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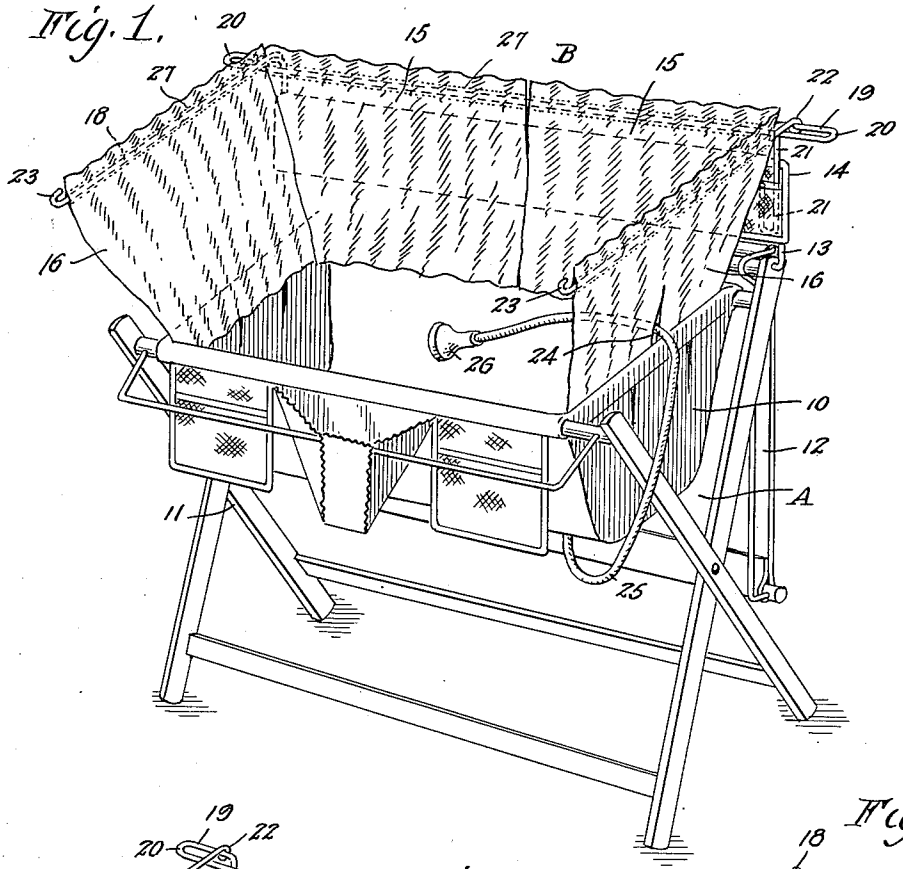


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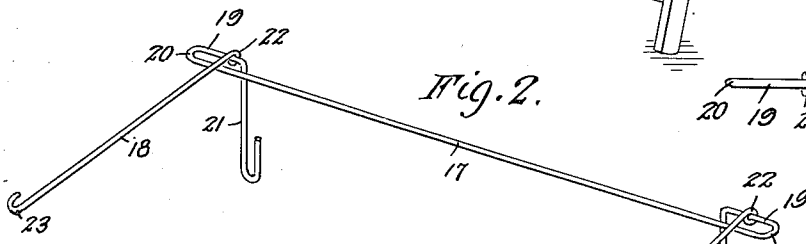


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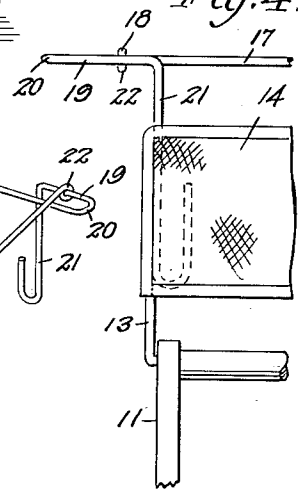


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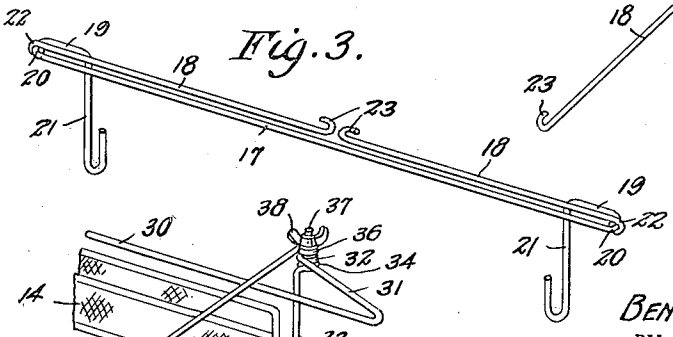


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This invention relates to infants' bathing devices and refers more particularly to an accessory consisting of a bath curtain and a support therefor adapted for use in connection with a combined bath tub and dressing table.

The invention broadly comprehends an accessory of the indicated character which may either form a part of or constitute an attachment for the infants' bathing devices and by virtue of which water splashed during the bathing or spraying of the infant is intercepted and returned to the tub in order to avoid wetting of the floor, wall or furniture in the vicinity of the device.

More particularly the invention resides in the provision of flexible curtain sections and means for supporting the same in juxtaposition to the tub so as to provide a shield at the ends and rear side of the tub extending upwardly therefrom to intercept water splashed during the bathing operation.

The invention further contemplates a foldable curtain supporting frame which consists of a rear curtain rod having rearwardly and inwardly directed opposite terminals each of which is provided with a depending supporting extremity associated with the bathing device to position said rear curtain rod above and substantially parallel to the rear side of the tub and end curtain rods having slidable connection respectively with the terminals of the rear rod and which are adapted when set up to extend forwardly over and rest upon the opposite ends of the rear curtain rod to dispose said end rods above and substantially parallel to the ends of the tub.

As a further feature the invention comprehends an accessory of the indicated character which includes a foldable curtain supporting frame which may be detachably associated with and supported by a bathing device and sold as an attachment therefor and which when not in use may be compactly folded to occupy a minimum amount of space for storage and shipment either when applied to the bathing device or detached therefrom.

The invention is also directed to an attachment or accessory of the character set forth which when applied to bathing devices which include a tub and a dressing table does not interfere with the movement of the dressing table to and from its active position.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention is more specifically described in the following specification and accompanying drawing wherein there are disclosed several preferred embodiments thereof while the claims cover variations which fall within the scope of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating the accessory in applied position to a bathing device.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the curtain supporting frame in its active set up position, the curtains being removed therefrom.

Fig. 3 is a similar view illustrating the frame in folded condition.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary rear view of the accessory in its applied position.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the curtain frame illustrating the same formed integral with the screen guard frame of the bathing device.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, A designates generally a bathing device which is preferably of the type which includes a collapsible tub 10 mounted on a collapsible cross leg supporting structure 11 and including a dressing table 12 which is movable from a depending position at the rear of the supporting structure to a position overlying and supported above the tub 10. The bathing device also includes a screen guard comprising a frame 13 attached to the supporting structure 11 and extending upwardly therefrom at the rear of the tub with a pocketed panel 14 fitted over the frame 13 and adapted to be swung to a folded position when the tub and supporting structure 11 are collapsed.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, the accessory which is designated generally by the reference character B is devised as an attachment for the bathing device A and comprises a pair of rear curtain sections 15 and a pair of end curtain sections 16 together with a supporting frame therefor consisting of a rear curtain rod 17 and end curtain rods 18. The rear curtain rod 17 is formed with rearwardly and inwardly directed opposite terminals 19 respectively joined by bights 20 to the opposite end of the rod 17, the terminals 19 being substantially parallel to and disposed in the same horizontal plane with the rod 17. Each terminal 19 is formed with a depending extremity 21, the lower portion of which is preferably bent upon itself to provide a U-shaped lower end which is fitted within the pocketed panel 14 of the screen guard whereby the accessory is detachably associated therewith and may be readily removed therefrom or applied thereto.

The end curtain rods 18 are each formed at the inner end with an eye 22 which embraces the terminal 19 intermediate the bight 20 and extremity 21, and the rods 18 when in active posi-

tion project forwardly over the opposite ends of the rear curtain rod 18 and rest thereupon so that they are disposed above and substantially parallel to the upper edges of the ends of the tub. Preferably, the forward ends of said end rods are formed with hooked extremities 23 to prevent the accidental displacement of the end curtains therefrom. In use, the curtain sections 15 and 16 extend downwardly into the tub to provide a continuous shield extending around the ends and rear side of the tub for intercepting water splashed during the bathing operation and for returning the water to the tub. The rear curtain sections 15 may be readily parted and moved towards the opposite ends of the rear curtain rod to permit the dressing table 12 to be shifted therebetween to a position overlying and supported by the tub. One of the end curtains 16 is preferably slitted as at 24 to permit a spray hose 25 having a spray nozzle 26 to be extended therethrough.

The end curtain rods 18 may be shifted from the set up active position illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, to a folded position as illustrated in Fig. 3 by sliding the eyes 22 outwardly around the bights 20 thereby swinging the arms 18 to a folded position substantially parallel with the rear curtain rod 17.

The curtain sections 15 and 16 are preferably formed with hems forming tunnels 27 which are engaged over the curtain rods and which permit of the ready removal of the curtains from the supporting frame for laundering or replacing.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 5 of the drawing, the rear curtain rod 30 is provided with rearwardly and inwardly directed opposite terminals 31 each having an eye 32 at the free end thereof. A depending extremity 33 having an eye 34 at its upper end is offset inwardly at its lower end as at 35 and is permanently secured to the frame terminal 13 of the screen guard. In this instance, the end curtain rods 18 are provided with a horizontally disposed eye 36 at the rear ends and a bolt 37 extends through the eyes 32, 34 and 36 and is retained in place by a thumb nut 38. In other respects the construction and operation of the accessory is identical with that described in the previous form of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An infant's bath tub accessory including flexible curtain sections and means for supporting the same in juxtaposition to the ends and rear side of the tub comprising a rear curtain rod supported from and above the rear of the tub, a pair of end curtain rods carried by the opposite ends of the rear curtain rod and shiftable from a folded position substantially parallel therewith to a set up position extending forwardly therefrom.

2. An attachment for an infant's bath tub including flexible curtain sections and a foldable supporting frame therefor comprising a rear curtain rod having rearwardly and inwardly directed opposite terminals each provided with a depending supporting extremity, and end curtain rods each having slidable connection respectively with said terminals and adapted when set up to extend forwardly over and rest upon the opposite ends of the rear curtain rod.

3. An attachment for an infant's bath tub of the type which includes a collapsible support, a collapsible tub carried thereby and a screen guard extending upwardly from the rear thereof and swingable to a folded position when the support is collapsed, said attachment including flexible curtain sections and a foldable supporting frame therefore comprising a rear curtain rod carried by the screen guard and extending longitudinally of and above the tub adjacent the rear thereof, and end curtain rods carried by the rear curtain rod adjacent the ends thereof and swingable from a folded position substantially parallel therewith to a set up position extending forwardly therefrom above the ends of the tub.

4. An attachment for an infant's bath tub of the type which includes a collapsible support, a collapsible tub carried thereby and a screen guard extending upwardly from the rear thereof and swingable to a folded position when the support is collapsed, said attachment including flexible curtain sections and a foldable supporting frame therefor comprising a rear curtain rod carried by the screen guard and extending longitudinally of and above the tub adjacent the rear thereof, and end curtain rods carried by the rear curtain rod adjacent the ends thereof and swingable from a folded position substantially parallel therewith to a set up position extending forwardly therefrom above the ends of the tub, and said supporting frame when folded being swingable with said screen guard into folded relation with the collapsible support.

5. An attachment for an infant's bath tub of the type which includes a collapsible support, a collapsible tub carried thereby and a pocketed screen guard extending upwardly from the rear thereof and swingable to a folded position with the said support, said attachment including flexible curtain sections and a flexible supporting frame therefor comprising a rear curtain rod having depending supporting extremities detachably engaging the pocket of said screen guard and extending longitudinally of and above the tub adjacent the rear thereof, and end curtain rods carried by the rear curtain rod adjacent the ends thereof and swingable from a folded position substantially parallel therewith to a set up position extending forwardly therefrom above the ends of the tub.

6. An attachment for an infant's bath tub of the type which includes a collapsible support, a collapsible tub carried thereby and a pocketed screen guard extending upwardly from the rear thereof and swingable to a folded position with the said support, said attachment including flexible curtain sections and a flexible supporting frame therefor comprising a rear curtain rod having depending supporting extremities detachably engaging the pocket of said screen guard and extending longitudinally of and above the tub adjacent the rear thereof, and end curtain rods carried by the rear curtain rod adjacent the ends thereof and swingable from a folded position substantially parallel therewith to a set up position extending forwardly therefrom above the ends of the tub, said supporting frame when folded being swingable with said screen guard into folded relation with the collapsible support.

7. An attachment for an infant's bath tub of the type which includes a collapsible support, a collapsible tub carried thereby and a screen guard extending upwardly from the rear thereof and swingable to a folded position when the support is collapsed, said attachment including flexible curtain sections and a foldable supporting frame therefor comprising a rear curtain rod having rearwardly and inwardly directed opposite terminals each provided with a depending supporting extremity carried by the screen guard, and

end curtain rods each having slidable connection respectively with the said terminals and adapted when set up to extend forwardly thereover and rest upon the opposite ends of the rear curtain rods.

8. An attachment for an infant's bath tub of the type which includes a collapsible support, a collapsible tub carried thereby and a screen guard extending upwardly from the rear thereof and swingable to a folded position when the support is collapsed, said attachment including flexible curtain sections and a foldable supporting frame therefor comprising a rear curtain rod having rearwardly and inwardly directed opposite terminals each provided with a depending supporting extremity carried by the screen guard, and end curtain rods each having slidable connection respectively with the said terminals and adapted when set up to extend forwardly thereover and rest upon the opposite ends of the rear curtain rods, and said supporting frame when folded being swingable with said screen guard into folded relation with the collapsible support.

9. An attachment for an infant's bath tub of the type which includes a screen guard extending upwardly from the rear thereof, said attachment including flexible curtain sections and a foldable supporting frame therefor comprising a rear curtain rod having rearwardly and inwardly directed opposite terminals and each provided with a depending supporting extremity secured to the screen guard, and end curtain rods swingably connected with said terminals and adapted when set up to extend forwardly over and rest upon the opposite ends of the curtain rods.

10. In an infant's bath tub, a collapsible support, a collapsible tub carried thereby and a dressing table horizontally overlying the tub when in operative position and movably connected to the support to assume an inoperative upright folded position in rear of the tub, and a shower curtain of flexible material disposed to project above one side and two ends of the tub to confine the water from a spray within the tub limits, a shower curtain main support of an inverted U shape through which the dressing table may be moved to its operative position for dressing the baby without removing the shower curtain, and forwardly extensible supports for holding the ends of the shower curtain movable either to a folded position parallel with the rear side of the tub or to forward positions to hold the end curtains in alignment with the sides of the tub.

11. In an infant's bath, the combination with a tub having a dressing table connected thereto and movable from an operative position overlying the tube to an upright position in rear of the tub, of a shower curtain of flexible material disposed to project above the rear side and the ends of the tub to confine the water within the tub limits, and a support for said shower curtain which is so constructed and arranged as to permit of the movement of the dressing table from its folded position in rear of the tub to its operative position overlying the same, said support including forwardly extensible members for the ends of the shower curtain movable from an active position to a folded position parallel with the rear of the tub.

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