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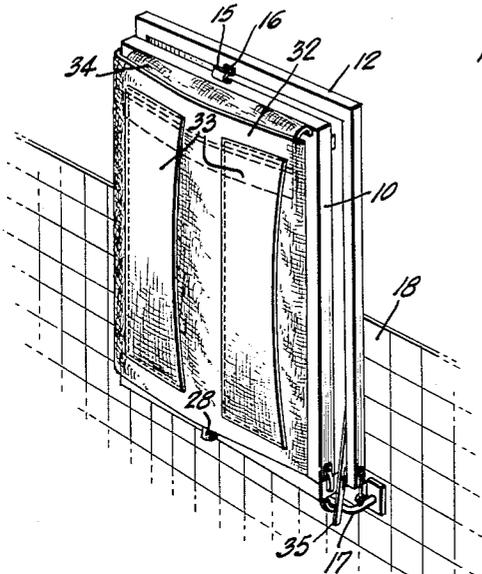
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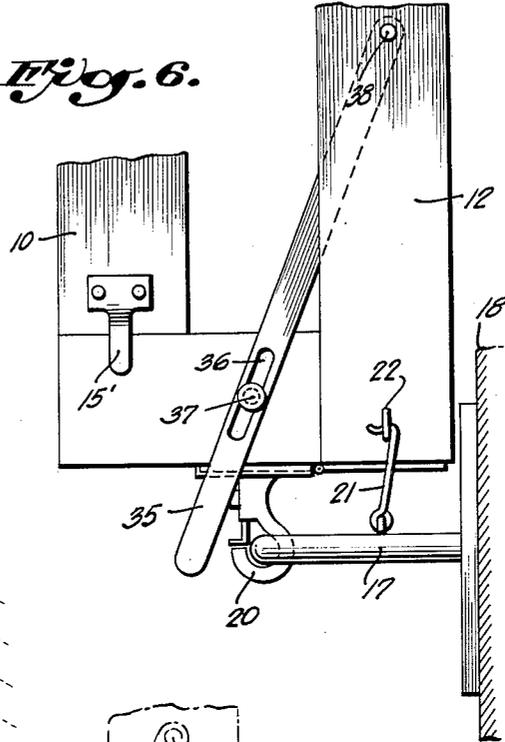
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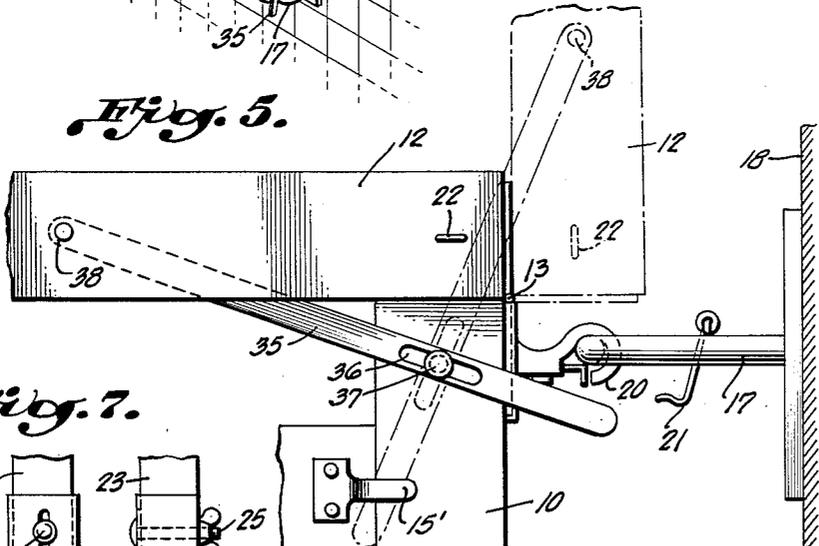
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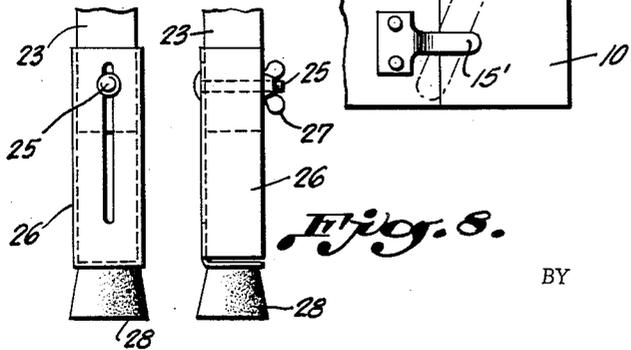
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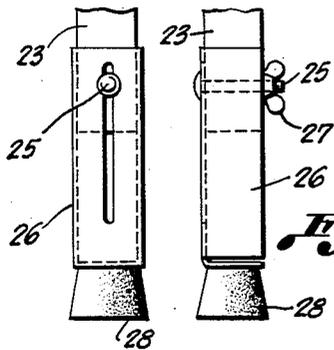
*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 7.*



*Fig. 8.*



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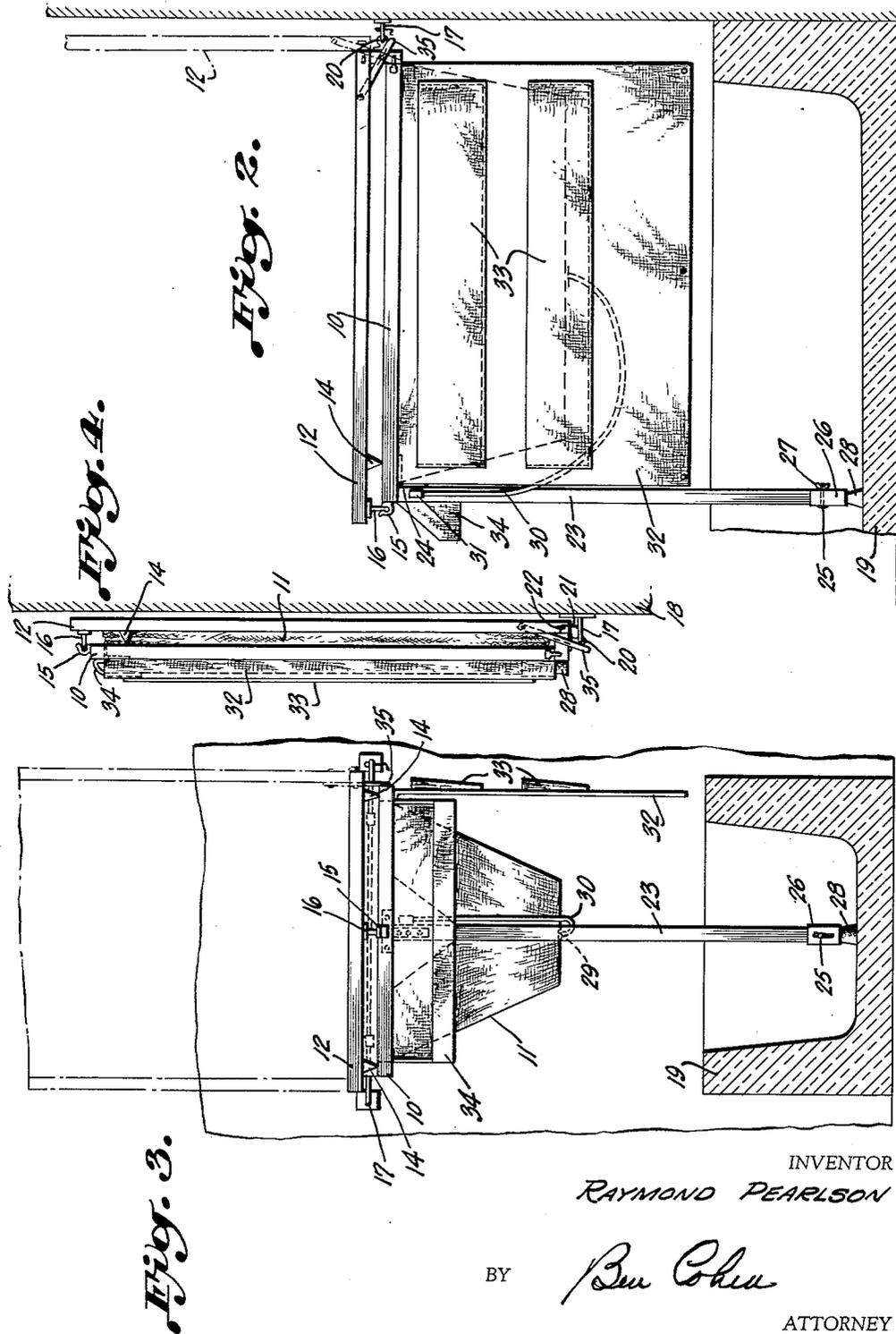
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The present invention relates to a baby's bathing device and more specifically to an improvement over the conventional "Bathinette."

The well known "Bathinette" comprises a frame supporting a flexible tub, a pivoted table top supported on the frame adapted to cover the tub, and folding supporting legs depending from the frame. This conventional type of baby bath is commonly used in the bathroom because of the accessibility of water for filling the tub and ready means for draining the water after the bath is used. However, due to the limited space in most bathrooms, it is necessary to store the "Bathinette" in the bedroom or closet. Thus, the use of the conventional type of "Bathinette" gives rise to numerous disadvantages. Aside from the problem of storage, there is the need for carrying the bath from room to room and also the fact that in use the bath occupies most of the floor space of the average bathroom.

The present invention contemplates a baby's bath construction adapted to be detachably secured to a conventional towel rack adjacent the usual bathroom tub and which extends over the tub during its use. When not in use the bath is folded up and lies adjacent the bathroom wall above the towel rack.

Thus, an important object and advantage of the present invention is the provision of a baby's bath which remains at the location of use, thereby eliminating the need of carrying a cumbersome bath stand from room to room.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a baby's bath which can be stored against a wall and off the floor permitting the normal functioning of the bathroom.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a baby's bath which can be readily attached in place, easy to operate and which is of relative simplicity thereby contributing to an economical construction.

Other objects and advantages of the present invention will be readily apparent from the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment of the invention taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the present device shown mounted on a bathroom wall.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view showing the bath in extended position over the bathroom tub with the cover in down position.

Figure 3 is a front elevational view of bath in extended position.

Figure 4 is a side view of the bath in folded position.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detailed view of the attaching means shown in extended position.

Figure 6 is a similar view in folded position.

Figure 7 is an enlarged detailed view of the lower portion of the leg member.

Figure 8 is a similar view taken at right angles to the view of Figure 7.

Referring to the drawings in detail, numeral 10 indicates a rectangular frame member to which is suitably

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attached the collapsible tub portion 11. The tub portion is formed of the usual rubberized cloth or equivalent material. The dressing table top 12 is hinged to the frame member by means of hinge members 13 and is provided on its lower surface adjacent the edges thereof with a plurality of rests 14. The front edge of the frame 10 is provided with a female catch 15 to receive the male catch 16 attached to the under surface of the table top 12.

A conventional towel rack 17 may be supplied with the unit and is attached to the wall 18 preferably opposite the shower or tub fixtures and above the stationary tub 19. At the rear of the frame 10, a pair of hinge snaps 20 are secured to the frame and cooperate with the towel rack 17 to provide a pivotal connection between the bath and the rack. Any conventional hinge construction may be used but the hinge snap shown is preferred since it enables ready disassembly. The towel rack 17 is provided with a hook 21 which is receivable in a catch 22 mounted on the top 12 for a purpose to be described.

A leg support 23 is pivoted to the frame member 10 by means of a hinge 24 and when the bath is in use, the leg support rests upon the bottom of the bathroom tub 19. Suitable means is provided for adjusting the length of the leg. As seen in Figures 7 and 8, the adjusting means comprises a threaded bolt 25, anchored to the lower end of the leg support and extending through a slotted sleeve 26. A wing nut 27 locks the sleeve in adjusted position. A rubber rest 28 is secured to the lower end of the sleeve to prevent marring of the tub. Any suitable catch, not shown, may be provided to hold the leg support 23 in extended position.

The collapsible bath 11 is provided with the usual drain opening 29 from which a flexible tube 30 extends. The free end of the tube is held against the frame 10 by a holder 31.

The present bath is provided with several accessories adding to the convenience of the user. A flexible waterproof sheet 32 is secured to the frame and hangs in a vertical position when the bath is in use. The sheet 32 is provided with several pockets 33 for holding bath accessories. When the unit is in its collapsed position, the flexible sheet serves as a cover for the unit as clearly seen in Figure 1. A collapsible shelf 34 is supported from the frame and collapses against the frame when the unit is in folded position.

From the foregoing description, it will be apparent that the unit is attached to the rack 17 by means of the hinge snaps 20. When the unit is in its folded or stored position, it is held in position by means of the hook 21 and catch 22. When the hook 21 is released, the unit pivots about the towel rack over the tub 19 and is held in proper horizontal position by extending the pivoted leg support 23. At this point, the table top is in horizontal position. After the baby is prepared for the bath, the catch 16 is released from catch 15 and the top 12 moved into vertical position. The top is held in vertical position by means of a tie rod 35 having a slotted portion 36 receiving a pin 37 secured to the frame 10. The other end of the rod is pivoted to the table top by means of a pin 38. A catch 15' is mounted on the frame 10 for holding an end of the tie rod to hold the table top in vertical position as seen in dotted lines in Figure 5.

The tub can then be filled and the baby bathed. After the bath, the table top can be lowered into horizontal position and the tub drained into the stationary tub. When the unit is ready to be stored, the leg support is released and folded against the bath frame, whereupon the unit is pivoted to vertical position and locked in this position by the hook 21 and catch 22.

It is believed that the present construction is well adapted to produce the objects and advantages described above. It will be understood that minor changes in the

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shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A baby's bath comprising a frame, a collapsible tub supported by said frame, a table top pivotally supported on said frame, hinge snaps mounted on said frame for pivotally connecting said frame to a horizontal rod support, means on said table top cooperating with said rod support to lock said table top in a vertical open position, cooperating catch members on said frame and table top for locking the two together in a vertical plane, a flexible cover having one edge permanently secured to the frame, means for detachably securing the opposite edge of the cover to the opposite side of the frame when said frame

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is in upright position, pockets formed in said cover member, and means connected to said frame for supporting the frame in a horizontal position.

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