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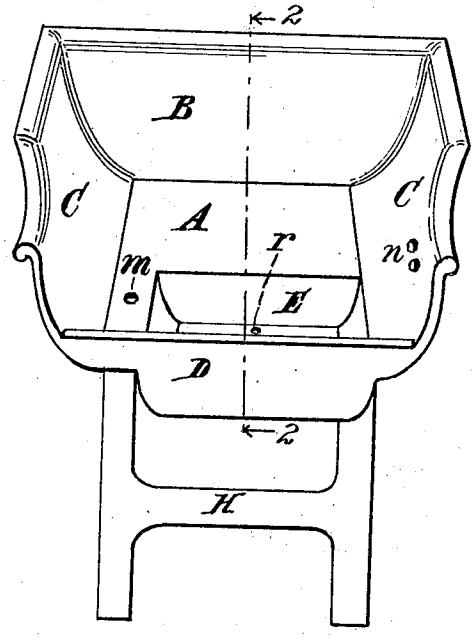
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Fig. 1.



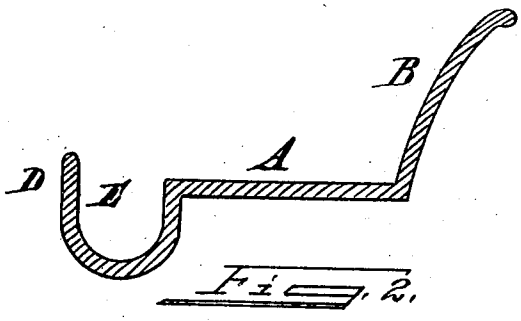


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. STEINKAMP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton, State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Bath-Chair, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a chair specifically designed for bathing in a sitting position and the object of my invention is to provide a convenient and practical medium that permits the bather to apply water freely and plentifully to all parts of the body without damaging the floor or walls of the room.

I attain this object by means of a one piece top mounted on a frame, forming a chair as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device. Fig. 2 is a cross-section, (not including any elevation,) on the line 2, 2, of Fig. 1.

The one piece top is composed of the parts A—B—C—C—D and E.

A is the seat on which the bather is seated when bathing. B is the back and C—C are the sides. The back and sides are curved outwardly from the seat to enlarge the bathing area and are sufficiently high to catch any water dropping from the arms or hands while bathing. D is the front. The top edge of D extends above the level of seat A sufficient to prevent any water from running off of the top on to the floor of the room.

E is the basin which contains the water supply when bathing. The one piece top is designed with the seat A located between the basin E and back B so that when the bather is seated on it the basin E will be in front of him under his thighs.

The bath chair top will be supplied with openings to accommodate overflow, drain and supply pipes substantially as now in use on all stationary wash stands.

H is a supporting frame whose sole function is to support the top the desired distance from the flow. The height of the chair will be such that it will answer the purpose of a wash stand equally well as a bath chair. To take a bath sit on the seat A with your back to B with the knees resting just over the front D. The feet to rest on the floor or on a footstool placed before the chair for that purpose. The basin E will now be immediately in front and between your thighs. Sitting in this position a cloth or sponge fully saturated with water taken from the basin may be applied to any part of the body above the knees and repeated as often as desired. If ordinary care is taken all water so applied will flow back into the basin. After bathing the body the bather may stand up in front of the chair and by placing one foot at a time on the seat A, may bathe the lower leg and foot in like manner. By keeping the supply water running, the over-flow will keep the water line on a level with the seat, assuring a fresh supply of water within easy reach of the bather. Sitting just over the water but not in it, so that plenty of water and soap may be applied alternately, without shifting the position of the body, makes this an ideal method of bathing.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

A bath-chair or bathing-seat comprising a horizontal body-portion or seat-proper having a shallow water cavity or basin at its fore end, an upright guard or water-shed at the rear end of the seat, an overflow-opening in said seat above the desired water-line, upright side guards or water-sheds extending forwardly from the ends of the rear guard at the opposite sides of the seat and having concaved or recessed arm-pits at their outer or upper fore corners, a shallow guard or water-shed at the fore end of the seat adjacent the said water cavity and with its opposite ends closed or making joint with the outer ends of said side guards below said arm-pits, and an independent open frame having legs adapted to support the bathing-seat above the floor so that the lower limbs and feet of the bather may be disposed outside the bathing-chamber from the knee-pits down, substantially as shown and described.

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