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BATH ROOM DRYING COMPANION.

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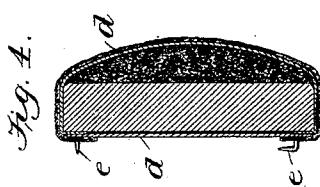
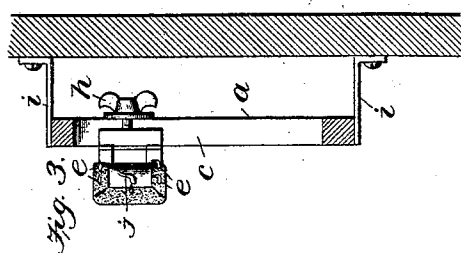
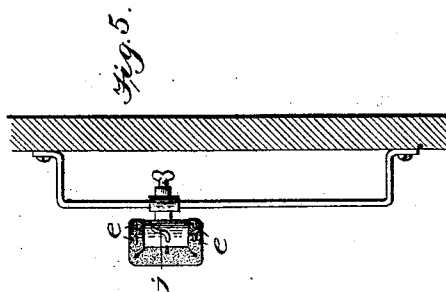
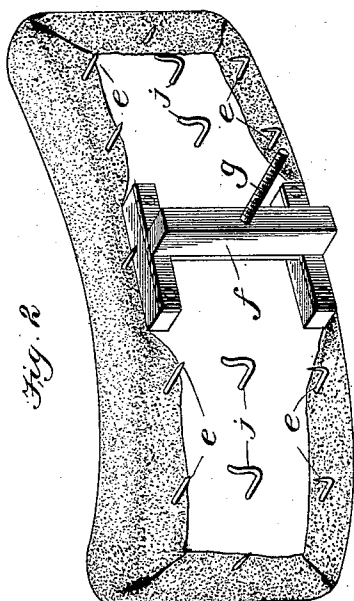
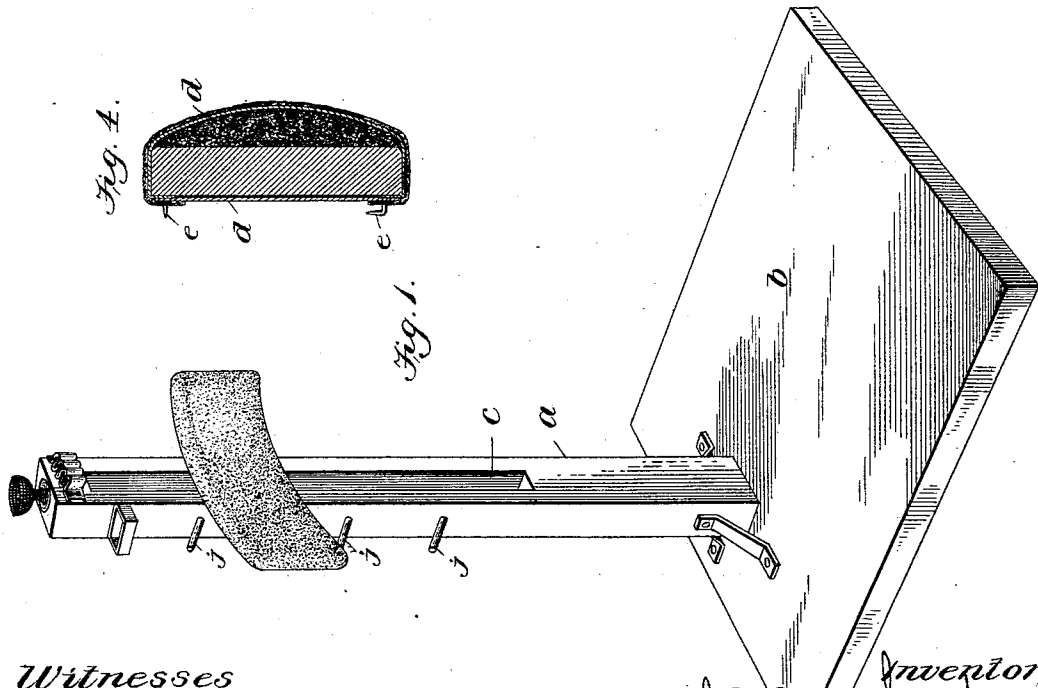


Fig. 1.



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BATH-ROOM DRYING COMPANION.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL WILSON LEET, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bath-Room Drying Companions, of which the following is a specification.

For bath-rooms I provide a bather's companion, whereby after bathing the back and between the shoulders can be quickly and thoroughly rubbed and dried by an action which at the same time affords muscular exercise to the body while being dried, which is not afforded in the usual way. This exercise is effected by giving the body a sidewise or twisting movement and a movement up and down against the surface of a drying device, which can be adjusted to suit any particular part of the back or body, so that the bather can be dried with ease and satisfaction and under an exercise which will give a healthy glow to the body from the friction without the fatigue which results from the usual hand drying and rubbing by the bather. The device may also form a towel-rack and toilet-appliance holder.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention in Figure 1 as a rubbing and drying stand. Fig. 2 is the rear side of the drying and rubbing pad, showing the manner of applying the rubbing and drying surface. Fig. 3 shows the drier-pad as applied to the door or wall; and Fig. 4 is a cross-section of the drier-pad, and Fig. 5 shows the device as clamped on a wall-rod.

The stand consists of a post *a* firmly fixed in a platform *b*, so that it can be placed in any part of the bath-room and moved as desired. A vertical slot *c* is made in the post, whereby the drier-pad is secured and adjusted vertically in relation to the foot-rest to suit the height of the bather or any particular part of the body.

The drier-pad, as shown, is formed of a wooden back preferably curved, cushioned, and covered on its concave side with rubber-cloth or oil-cloth *d* to prevent the absorption of water. The cushion extends around the ends which are rounded, and at the back pins or hooks *e*, or buttons, are provided as a means

of stretching and fastening the drying and rubbing surface, which may be a piece of Turkish toweling which has both a friction and a drying character.

To obtain the best effect as a rubber and drier, I prefer to make the pad comparatively narrow and long, the better to have a sort of brush action and to allow the bather to apply it between the shoulders and under the arms, to the back and to the chest. Centrally at the back the drier-pad is provided with a cross-bar *f*, which forms a tongue adapted to fit into the post-slot, and a screw-stem *g* in this tongue passes through the post-slot to receive a flanged thumb-screw *h*, which being screwed against the rear side of the post, firmly clamps the drier-pad thereto at the desired height relatively to the platform or foot-rest. This construction allows the bather to stand upon the platform and thereby serves to hold the stand in position against the pressure of the body upon the drying device. The drier-pad, however, with its slotted support may be secured to the wall or to the door by angle-brackets *i i*, as shown in Fig. 3.

In applying the towel or other drying-surface it should first be hooked upon the lower pins and then drawn up tight over the pad and hooked with the middle top pin and then with the other pins tightly and smoothly over each end. In this way the towel can be quickly applied to and removed from the pad. It is obvious that this pad device allows of frictional pressure being applied to parts of the body not easily accessible by the hands, and in this particular not only provides a more satisfactory bath, but affords relief and convenience which is highly desirable and not possible to obtain by the use of the hands. The rear side of the drier-pad or cross-head and the standard or post are provided with suitable racks or hooks *j* on which to hang the towels or clothes of the bather.

It is obvious that the post or standard may be permanently secured to the floor, or to a convenient outside part of the bath-tub; and that the cross-head having the removably-applied drying and rubbing surface may be permanently fixed at a suitable height on the post; but I prefer to make the rubbing and drying device adjustable in height to suit the height

of the bather. The post may also be provided with suitable toilet-holding appliances.

I claim—

1. A rubbing and drying device for bath-rooms, consisting of a horizontally-curved pad having an unyielding back and waterproof-cushioned concave surface, means for holding a rubbing and drying towel over said waterproof surface, and a suitable support and adjustable clamp for said rubbing device, as described.

2. A drying and rubbing device for bath-rooms, consisting of a standard and a cross-head having a horizontal concave form, faced with a waterproof cushion, and provided with means for removably securing a rubbing and drying towel over said waterproof-covered pad, and an adjustable clamp for securing said cross-head at different heights on said standard, substantially as described.

3. A drying and rubbing device for bath-rooms, consisting of a standard having a fixed foot-rest or platform *b* and a vertical slot *c*,

in combination with a cross-head horizontally curved and faced with a concave waterproof-covered pad or cushion, means for securing a drying and rubbing towel over said waterproof-covered pad, and an adjustable-tongued clamping device for said cross-head, substantially as described.

4. A rubbing and drying device for bath-rooms, consisting of a cross-head having an unyielding back, a cushioned or padded concave surface, a waterproof facing or covering for such cushion, and hooks and pins on its back upon and over which to smoothly stretch and secure a towel as a drying and rubbing covering for the waterproof cushion, and a suitable support for the said cross-head, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of witnesses.

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