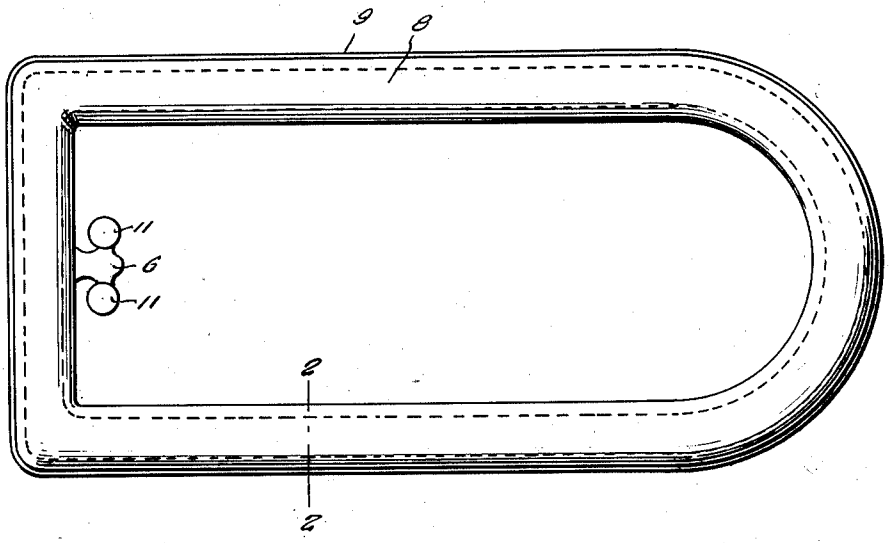
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Fig. 1.



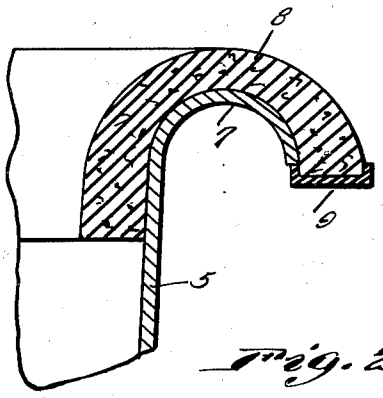


Fig. 2.

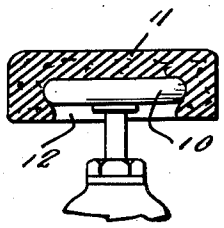


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to bathtub and tub fitting attachments and has for the primary object the provision of an efficient and inexpensive device of this character which will protect a person against injury when falling in the tub or against said tub from the outside thereof.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a cushion easily adaptable to a bathtub flange and extending entirely about the tub so that a person falling will strike the cushion and thereby be prevented from receiving serious injury.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which.

Figure 1 is a top plan view illustrating a bathtub equipped with an attachment constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary transverse sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary side elevation showing a portion of a valve of the bathtub and its handle equipped with a cushion constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 5 indicates a bathtub of a conventional construction, 6 the valves thereof. The tub 5 has the usual outwardly curved marginal flange 7. The foregoing description refers to parts of a bathtub to which the present invention is adapted.

A continuous cushion strip 8 of a shape to correspond to the general shape of a bathtub at the upper edge is transversely curved so as to fit over the flange 7 extending entirely about the bathtub. Thus it will be seen that the cushion strip entirely covers the flange 7 of the bathtub and extends a limited distance into the tub so that a person falling in the tub will strike against the cushion strip and thereby be prevented from receiving serious injury. The cushion strip is made of sponge rubber so as to afford maximum cushioning qualities. It is preferable that the cushion strip be made slightly smaller than the tub flange so that when adapted thereto it will be stretched thereby aiding in maintaining the cushion strip properly applied on the tub.

Secured on the outer marginal edge of the protector strip 8 is an elastic reinforcing band 9 of channel formation in cross section so that the outer marginal edge of the cushion strip can fit therein and is preferably vulcanized thereto. The elastic band 9 besides providing desirable reinforcement to the cushion strip also has a tendency to contract the cushion strip and thereby cause the latter to more firmly grip the flange 7 of the tub thus preventing accidental displacement of the cushion strip.

Referring to Figure 3 it will be seen that the handle 10 of the valve 6 has applied thereto a cushion strip, 11, the latter being chambered, as shown at 12, to receive therein the handle 10 and tightly grip the latter. The strip 11 entirely encases the handle so that with the handles of all the valves employed in the tub equipped with strips 11 will prevent a person from seriously injuring himself when falling on the valves.

It is believed that the foregoing description when taken in connection with the drawing will fully set forth the construction and advantages of my improvement to those skilled in the art to which such inventions relate so that further detailed description will not be required.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A bathtub attachment comprising a continuous cushion strip transversely curved to match the curvature of marginal flanges of a tub and adapted to completely cover the marginal flanges and extend a limited distance into the tub, and an elastic strip secured on the outer marginal edges of said cushion strip to cause the latter to contract on the flanges of the tub.

2. A bathtub attachment comprising a continuous cushion strip transversely curved to match the curvature of marginal flanges of a bathtub and adapted to completely cover the marginal flanges and extend a limited distance into the bathtub, and a continuous elastic strip of channel construction secured on the outer marginal edges of said cushion strip to cause the latter to contract on the flanges of the tub.

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