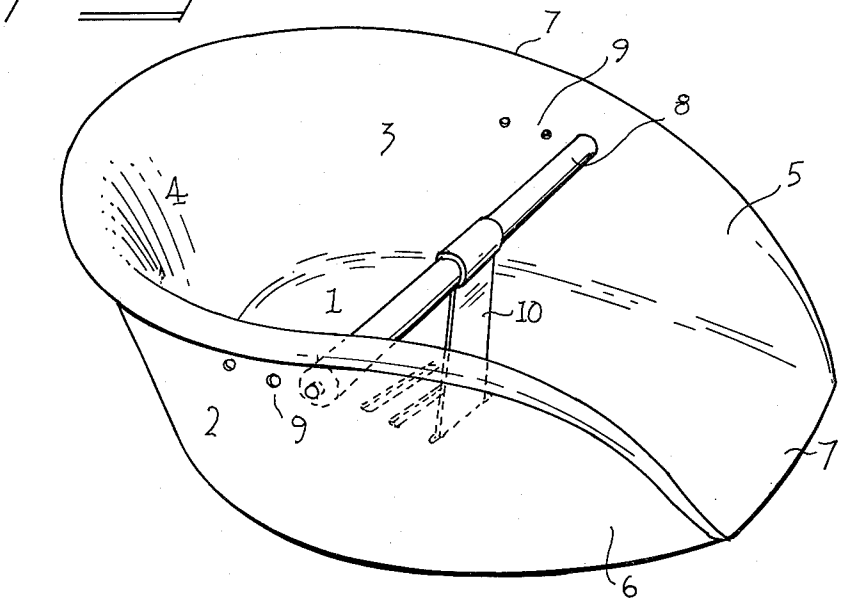
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Fig-1



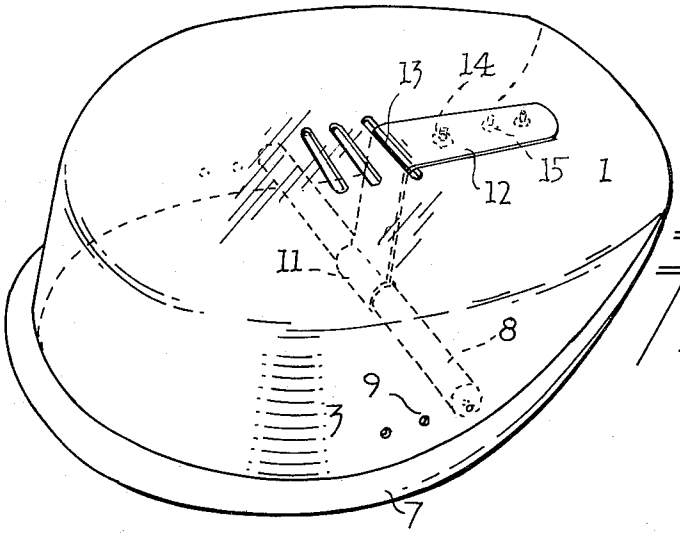


Fig- 2

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This invention relates generally to safety articles and particularly to a safety article that may be used while bathing an infant to reduce the possibility of the infant falling over in a bathtub and being drowned.

When bathing an infant in a bathtub or the like, it generally is necessary that the person bathing the infant support the infant in an upright position at all times.

Should it become necessary to answer a telephone, door, or perform some other task, one must then remove the infant or maintain a constant watch to be sure that the infant does not fall over in the water.

This device is designed to provide an article into which the child may be placed and when the article with the child therein is placed in the bathtub or the like, it will not tip or slide but will support the child in a seated position so that the mother or other person can perform additional tasks, secure in the knowledge that the child may remain in the water in safety.

As constructed, the device is adjustable to children of varying ages and sizes and, while designed primarily for a safety device in a bathtub or the like, may be used to support the child in a seated position on a floor or other flat surface.

In drawings illustrating a preferred embodiment of my device:

FIGURE 1 is an isometric view of my device as seen in the upright position.

FIGURE 2 is an isometric view of my device as seen in the upside down or reverse position.

My device comprises the body member composed of the substantially flat bottom **1**, with sides **2** and **3** and a curved back **4** which merges smoothly with the sides **2** and **3**. The body member is formed with an open front and it will be seen that the sides **2** and **3** slope downwardly as indicated at **5** and **6** to the lip **7** at the open front.

While the body member could be constructed from a variety of materials, I have found the best material to be one of the plastics with the body member formed as a unitary structure with a rolled top edge **7** extending completely around the back and sides and the sloping portions **5** and **6**.

A cross bar **8**, also of plastic or similar material, extends between the sides **2** and **3** and is secured as by screws or the like, in one opposite pair of openings in the pairs of openings **9—9**. In this manner, it will be obvious that the cross bar **8** may be adjusted backwardly and forwardly in the body member as desired. A crotch

belt **10** is secured at its upper end **11** around the cross bar **8** and extends at its lower end **12** through the slits **13** in the bottom **1** of the body member. Securement of the bottom end **12** of the crotch belt **10** is accomplished through a simple dome fastener or the like **14** on the end of the belt and a plurality of mating dome fasteners **15** secured to the underside of the bottom **1**. This will permit the crotch belt **10** to be lengthened or shortened as desired as the cross bar **8** is moved to accommodate children of various sizes.

In use, the cross bar **8** and the crotch belt **10** would be adjusted as required with the child seated in the body member and thereafter the device with the child therein may be placed in the bathtub or the like, and the tub filled with water. While the child is seated within the body member **1**, it will be obvious that the child cannot tip sideways or backwardly or forwardly and may be left in the tub with a minimum of attention without danger of an accident.

What is claimed is:

1. In a device to hold a child upright in a bathtub or the like, a body member having a substantially horizontal flat bottom with a curved substantial vertical back merging into a pair of substantially vertical sides and an open front, a cross bar extending between the sides and a crotch strap secured at one end to the cross bar and at its opposite end to the bottom.

2. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the upper edges of the sides are sloped downwardly towards the open front.

3. A device to hold a child upright in a bathtub or the like, comprising a body member having a substantially flat horizontal bottom, a pair of substantially vertical sides and a substantially vertical curved back merging smoothly with the sides, such body member having an open front, a cross bar extending between the sides, a plurality of openings in each side in which the cross bar may be secured and adjusted with respect to the body member, a crotch strap secured at one end to the cross bar, slots in the bottom through which the opposite end of the strap may be passed and means to secure the opposite end of the strap at a plurality of points beneath the bottom member to secure the opposite end of the strap and to adjust the length of the strap.

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