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Fig. 1.

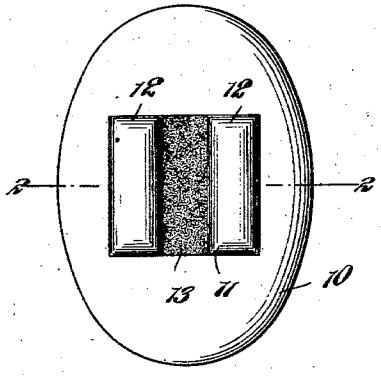
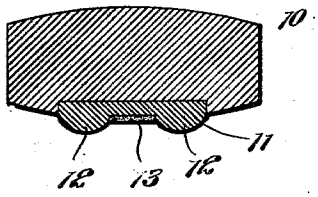


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS A. LYNCH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Soap Cake, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in soap cakes; and the object is to provide in connection with a cake of soap a plate of rigid material not affected by water, so arranged as to support the soap slightly above the bottom of a soap dish or holder or above a washstand-top upon which the soap may be placed, thus holding the soap out of contact with water that may be on the bottom of the soap-dish or on the stand-top, which results in an economy of soap, as it is well known that soap when but slightly engaging in water will be slowly dissolved and wasted, and, further, the plate serves as a binder to hold the cake together until entirely worn away.

I will describe a soap cake embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a cake of soap having my invention applied thereto, and Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, 10 designates a cake of soap, and embedded in the same during the course of molding or manufacturing is a rigid plate 11, consisting of wood or other suitable material not affected by water. This plate at its sides has projections 12, which extend outward from the plane of the soap and serve substantially as legs to support the soap above a washstand-top or the like. Arranged on this plate is an erasive material 13—such, for instance, as pumice-stone or like material—by means of which ink may be removed from the hands. The name of the soap or the maker's name may be placed on the plate instead of on the soap, as is the usual practice, thus retaining the identity of the soap until it is entirely worn away.

It will be noted that the projections or legs 12 are transversely rounded, so as to present only slight surfaces to engage with a support, and thus reducing the possibility of water creeping up the same, and this is further prevented by having the place between the projections open at the ends, providing for a circulation of air.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination with a cake of soap, of a plate of rigid material embedded therein and having its opposite sides projected outward from the plane of the soap to form legs, the space between the legs being open at the ends, substantially as specified.

2. The combination with a cake of soap, of a plate of rigid material embedded therein and having opposite sides projected outward from the plane of the soap to form legs, the space between the legs being open at the ends, and an erasive material attached to the plate between said legs, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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