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FIG. 1.

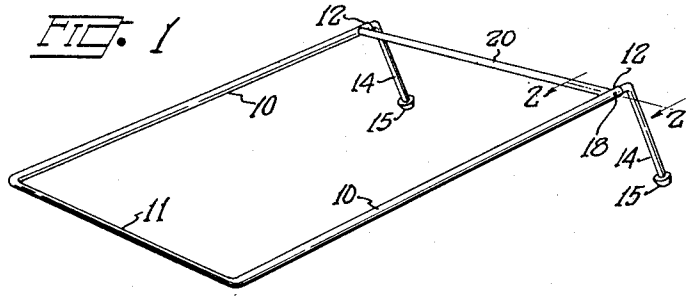


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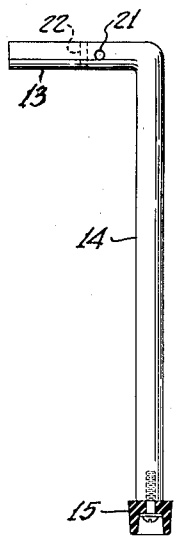


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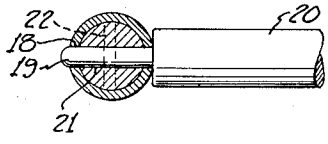


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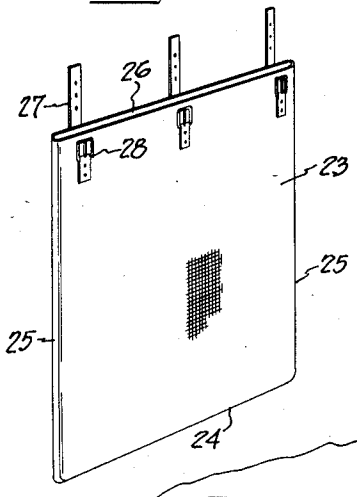
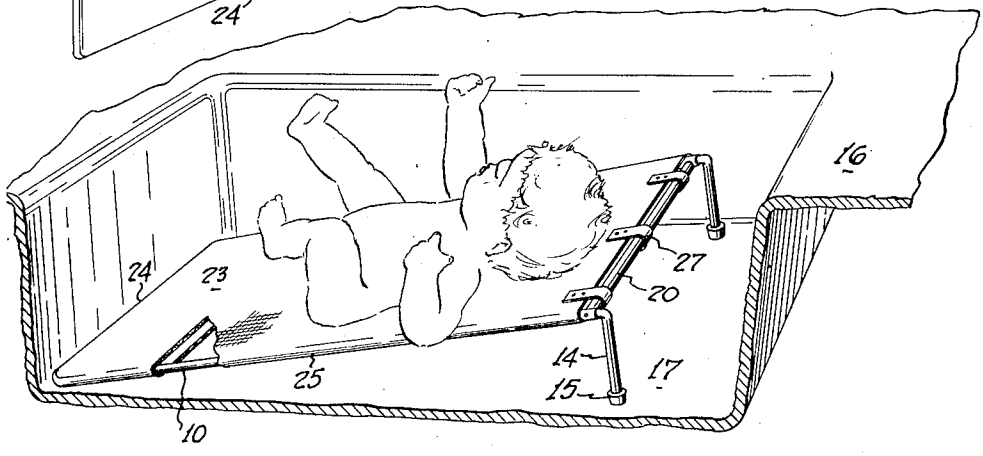


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This invention relates generally to the care of infants and particularly to a device for bathing infants.

The main object of this invention is to produce a device of the class described by means of which an infant may be conveniently and safely bathed in any water container of sufficient size for the purpose, such as a kitchen sink.

The second object of this invention is to provide a device of the class described which will be simple to manufacture and which can be easily set up or taken down for the purpose of placing it in a suit case or otherwise storing it.

I accomplish these and other objects in the manner set forth in the following specification as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device with the covering removed therefrom.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary section taken along the line 2—2 in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail of one of the legs with the rubber foot thereof broken away in section.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the fabric covering for the device.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view showing the device set up and with an infant resting thereon and with a portion of the covering, as well as of the sink itself, cut away in section.

Like numbers of reference refer to the same or similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring in detail to the drawing, there is shown a U-shaped frame consisting of the side members 10 and the joining member 11, preferably of tubular material. Inserted into each end 12 is the shank 13 of a leg 14. Each leg 14 is provided with a rubber foot 15 in order to prevent the device from scratching the container 16 which, in this case, is a kitchen sink, upon the bottom 17 of which the rubber feet 15 rest.

Through the ends 12 extend the openings 18 adapted to receive the reduced ends 19 of the cross brace 20.

In the shank 13 are formed the holes 21 and 22, either of which is capable of receiving the reduced ends 19.

The covering of the device consists of a fabric bag 23 whose end 24 and sides 25 are closed and whose open end 26 is provided with the straps 27 and buckles 28 by means of which the fabric

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bag 23 may be stretched as tight on the frame as desired.

It will be noted that once the bag 23 is in place upon the side members 10, the ends 12 cannot be separated far enough to permit the ends 19 from being withdrawn sufficiently to release the legs 14 thereby insuring against any premature folding or let-down of the device.

When desiring to fold the device for storage or packing in a suit case or trunk, it is necessary to first remove the cover 23 and then spread the members 10 until the reduced ends 19 are withdrawn from the holes 22 and the legs 14 turned inwardly, after which the ends 19 are inserted into the holes 21, thereby locking the legs 14 securely in the plane of the members 10 and 11. The cover 23 may then be replaced which prevents the members 10 from being separated.

It can be seen from the foregoing that I have provided a convenient, safe and sanitary form of support for the child during the bath. Inasmuch as there is just enough sag to the covering 23 to prevent the child from rolling laterally, it can be seen that the bathing of a child is greatly facilitated by use of this device.

I claim:

1. A device of the class described, consisting of a U-shaped tubular frame having L-shaped legs extending from the open ends of said frame, said legs as well as the open ends of said frame having holes extending therethrough, a cross brace having reduced ends adapted to extend through the holes in said tubular frame and said legs and a fabric covering in the form of a bag adapted to enclose said frame and to be secured to the cross brace thereof.

2. The apparatus as described in claim 1 characterized by having the holes in said legs disposed normal to each other for the purpose of holding said legs normal to the plane of the frame or within the plane thereof.

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