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SPLASH SHIELD FOR SHOWER AND BATHTUBS

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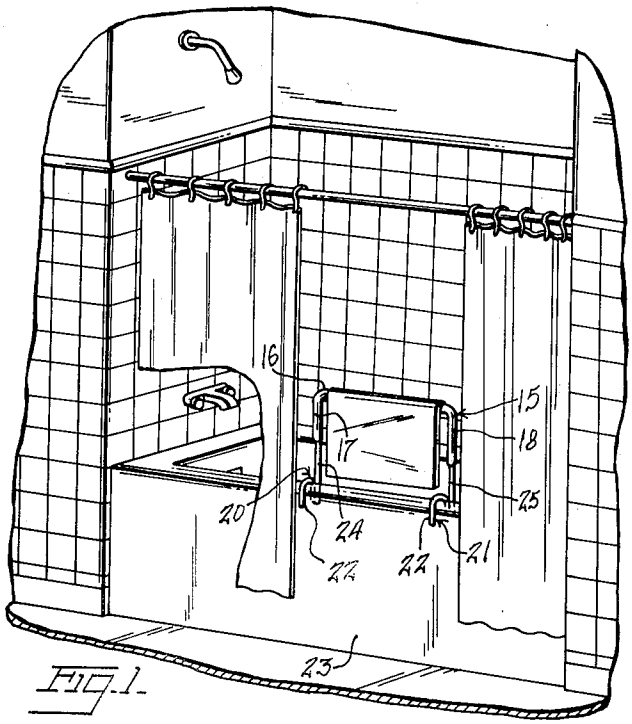


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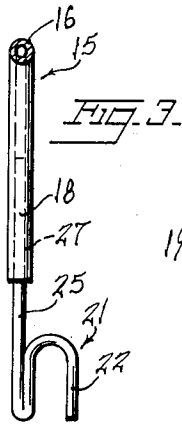


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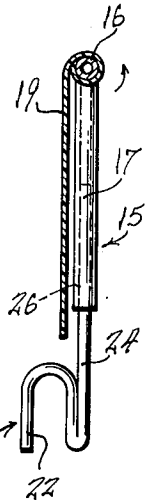


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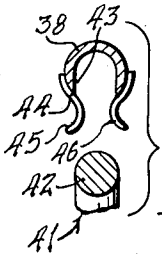


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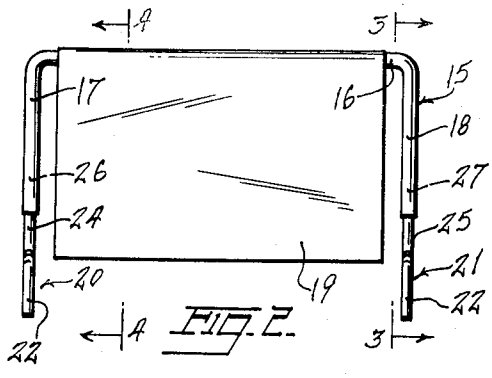


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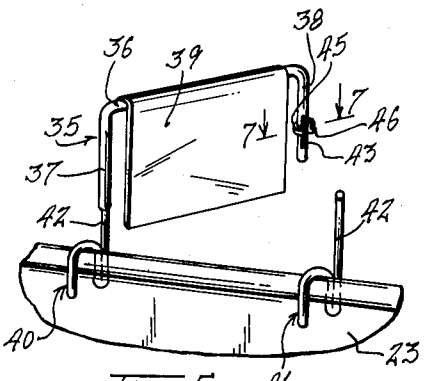


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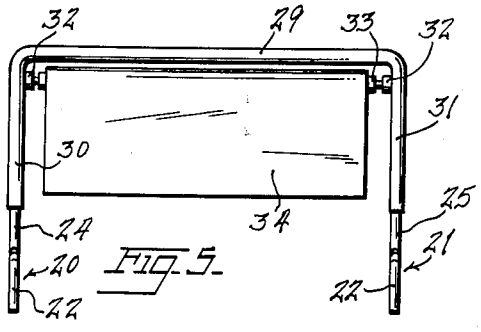


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in shower and tub curtains.

More particularly, the present invention proposes the construction of an improved splash shield for use in bathing children and animals in a tub or shower so that the clothing of the washer will be protected.

Another object of the present invention proposes forming the splash shield with a transparent and vertically adjustable curtain so that the washer can either work through the curtain or over it and from a kneeling, sitting or other customary position.

Still further, the present invention proposes constructing the shield with a roller curtain so that the device can easily be stored and so that the user can adjust the curtain to any degree desired.

As a further object, the present invention proposes arranging the shield so that it can quickly and conveniently be moved to and from a position parallel to the tub or shower to a position crosswise thereof to permit ready entrance and egress to and from the tub or shower.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a tub and shower stall with a splash shield of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the splash shield shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but illustrating a modification of the present invention.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary view similar generally to Fig. 1 but illustrating a further modification of the present invention.

Fig. 7 is a sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

The splash shield, in accordance with the first form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, has a U-shaped curtain holding member **15** which preferably is made of hollow metal or stiff plastic tubing. Member **15** has a crossbar central portion **16** and two dependent leg end portions **17** and **18**.

A flexible transparent curtain **19** of water-repellent material commonly used for shower curtains has one end connected with the curtain holding member **15** by being fixed to the crossbar central portion **16** of member **15**. The free end of the curtain **19** hangs loosely and can be wound around the crossbar central portion **16** of member **15** to wrap the curtain on the crossbar for storage or to adjust the hanging length of the curtain or to get the curtain entirely out of the way.

Two clamps or clamp members **20** and **21** are provided, each clamp having a lower horseshoe shaped portion **22** removably to attach to one side of a bathtub **23** or shower

stall. Clamps **20** and **21** have upstanding posts **24** and **25** respectively extending from their lower portions and forming upper portions of the clamp. Preferably each clamp is made by bending rod stock into the shape shown in the drawings and above described.

The leg end portions **17** and **18** of the curtain holding member **15** each have axially disposed end recesses **26** and **27**, respectively, due to the fact that the member **15** is made of hollow tubing. Each recess **26** and **27** is of a diameter slidably to receive and removably and frictionally to hold the posts **24** and **25** of clamps **20** and **21**. The posts fit into the recesses so that the member **15** may be raised and lowered on the posts telescopically.

Preferably the two dependent leg end portions **17** and **18** of curtain holding member **15** and the clamp members **20** and **21** with their posts **24** and **25** permit the curtain to be disposed at kneeling and sitting heights with relation to the washer.

The modification of the invention illustrated in Fig. 5 is characterized by the provision of a curtain holding member **28** having a crossbar central portion **29** and two dependent leg end portions **30** and **31**. Adjacent the crossbar central portion **29** on each leg end portion **30** and **31** are roller curtain rod receiving brackets **32** removably to hold a roller curtain rod **33** between the leg end portions **30** and **31**. A transparent, flexible shower curtain **34** is attached at one end to the roller curtain rod **33** for raising and lowering in the well-known manner of a window shade.

The modification of the present invention illustrated by Figs. 6 and 7 is characterized by the provision of a tubular curtain holding member **35** having a crossbar central portion **36** and two dependent leg end portions **37** and **38**. A flexible, transparent shower curtain **39** is secured at one end to the crossbar central portion **36**. Two tub clamps **40** and **41** are provided identical in construction, each having an upstanding rod **42**. Each dependent leg portion **37** and **38** of the curtain holding member **35** has an axially disposed end recess **43**, the member **35** being a hollow tube. In addition, leg portion **38** has an opening **44** in its side wall to the recess **43** and spring clamp jaws **45** and **46** are secured to the leg portion **38** at each side of the opening **44**. In this manner, the upstanding rod **42** of tub clamp **41** is removably held in the end recess **43** of leg portion **38**. When the washer wishes to move the shield crosswise of the shower stall or tub **47** to permit entrance to and exit from it, the leg portion **38** can be separated from the tub clamp **41** merely by pushing it away from the tub clamp **41**.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A splash shield for use in bathing children and animals in a tub or shower comprising a U-shaped curtain holding member having a crossbar central portion and two dependent leg end portions, a curtain having one end connected with said curtain holding member, two tub clamps each having an upstanding post, said leg end portions of the curtain holding member having axially disposed end recesses slidably to receive said posts, and means on one of said leg end portions of the curtain holding member to remove said leg end portion from its post without removing the other leg end portion of the curtain holding member from the other post.

2. A splash shield for use in bathing children and animals in a tub or shower comprising a U-shaped curtain

holding member having a crossbar central portion and two dependent leg end portions, a curtain having one end connected with said curtain holding member, two tub clamps each having an upstanding post, said leg end portions of the curtain holding member having axially disposed end recesses slidably to receive said posts, and means on one of said leg end portions of the curtain holding member to remove said leg end portion from its post without removing the other leg end portion of the curtain holding member from the other post, said means being an opening in the side wall of said leg end portion to the axially disposed recess therein and spring clamp jaws secured to said leg end portion of the curtain holding member at each side of said opening.

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