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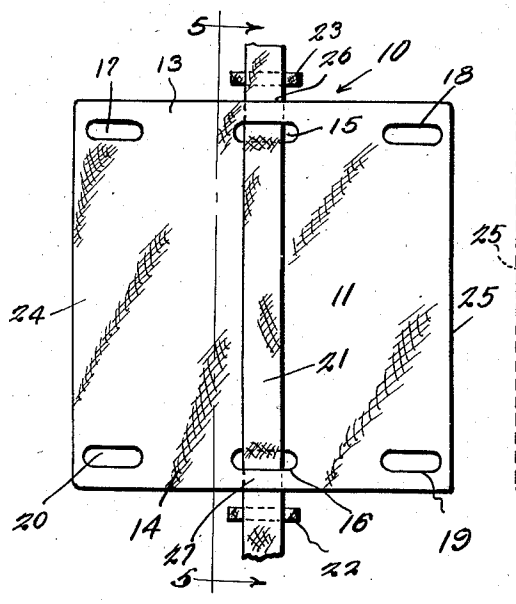


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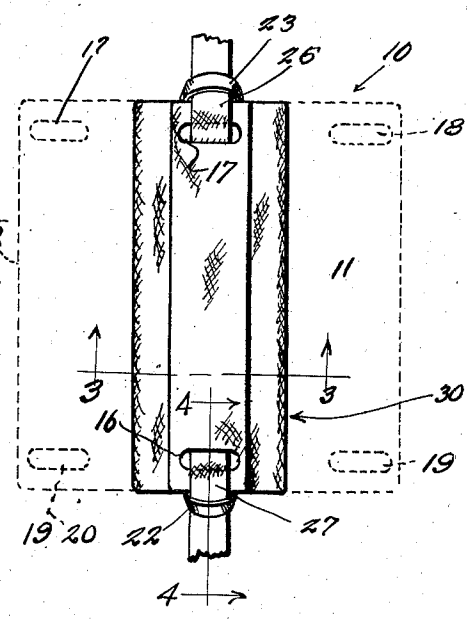


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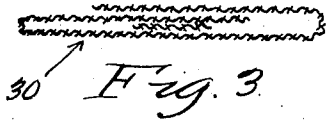


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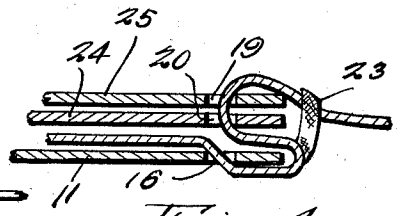


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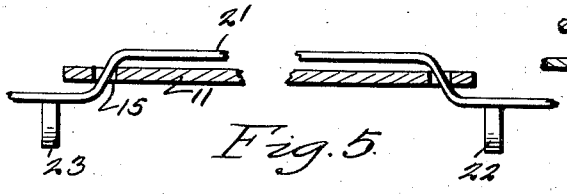


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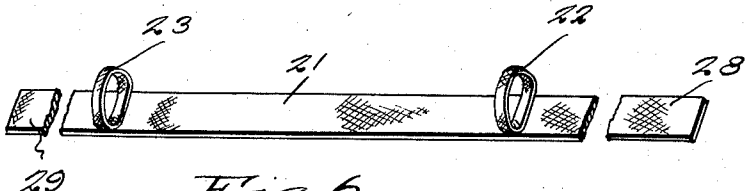


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The invention as described herein, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, consists of a bath cloth, an object of which is to provide means whereby a person may thoroughly and easily wash his or her back and shoulders.

Another object of the invention is to provide a wash cloth so constructed that it may be held folded for more thorough application to the shoulders and back of a user.

Another object of the invention is to provide a wash cloth having an extension strap by means of which the cloth may more readily be applied and manipulated.

A primary object of the invention is the provision of means whereby a person may rapidly rub a wash cloth back and forth and up and down upon the back and shoulders without unnecessary strain upon his arms or the necessity of having someone do the job for him.

Other features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying illustrative drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the invention,

Figure 2 is a similar view shown folded,

Figure 3 is a sectional view on line 3—3 of Figure 2,

Figure 4 is an enlarged sectional view on line 4—4 of Figure 2,

Figure 5 is a similar view on line 5—5 of Figure 1, partly broken away, and

Figure 6 is a detail perspective view of a strap partly broken away.

While one embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the above referred to drawings, it is to be understood that they are merely for the purpose of illustration and that various changes in construction may be resorted to in the course of manufacture in order that the invention may be utilized to the best advantage according to circumstances which may arise, without in any way departing from the spirit and intention of the device, which is to be limited only in accordance with the appended claim. And while there is stated the primary field of utility of the invention it remains obvious that it may be employed in any other capacity wherein it may be found applicable.

In the accompanying drawings and in the following specification, the same reference characters are used to designate the same parts and elements throughout and in which 10 refers to the invention in its entirety and 11 indicates a wash cloth made preferably of turkish toweling but may be of other suitable material. Adjacent

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each opposite edge 13 and 14 of the cloth are centrally disposed elongated eyes 15 and 16 and end like eyes 17, 18 and 19, 20 respectively adapted to overlie and align with said first mentioned eyes when the wash cloth is folded inwardly from its opposite sides to overlie the central portion of the cloth.

Adapted for threading first through the eyes or slots 15 and 16 is an elongated operating and supporting cloth strap or braid 21, to which is fixedly attached loops 22 and 23, so spaced apart as to extend slightly beyond said edges 13 and 14 of cloth 11. Over the strap 21 the side wings 24 and 25 are adapted to be folded as indicated in Figure 3, the eyes or slots 17 and 18 matching eye or slot 15 and the eyes or slots 19 and 20 overlying eye or slot 16, the strap portions 26 and 27 being threaded respectively through all of the upper and lower eyes or slots and then said portions are threaded through said loops 22 and 23 respectively, thus the cloth will be held securely folded and against rumpling up whereby when the terminals 28 and 29 of the strap are gripped by the hands of a user and the pad 30 formed by the folded cloth thrown across the back of the user may be conveniently reciprocated to thoroughly scrub that portion of the body which is hard to reach otherwise. It is obvious that if desired in manufacturing the device the strap may be formed integral therewith.

From the foregoing specification it will become apparent that the invention disclosed will adequately accomplish the functions for which it has been designed and in an economical manner and that its simplicity, accuracy and ease of operation are such as to provide a relatively inexpensive device considering what it will accomplish and that it will find an important place in the art to which it appertains when once placed on the market.

It is thought that persons skilled in the art to which the invention relates will be able to obtain a clear understanding of the invention after considering the description in connection with the drawings. Therefore, a more lengthy description is regarded as unnecessary.

Changes in shape, size and rearrangement of details and parts such as come within the purview of the invention claimed may be resorted to, in actual practice, if desired.

Having now described the invention that which is claimed to be new and desired to be procured by Letters Patent is:

The combination of a wash cloth and a sup-

porting and operating strap therefor including a substantially rectangular cloth body having oppositely disposed elongated eyes or slots formed through the central portion of said cloth extending in spaced relation and parallel with the ends thereof, said body also having similarly formed oppositely disposed elongated eyes or slots through the ends of its side portions, said cloth body being adapted to be folded inwardly from each side upon said central portion with the eyes or slots in each end of the cloth being aligned with the eyes or slots in said central portion, a supporting and operating strap for said cloth body having loops secured in spaced relation to one surface thereof, said strap being adapted to extend over the top surface of the central portion of the cloth body when folded and adapted to pass through the elongated eyes or slots in the opposite ends thereof, said strap then being bent inwardly over the ends of said

central portion of the cloth body to extend inwardly through the overlying aligned elongated eyes or slots in the inwardly folded end portions of said cloth body, and the terminal ends of said strap being directed outwardly to extend through the loops on said strap which will then be disposed at the opposite ends of said folded cloth body.

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