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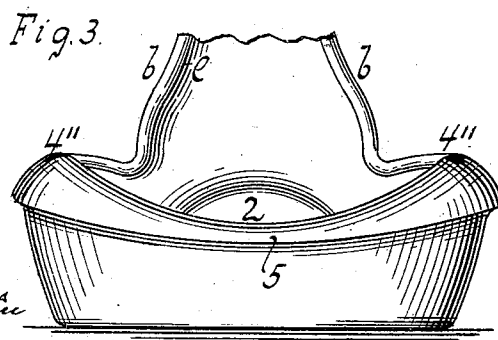
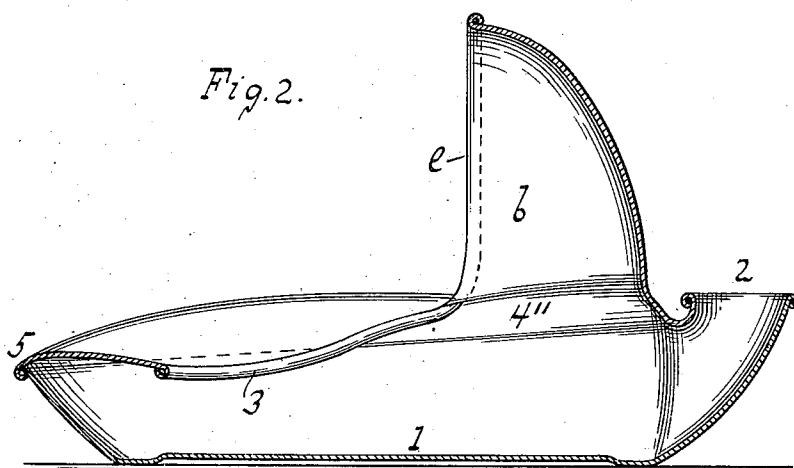
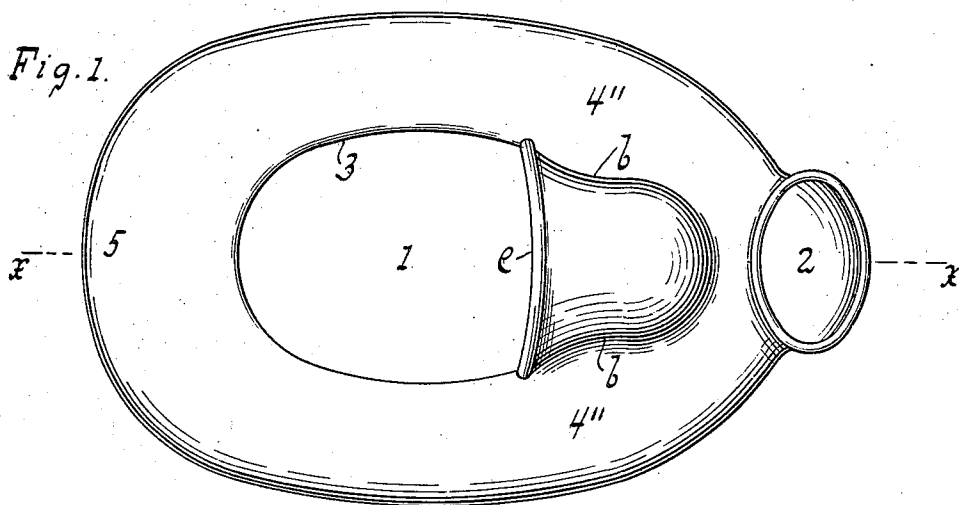
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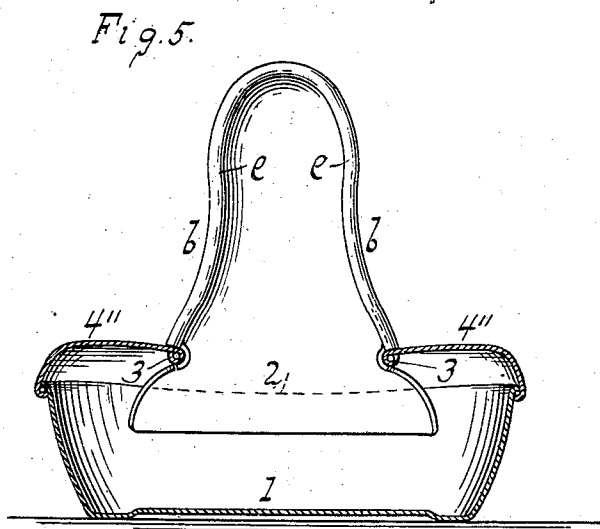
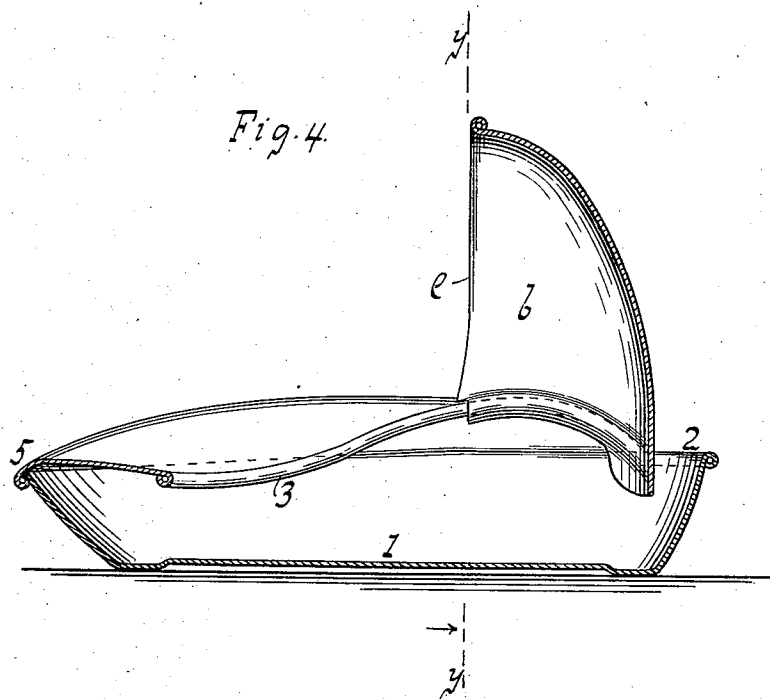
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BED-PAN.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 712,700, dated November 4, 1902.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, CHRISTIAN WILLIAM MEINECKE, residing at Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, and DANIEL HOGAN, residing at Manhattan borough, New York city, in the county and State of New York, citizens of the United States, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bed-Pans, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a device which can serve both as a bed-pan and as a urinal, the invention residing in certain novel features of construction set forth in the following specification and claim, and illustrated in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the pan. Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of Fig. 1 along *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a front view of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional side elevation of a modification. Fig. 5 is a section along *y y*, Fig. 4.

The bed-pan is shown with bottom 1 and spout 2, the opening of the pan having its edge shown at 3 and thigh-supports at 4". The edge or concave 5 is made to fit or be slid under the patient or user. A hood has its edge shown at *e* and concave portions or lateral contractions at *b*. Calling the spout 2 the "rear" of the pan or article, the hood has its rear wall closed. When a user rests on the pan, the hood is adapted to catch urine ejected by the user. Such urine is prevented passing beyond the pan, said hood directing the urine or causing it to flow into the pan. The spout 2 is located below the hood or at its lower edge or along the line or boundary where the hood joins the pan, and it will be seen that the spout is approximately at the base-line of the hood, so that the rear wall of the hood is closed and no urine striking thereagainst can pass or spatter through, and by virtue also of this construction no cork or valve is required for the spout, as is generally the case. Such spout allows emptying and cleaning or rinsing. The sides of the hood are curved at *b*, and the article is made to fit or close against the person to prevent escape of the contents or soiling of the bed.

The thigh-supports 4", lying at each side of the hood, will support the user or the thighs of the user as the legs of the latter are extended each side of the hood, and the user clapping the hood holds the pan in position

involuntarily or without exertion, the legs of the user on each side of the hood securing a hold to prevent the article from shifting or slipping or being upset.

In case the pan is used by a male patient the testicles could be held or placed outside or at the side of the hood, so that the urine passing off will not soil any part of the person, but flow directly into the pan. The curves at the lower portion of the spout fitting closely to the person when the pan is pushed close to the user, soiling or spilling of the contents is avoided and the privates can be kept covered or concealed.

The hood can be integral with or fixed to the pan, Fig. 1, or made removable, Fig. 4. When removed, the pan left under the user can be used in such operations as douching or injecting.

A simple way of making the hood removable is to provide the latter with a channel or bead the concave of which fits or snaps to a suitable portion of the opening edge 3. By suitable pressure such a hood can be forced to and from its place; but of course other means could be devised for connecting and disconnecting the pan and hood. A channel or hollow bead, however, has been found to be simple and practical.

It will be seen on reference to Figs. 1, 2, and 4 that the upper end of the spout 2 is open and that such upper open end is substantially in line with the base of the hood of the pan.

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bed-pan having a hood provided with a closed wall and an upwardly-disposed spout forward of said closed wall, the upper end of the spout being open and situated approximately in line with the base of the hood and with the upper surface of the pan, and said upper open end or mouth of the spout being in a plane parallel with that of the bottom of the pan.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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