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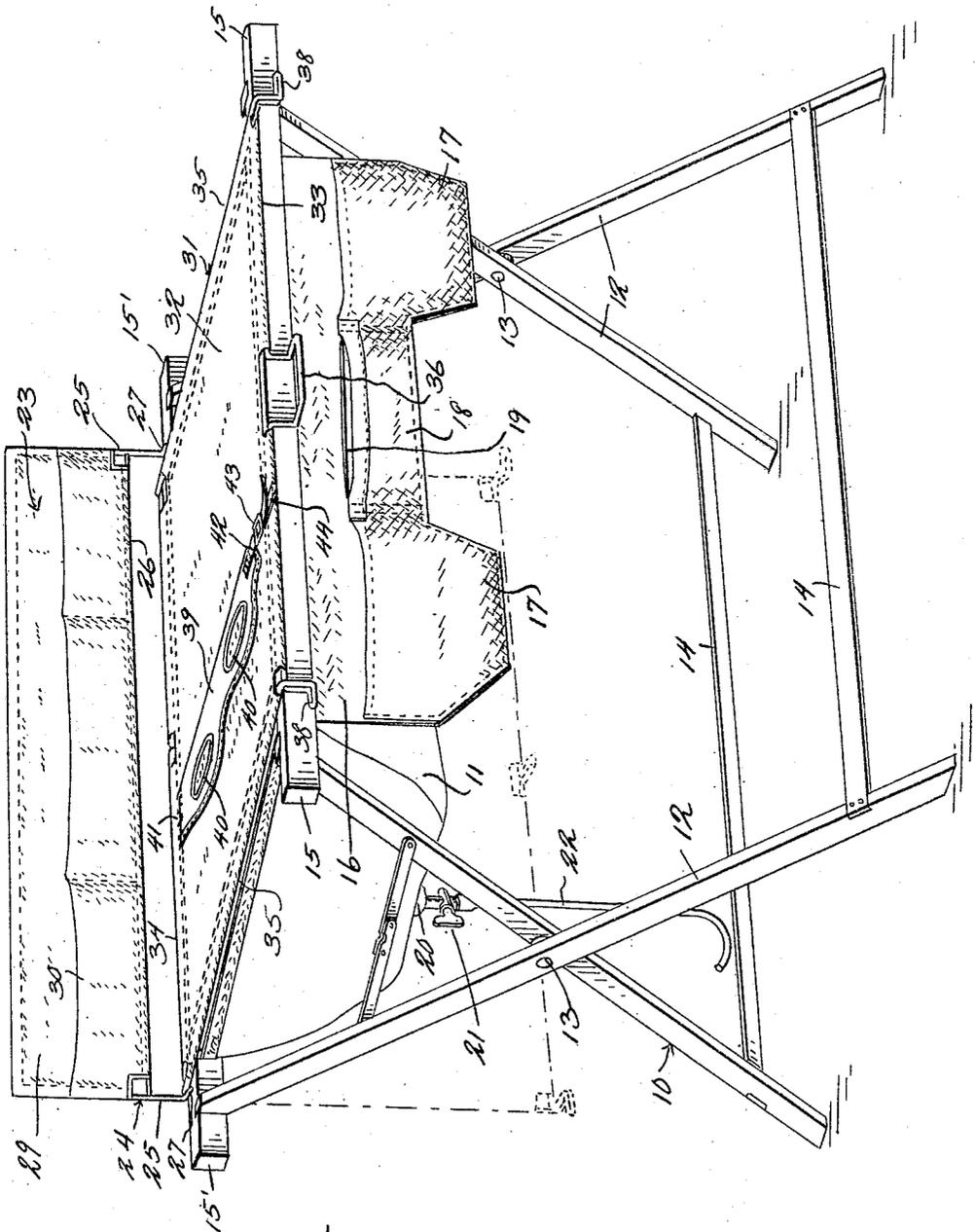
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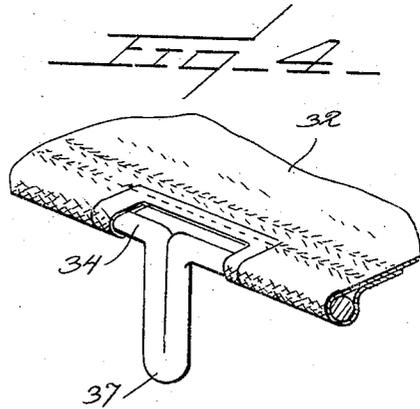
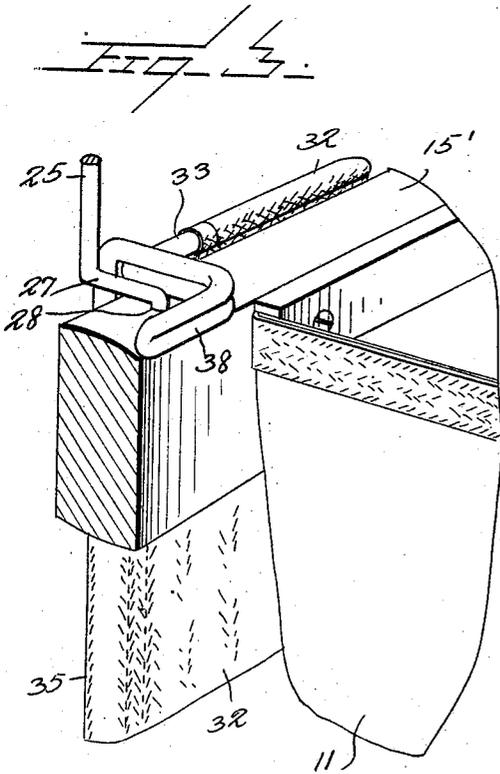
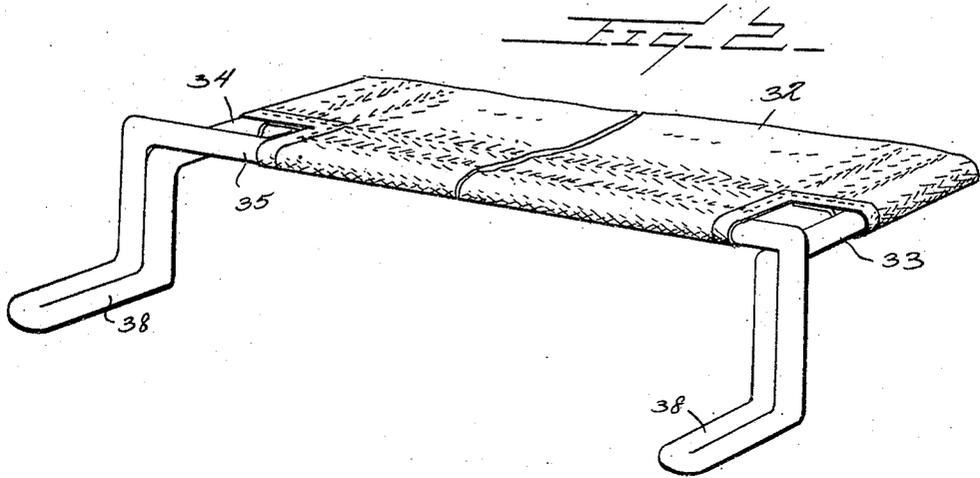
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FOLDING COMBINATION BATH TUB AND DRESSING TABLE

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This invention relates to combination bath tubs and dressing tables, and more particularly to a device of this kind which is adapted for use in the bathing of babies.

5 An object of this invention is to provide a combined tub of foldable construction which, when folded, will occupy a relatively small space, the tub being disposed at a convenient height.

10 Another object of this invention is to provide in a construction of this kind means for providing a dressing table upon which the baby may be disposed when dressing the baby, the table construction being carried by
15 the foldable tub construction and movable into operative or inoperative position so that when it is in inoperative position, the table will not interfere with the normal use of the tub.

20 A further object of this invention is to provide a flexible table construction which is mounted on a frame, the flexible top of the table being stretched within the frame and being of a strength to support a child
25 thereupon.

A still further object of this invention is to provide in a construction of this kind means for supporting articles used in the bathing and dressing of babies, the articles
30 being supported at a convenient location where they may be used during the time that the device is used as a tub or during the time that the device is used as a dressing table.

The above and various other objects and
35 advantages of this invention will in part be described in and in part be understood from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying draw-
40 ings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a detail perspective view of a device constructed according to the preferred embodiment of this invention;

45 Figure 2 is a fragmentary perspective view of the table;

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the table in inoperative position, and

50 Figure 4 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of the rear edge of the table.

Referring to the drawings wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 10 designates generally a foldable
55 frame structure upon which a flexible tub construction 11 is mounted. The frame structure 10 comprises end members 12 which are pivotally secured together intermediate their ends by means of pivotal members 13 and
60 bracing members 14 connect opposite end members together for simultaneous movement. A top connecting bar 15 also connects opposing end members 12.

At the front edge of the frame structure 10, there is provided an elongated flexible
65 sheet 16 which has the lower end thereof free and is provided with pocket members 17 at each end thereof and an intermediate pocket 18, this intermediate pocket 18 having a rubber or water-proof lining 19 so that wet
70 articles may be disposed therein without dripping downwardly onto the floor. These pockets 17 are adapted to receive articles in the form of clothing or the like, and the intermediate pocket 18 is adapted to receive wash
75 rags, soap or the like used in the bathing of the child positioned within the tub 11.

When the frame structure 10 is in unfolded or operative position, the article holding member 16 will be disposed in depend-
80 ing or vertical position and when the frame 10 is in collapsed or folded position, the article holding member 16 will lie flat against the frame structure and the tub 11. The tub 11 is provided with a draining outlet 20 and
85 a valve 21 is interposed in a pipe or tube 22 which is connected to the outlet 20. In this manner, the water within the tub 11 may be readily drained outwardly therefrom through the bottom of the tub.
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A second article holding member or rack 23 is mounted on a frame structure generally designated as 24, which comprises a U-shaped bar 25 having a connecting member
95 26 connected to the opposite legs thereof intermediate the ends of the legs, and the free ends of the legs of the U-member 25 are offset, as at 27, and removably engage in apertures 28 provided in the rear bar 15' of the frame structure 10. A flexible sheet 29 is
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disposed within the frame structure 24 and is provided with a plurality of pockets 30 which open upwardly and which are adapted to receive articles used in the bathing and dressing of the child.

A dressing table structure, generally designated as 31, is slidably mounted on the upper portion of the frame structure 10, this dressing table 31 being constructed of a single length of wire which is formed in substantially rectangular configuration, and a flexible table top or supporting member 32 is stretched within the wire frame, the marginal edges of the table top 32 being folded or looped over the wire frame and sewed to the top 32 by means of stitching or the like. This wire frame comprises a forward or front bar 33, a rear bar 34 and end bars 35, all of which are integrally formed with each other. This front bar 33 is provided at substantially the center thereof with an offset loop or handle structure 36 and the rear bar 34 is provided at substantially the center thereof with a loop 37 which constitutes a stop member, the purpose for which will be hereinafter described.

At the junction between the front and rear bars 33 and 34, respectively with the end bars 35, there is provided a downwardly and upwardly offset leg 38 of substantially L-shaped construction, one portion of the member 38 being disposed at substantially right angles to the front and side members, and the opposite leg being disposed in parallel relation thereto.

By forming the wire frame as hereinbefore described, the end members 35 are adapted to be disposed between the offset portions 27 of the rear rack 23 and when the device is used for bathing the child, the table structure 31 is positioned in inoperative position at the rear of the frame 10, being held in substantially vertically disposed and depending position by means of the offset portions 38 at the forward edge of the wire frame and by means of the offset handle 36.

When it is desired to use the table structure 31, the handle 36 may be grasped and the table structure lifted upwardly to the limit permitted by the stop 37 and the rear end members 38. When the table structure 31 is resting on the upper braces 15 and 15' of the frame 10, the handle 36, together with the forward offset members 38, will cooperate with the rear stop member 37 and the rear offset leg members 38 in preventing lateral movement of the table structure on the frame 10. Longitudinal movement of the table structure 31 is prevented by means of the offset portions 27 of the article rack 23.

In order to prevent a child or the like from rolling off of the table 31, I have provided a flexible securing member 39 which is provided with spaced loops 40 through which the arms of the child are adapted to be projected

and one end of the flexible securing member 39 is secured to the table structure 31, as at 41, while the opposite end is provided with a strap 42 having a buckle 43 attached thereto for engagement with a strap 44 carried by the table structure 31. In this manner, the securing member 39 may be tightened on the chest of the child so as to provide means whereby the child may be prevented from rolling off of the table structure, but at the same time permitted to have the free use of the limbs, and the child may also be partially dressed while secured within the securing structure 39.

It will be obvious, from the foregoing, that a relatively simple and light structure has been disclosed which may be used for a bath tub for bathing an infant, and it may also be used for dressing of the infant.

This combination tub and dressing table may be folded so as to provide an exceedingly small package which will not only facilitate transportation of the device from the manufacturer to the seller and at the same time reduce the cost of freight on the article, but the device will occupy only a relatively small amount of space in a home.

It is, of course, understood that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claim.

I claim:—

In a device as described including a supporting frame, a table member carried by said frame and movable into operative or inoperative position, said member comprising a wire frame, a webbing mounted within the wire frame, said wire frame comprising parallel front and rear members, parallel end members, and L-shaped members carried by the wire frame having one leg thereof disposed at substantially right angles to said front and end members and the other leg disposed in parallel outwardly extended position to said front members, said L-shaped members extending over the supporting frame and maintaining said wire frame against movement in one direction on said supporting frame upon movement of the wire frame into operative position, and holding said wire frame in depending position on said supporting frame when said wire frame is moved into inoperative position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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