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SOAP-HOLDER.

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Fig. 2.

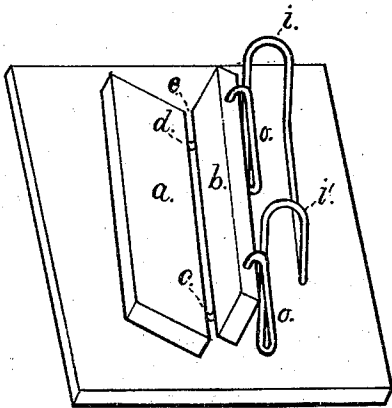
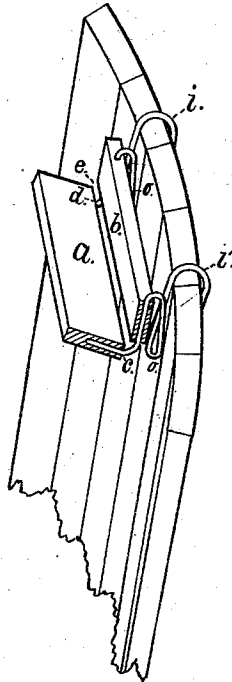


Fig. 1.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SOAP-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRISON P. HOOD, of Indianapolis, State of Indiana, have invented a Soap-Holder, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to an improved device for holding soap, of that class which is adapted to be attached to the edge of a tub or pail. It consists in a novel construction of the soap-receptacle, and in the device for securing it to a tub, as hereinafter more fully described.

The accompanying drawings illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my soap-holder attached to the edge of a tub or pail, one end being shown in section. Fig. 2 is a view in perspective, showing my soap-holder resting on a level surface.

It is constructed in the following manner: Two flat oblong strips of wood, *a b*, are connected edge to edge by the wires *c d*. The wire is bent in such manner that the surfaces *a b* form about a right angle. The bar of soap is placed in the angle thus formed. The edges of *a* and *b* do not come close together, but a narrow space, *e*, is left between them for the passage of any water which may drip from the soap.

The soap-receptacle is adapted to be readily attached to the side of a tub or pail by the hooks *i i'*, which are so formed as to fit over the upper edge of the tub, as shown. These hooks may be formed of the same wires which hold the strips *a* and *b* together, the wires in that case extending entirely through *b*, as shown in Fig. 1, or they may be formed of separate pieces and afterward attached to the soap receptacle. I prefer the former method. The soap-holder is adapted to setting on a plane surface by the legs *o o*, which

are formed in the manner shown, of the same wire which forms the hooks *i i'*.

In the usual process of washing clothing in a tub, the soap used, when not in the hand of the person washing, is placed in a recess provided therefor in the upper part of the wash-board, where it is subjected to the almost constant action of the hot water rushing over it as the water is pressed out of the clothing. A considerable waste of the soap thus occurs, which is saved by the use of my invention.

The soap, being suspended from the edge of the tub, is convenient to the hand, and the water from the clothes cannot reach it. In scrubbing floors, oil-cloths, and in cleaning wood-work, the water is usually contained in a pail or similar vessel, and the soap in a separate dish. By the use of my device the soap is suspended within the pail, and is therefore carried with it, and all the water dripping therefrom falls into the pail.

The simple and novel construction of my device renders it cheap, durable and convenient, and the soap is prevented from coming in contact with any metallic surface, which would stain clothing.

I claim as my invention—

1. The soap-receptacle, consisting of the wooden pieces *a b* and wires *c d*, when arranged as shown and described.
2. The combination of the hooks *i i'*, legs *o o*, and a soap-receptacle, when arranged as shown and described, for the purpose set forth.
3. A new article of manufacture, consisting of the soap-receptacle *a b*, hooks *i i'*, and legs *o o*.

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