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Fig. 1

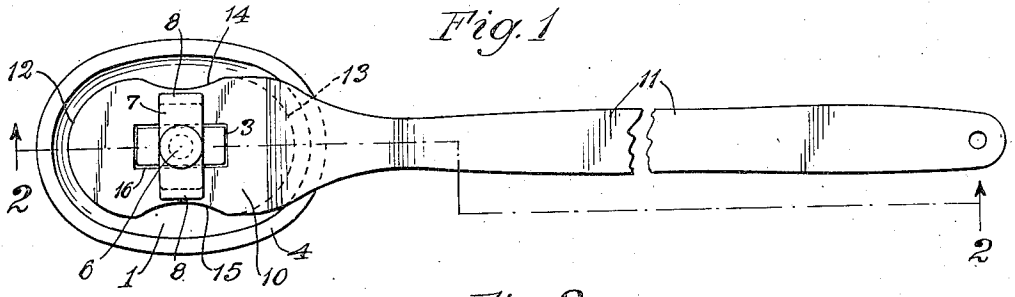


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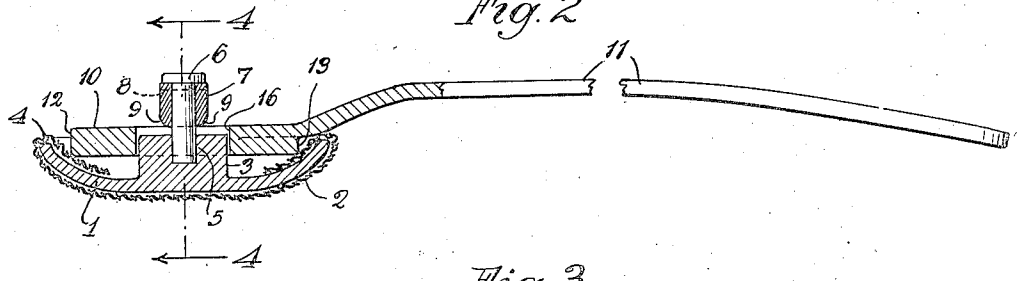


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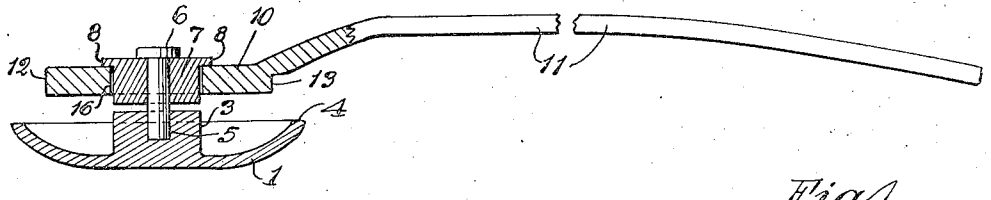


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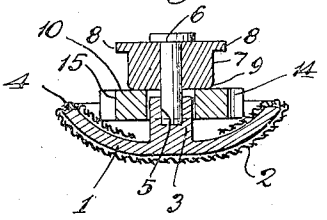


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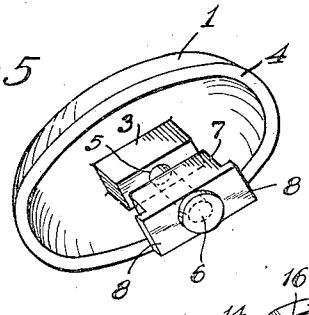
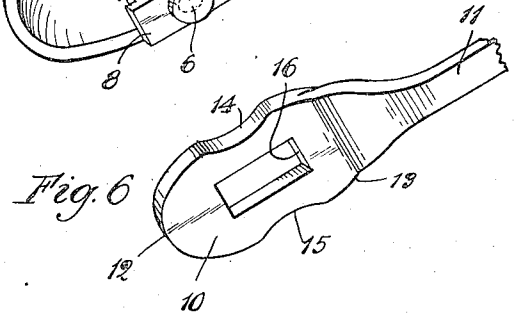


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This invention relates to improvements in wash cloth or pad holders. One object is to provide a holder of this type that facilitates washing parts of the body ordinarily difficult of access by wash cloths or pads, held in the hand, such as parts of the bather's back. A further object is to provide a wash cloth or pad holder that is simple in construction, durable and efficient in use and inexpensive to manufacture.

A still further object is to provide a sanitary wash cloth and pad holder and one to which the cloth or pad may be instantly secured and as readily removed therefrom and one that will materially contribute to the pleasure of bathing, enabling each bather to use his own individual cloth or pad.

With the foregoing and other objects in view the invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter fully described, pointed out in the claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this patent, and in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a wash cloth or pad holder constructed according to the present invention but with a portion of the handle broken away.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view partly in elevation, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 and illustrating the application of a wash cloth or pad.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but with adjustable parts shown in an altered position, the wash cloth or pad being omitted.

Fig. 4 is a central vertical sectional view through the head of the holder, taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a view of the head of the holder in perspective, almost vertically disposed, the handle being removed, and,

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary perspective view of the handle showing the lower or inner end thereof which forms a cloth or pad engaging element.

Like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views.

The reference numeral 1 denotes the slightly elongated saucer-shaped head of the holder about the outer face and over the rim 4 of which the wash cloth or pad 2 is disposed in use. Integral with or secured to the inner face of the head is the centrally disposed riser 3, oblong in cross section and parallel to said head, said riser extending upwardly slightly above the rim 4 and being formed centrally with a recess 5 to snugly receive the shank of a pin 6 that rises substantially thereabove.

Pivotally received upon the shank of pin 6 is

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the oblong button 7 of substantially the same shape and size as the riser 3 except for its oppositely disposed terminal flanges 8, 8 said button being retained in position by the head of pin 6 and being of a depth something less than the distance from said head to the top face of riser 3 so that with said button abutting the said pin head a space is provided between said button and riser, said button being formed with rounded lower edges 9 to facilitate cooperation with a keeper 10.

Freely received within the head 1 is the keeper 10 integral with the elongated handle 11, said keeper having a rounded forward end 12 and a similar opposite end portion 13 forming a round shoulder at its junction with said handle, the sides of said keeper being formed with recesses 14, 15 oppositely disposed, said keeper being smaller than said head to permit it to seat therewithin as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Said keeper 10 is formed with the oblong substantially centrally located perforation 16 slightly wider and longer than the button 7 or riser 3, but of lesser extent than said button with flanges 8, 8 so that said riser or said button may be received therewithin, said button being so received when in a position parallel to said perforation. With said button received in said keeper the flanges 8, 8 are disposed upon said keeper and prevent further relative movement of said keeper upwardly.

When it is desired to retain keeper 10 in close relation or contiguous to the inner face of head 1 the button 7 is turned crosswise of said keeper as shown in Figs. 1 and 4. To engage a wash cloth or pad with the holder the wash cloth is folded, a pad need not be folded, and the rounded outer face of the head 1 disposed thereupon, the handle, keeper and button being manually retained in raised position as shown in Fig. 3. The edges or corners of the cloth or pad are now brought over the rim 4 and tucked into the inner or concave portion of said head, the recesses 14, 15 providing clearance for a portion of the cloth inserted beneath said keeper which is then pressed down upon the cloth or pad until it frees said button which is then manually turned at right angles to said keeper. The thickness of said keeper is such that when disposed beneath said button in the position shown in Figs. 2 and 4 it engages the cloth or pad and binds same securely against said head 1 holding the cloth or pad firmly in operative position. Wetting the cloth or pad now or previously in the bath water and then soaping same the bather holds the handle and applies the cloth to the

back, the feet, or elsewhere of the body ordinarily difficult to reach satisfactorily.

While I have described a preferred embodiment of my invention and illustrated the same in the accompanying drawing certain changes or alterations may appear to one skilled in the art to which this invention pertains during the extensive manufacture of the same or at other times, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as shall fall fairly within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a wash cloth and pad holder for the bath, a concavo-convex head for receiving a cloth about its convex and into its concave portion, a recessed riser disposed centrally of the concave portion of said head, a keeper freely received in said head for engagement with the cloth, said keeper formed with a perforation complementary to said riser to permit telescopic engagement therewith, said keeper when disengaged from said riser freeing the cloth for removal and replacement, a headed pin extending through the keeper perforation fixed into the recess in said riser, a flanged button pivotally arranged upon said pin shaped complementary to said keeper perforation to permit telescopic engagement with said keeper in one position of said button relative thereto, the flanges of said button then extending beyond said keeper perforation, said button in non-telescoped relation with said keeper being adapted for disposal at an angle to said keeper perforation to retain said keeper upon said riser in binding engagement with the cloth, and a handle for said keeper.

2. In a wash cloth and pad holder for the bath, a concavo-convex head for receiving a cloth about its convex and into its concave portion, a recessed riser disposed centrally of the concave portion of said head, a keeper freely received in said head for enagegement with the cloth, said

keeper formed with a perforation complementary to said riser to permit telescopic engagement therewith, said keeper when disengaged from said riser freeing the cloth for removal and replacement, a headed pin extending through the keeper perforation fixed into the recess in said riser, a flanged button pivotally received upon said pin shaped complementary to said keeper perforation to permit telescopic engagement with said keeper in one position of said button relative thereto, the flanges of said button then extending beyond said keeper perforation, said button having rounded lowermost edges, said button having a depth but slightly greater than the thickness of said keeper, said button in non-telescoped relation to said keeper adapted to be moved transversely thereto to ride its rounded edges upon the wall of said keeper perforation whereby to move said keeper into telescoped engagement with said riser and positive binding engagement with the cloth, and a handle for said keeper.

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