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Fig. 1.

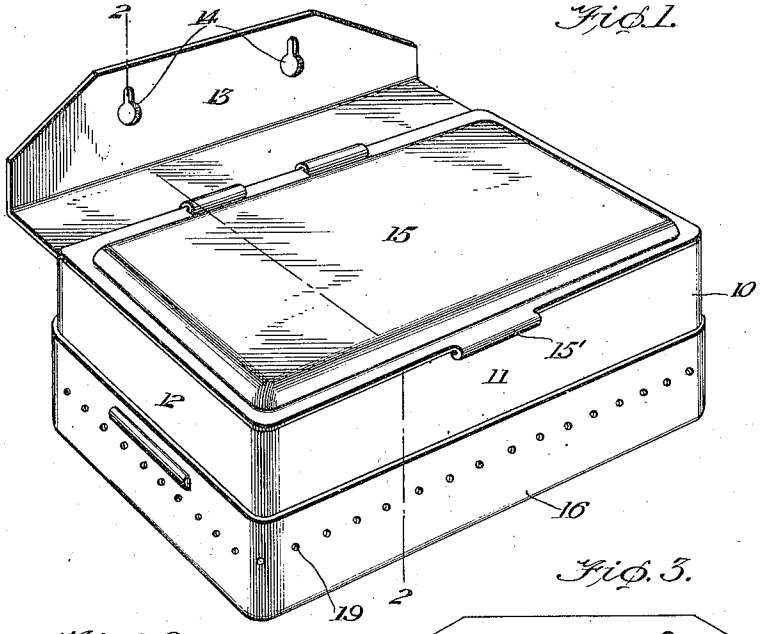


Fig. 3.

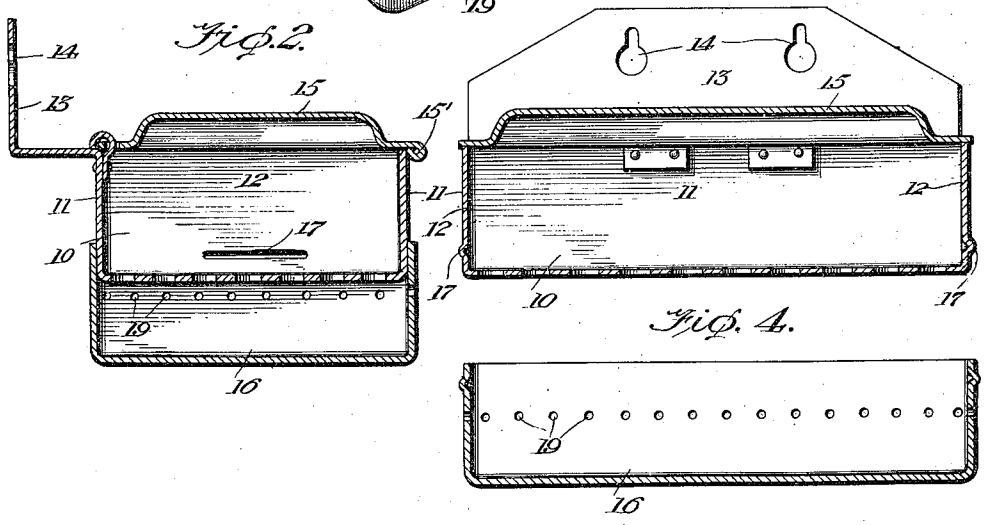


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. MAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Houghton, in the county of Houghton and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Soap-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to soap holders, and has particular reference to that class of devices which are designed to be supported from a wall or the like.

One of the chief characteristics of the invention resides in providing the soap receiving receptacle with a tray adapted to receive the water, soap suds and the like which drains from the soap receptacle, means being provided to maintain the tray fixed relatively to the receptacle, but permitting the tray to be conveniently associated with the receptacle or removed therefrom.

The nature and advantages of the invention will be better understood when the following detail description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, the invention residing in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as claimed.

In the drawing forming part of this specification like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views and wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device showing the parts associated.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a detail view of the soap receptacle with the tray removed.

Fig. 4 is a similar view of the tray.

Referring to the drawing in detail 10 indicates the soap containing receptacle, which may be constructed from any suitable material, size and configuration without departing from the spirit of the invention. However, as shown in this specific instance, the receptacle comprises a perforated bottom, front and rear walls 11 and end walls 12. Projecting rearwardly from one of the walls 11 is a substantially L-shaped bracket extension constituting a bracket by means of which the device in its entirety is supported from a wall or other similar support. The vertical portion 13 of the extension is adapted to lie flat against the wall or other support, and is provided with a plurality of apertures 14 for the reception of suitable fastening elements utilized to support the receptacle as will be readily understood. A cover 15 is by preference hingedly mounted upon the receptacle 10, the cover serving to maintain the cake of soap in a sanitary condition, by eliminating the entrance of dust and other foreign matter into the receptacle. The cover is provided with a lip 15′ to facilitate lifting of the cover as the occasion requires.

A tray 16 corresponding in contour with the receptacle 10 is employed in the production of the invention, this tray being supported by the receptacle and beneath the bottom thereof to receive the water and soap suds which drains from the receptacle through the perforations in the bottom thereof. The tray may be maintained associated with the receptacle in various ways, but as shown in this specific instance the end walls 12 of the receptacle are provided with ribs 17 which are adapted to be received within recesses or the like in the adjacent corresponding walls of the tray, when the latter is associated with the receptacle. The component parts of the device in its entirety are made out of material possessing the requisite resiliency or springiness, to permit the walls of the tray to snap into engagement with the walls 12 of the soap containing receptacle. In this manner the tray is maintained fixed relatively to the receptacle, and while casual separation or derangement is obviated, the tray may be conveniently and easily removed from the receptacle 10 to cleanse the same, or for any other purpose as the occasion may require. One or more walls of the tray 16 is provided with a series of openings 19 for the admittance of air, whereby the lower portion of the receptacle 10 may be properly ventilated with a view of maintaining the soap in a dry condition.

While it is believed that from the foregoing description the nature and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent, I desire to have it understood that what is herein shown and described is merely illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, to which I do not limit myself, and that such changes may be resorted to when desired as fall within the scope of what is claimed.

What is claimed is:—

A soap holder comprising a soap containing receptacle having a perforated bottom, a substantially L-shaped bracket forming an

integral part of the receptacle whereby the latter may be attached to a fixed support in spaced relation thereto, a cover hingedly mounted upon the receptacle, the opposed walls of the receptacle having bulged portions, a tray arranged beneath the receptacle and partly receiving the latter, the corresponding walls of the tray being outwardly bulged to provide grooves into which the said bulged portions of the receptacle are adapted to snap whereby the tray is detachably associated with the receptacle, and said tray having a plurality of openings lying in a plane beneath the bottom of the receptacle.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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