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[54] DOUCHE BAG SUPPORT MEANS

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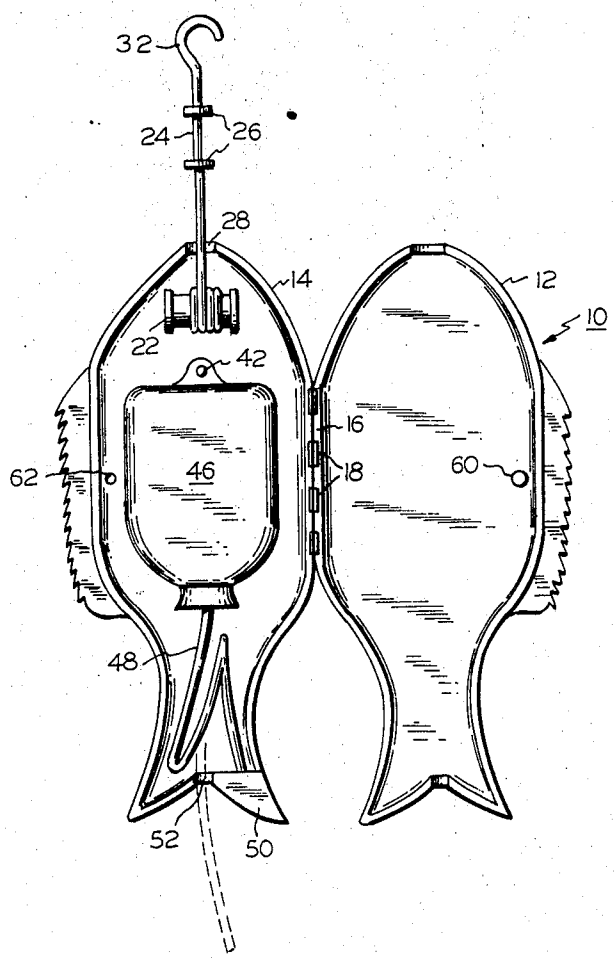
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An improved support means for a douche bag and its portable cover assembly in which a hinged cover assembly is supported by a notched string and hook arrangement for bathroom fixtures, and the like, means for supporting the douche bag within the hollowed, contoured cover assembly, openings at the upper and lower portions of the cover assembly, the first for passing the notched string therethrough, the second for passing a hose therethrough, and a receptacle for liquid cup portion in the lower extremity of the cover assembly for containing a solution for providing a wash or sterilization feature to the douche tip.

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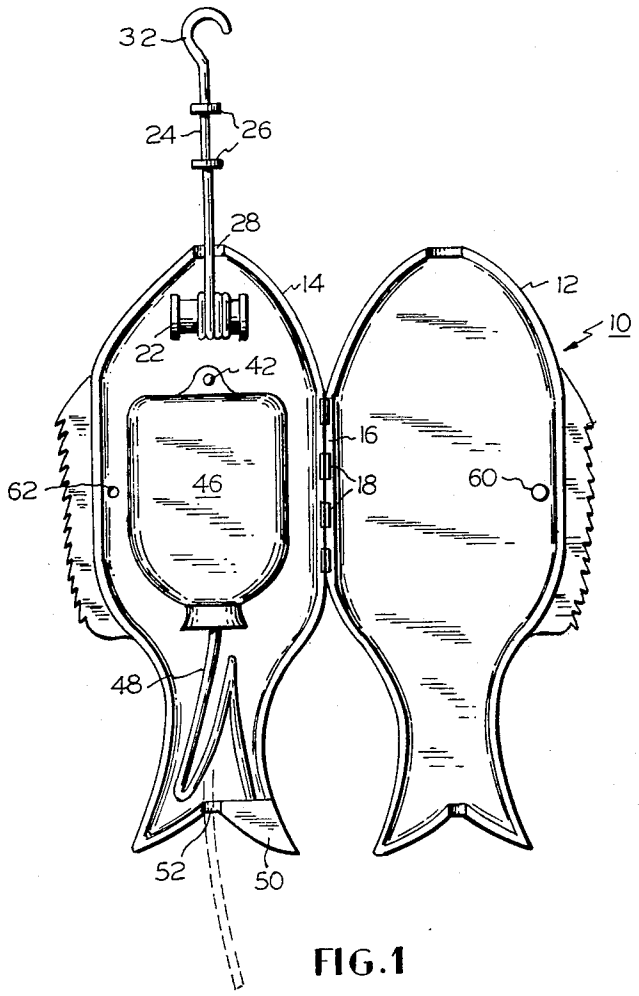


FIG. 1

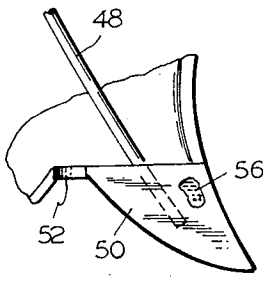


FIG. 2

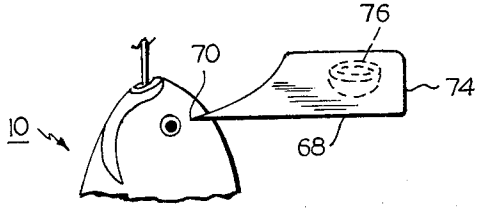


FIG. 3

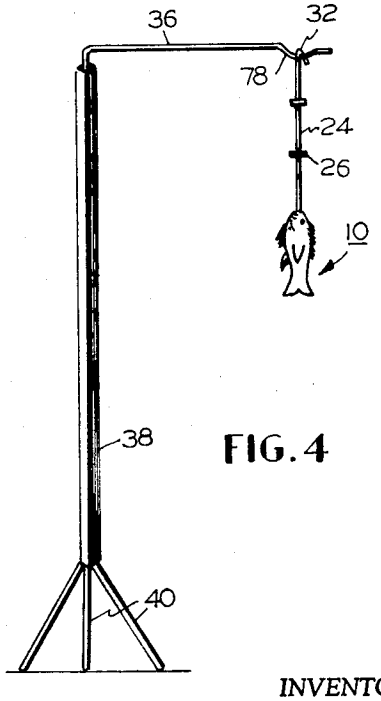


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DOUCHE BAG SUPPORT MEANS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to an improved support and cover assembly having front and rear base members, each contoured to resemble an art object, and are hingedly disposed to each other, the cover assembly providing for secreting a douche bag from view when hanging from fixtures in the bathroom, a notched string for adjusting the height of the cover assembly when hanging from a portable stand or fixture, and a liquid receptacle for containing a solution for providing a wash or sterilization feature to the douche tip when it is inserted in the liquid receptacle.

More particularly, the invention relates to added features over conventional elements of the type described, and in which there is an effect of beautification achieved together with the added functional features for washing or sterilizing the douche tip when it is inserted in the liquid receptacle.

A further object of the invention is to provide a suction cup means which is engaged to one portion of the support area of the cover assembly, and its distal portion is engaged to a suction cup for securing to a wall or the like. Therefore, one of the purposes and realized objects of the invention is to provide means for beautifying the bathroom by secreting from view the douche bag, as well as to provide an easy holder for its support, and to provide a liquid receptacle in the lower extremity of the cover assembly so that a solution contained therein may provide a wash or sterilization feature of the douche tip when it is inserted therein.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the preferred embodiment of the invention, there is an improved support means for a douche bag and its portable cover assembly comprising a cover assembly having front and rear base members each hollowed and contoured to resemble an art object, such as an animal, fish, bird or the like, the art object having a long and a short dimension with a hinge along the peripheral long dimension intercupping the front and rear base members, a rotatably mounted spool in the upper portion of the rear base member, a roll of string on the spool, a series of notches formed on the string for engaging a recessed or reduced size opening in the cover assembly so that the length of the external string portion may be adjusted, a hook on the distal end of the string for engaging a hook or bathroom fixture for supporting the entire arrangement, a hook-formed projection mounted in the cover assembly below the spool for supporting the weight of a douche bag full of water, a lower opening through which passes a hose connecting a douche tip, and a liquid receptacle for containing a solution for providing a wash or sterilization feature to the douche tip when inserted therein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

The above and other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent upon full consideration of the following detailed description and accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a side elevational view of the improved support means according to a preferred embodiment of the invention, showing the cover assembly opened and the douche tip disposed in a receptacle cup for washing or sterilization;

FIG. 2 is an enlarged broken-away view of the receptacle cup of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a broken-away view of a hanging means for supporting the cover assembly, also within a preferred mode of the invention; and

FIG. 4 shows the cover assembly supported from a portable support.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

There is shown a cover assembly **10** having a front base member **12** and a rear base member **14**, each hollowed and contoured to resemble an art object having a long and a short dimension and which resembles a fish, animal, bird or other art object, FIG. **1** showing in semblance a fish.

The base members **12,14** have a short dimension and a long dimension, and along the long dimension **16**, there is provided a coupling member in the form of a piano hinge element **18** between the front and rear base members along the long edge **16** of the cover assembly.

On the rear base member **14** at an upper portion **20**, there is mounted a reel or spool **22** on which is threadedly rolled a string **24** received thereon. The spool **22** may be spring-biased to turn in a given direction for reeling in the string **24**, much as is done by a curtain shade roller. At equal intervals or otherwise along the string, there are disposed a series of notches **26** for engaging a small interior portion of an opening **28**, so that as selected ones of the notches are disposed at the opening **28** when the cover assembly is in its open position, the notch **26** catches in the small sized opening **28** and fixes the length of the string that extends upwardly therefrom. The string **24** terminates in a hook **32** which is the distal end from the spool, and the hook **32** is used to engage a bathroom fixture, such as a bar or rod. FIG. **4** shows that a rod **36** extending from a portable support structure **38** with base legs **40** may be used so that the hook **32** may hang the cover assembly in a bathroom or other area, such as a closet.

Beneath the spool **22** and within the upper portion **20**, a hook-formed projection **42** is mounted in the base member **14** to support the weight of the douche bag **46** when full of water. The opening at the lower end of the douche bag **46** is coupled to a hose **48** of sufficient length which terminates in a douche tip **50**. The hose **48** may pass through a small opening **52** fitted for passing the hose **48** when the front base member **12** is closed with the rear base member **14**.

Within the lower confines of the cover assembly, there is a receptacle or cup **56** which in the preferred embodiment is shown in one of the fishtail portions of the cover assembly **10**, and which contains a liquid for washing or sterilizing the douche tip **50**, or for disposing the tip therein when not in use. The solution may be of any conventional type that is contained in the receptacle cup **56**. The cup **56** may be emptied by merely tipping the cover assembly **10** as desired sufficiently to empty it.

The cover assembly **10** completely encases the douche bag upon closure of the front and rear base elements **12,14** along the hinge member **18**. A lock or snap securing means **60,62** can be provided in each of the base members **12,14** so that they mutually engage and mate with each other in locking relation to hold thecover assembly closed until it is opened, as desired.

In FIG. **3** there is shown a suction cup means **68** engaged to one portion **70** of the support area **20** of the cover assembly **10**, and in which its distal portion **74** is engaged by a suction cup **76** for securing to a wall (not shown).

The cover assembly **10** is shown in FIG. **4** as described above, may be secured by the hook on the notch string to the portable stand, including the arm **36** and the support **38**. On the arm **36** there is provided a detent **78** for receiving the hook **32**. By means of the cover assembly **10** comprising the front and rear base members **12,14** it is seen that a douche bag is secreted from view by illustrations of a design or object forms or art embodiments of animals, fish or other beautifying effects that may be displayed upon the cover assembly.

Additional embodiments of the invention in this specification will occur to others and therefore it is intended that the true spirit of the invention be limited only by the appended claims and not by the embodiments described hereinabove. Accordingly, reference should be made to the following claims in determining the true spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An improved support means for a douche bag and its portable cover assembly comprising a cover assembly having front and rear base members, each hollowed and contoured to resemble an art object such as a fish, animal, bird, and the like,

said art object having a long and a short dimension which define its edges, a hinge element intercoupling the front and rear base members along the long edge of the cover assembly, a spool mounted on the rear base member at its upper portion, a roll of string received on said spool, a series of notch-forming elements disposed on said string for engaging an opening in said cover assembly and thus adjust the length of the string extending outside thereof, a hook on the distal end of the string, a hook-formed projection mounted in the cover assembly centrally and below said spool for supporting the weight of a douche bag full of water, a lower opening in said cover assembly through which may extend a hose connected from the douche bag and terminating in a douche tip, and a liquid receptacle for containing a solution to provide a wash or sterilization feature to the douche tip when it is inserted in the liquid receptacle.

2. The invention according to claim 1 wherein the hook may engage a bar or hanging means in the bathroom.

3. The invention according to claim 2 including a douche bag wherein the cover assembly completely encases the douche bag.

4. The invention according to claim 3 wherein a suction cup means is engaged to one portion of the support area of the cover assembly and its distal portion is engaged to a suction cup for securing to a wall.

5. The invention according to claim 4 wherein the cover assembly is secured by the hook on said notched string to a portable stand.

6. The invention according to claim 5 including a douche bag mounted on the cover assembly wherein the cover assembly has the douche bag secreted from view by illustrations disposed on the exterior thereof for beautifying the bathroom.

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