bristles, or the parts, together, can not be boiled for sterilization, and in which the bristles or other effective surfaces wear out thus necessitating replacement of the entire article.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A wash rag holder comprising a handle, a dished element carried by one end of said handle, a ring, slightly larger than said dished element, hinged to the rim of said dished element on the side thereof opposite that from which said handle extends and adapted to clamp in position a wash rag draped over said dished element, and means for detachably securing said ring to said handle to retain said ring in its clamping position relative to said dished element comprising a resilient hook formed on said ring diametrically opposite to the hinging thereof and yieldingly engaging an opening in said handle near said dished element.

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