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Fig. 1.

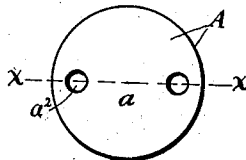


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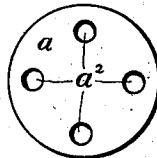


Fig. 3.



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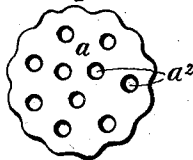


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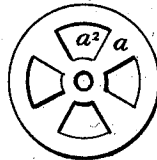


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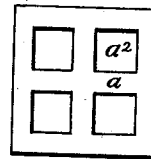


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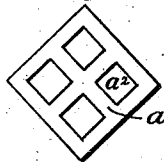
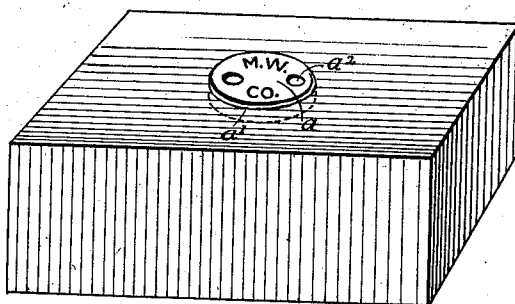


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS C. ALLEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tag-Rests for Soap, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a combined rest and tag adapted to be used in connection with cakes of soap.

When embedded in a cake of soap, the exposed surface while higher than the contiguous surface of the bar, presents a smooth edge to the hand, preventing any abrasion of the skin. It is not removed from the bar when in use, but is adapted to be used as a rest. When the bar is placed tag side down, it will be seen that this rest will hold the soap up out of contact with the surface on which it is laid, and hence prevent the soap from becoming soft and slimy and thus avoids the wasting attendant upon the use of the ordinary bar of soap, from contact with the water upon the place upon which it is laid.

Beside the deterioration suffered by a plain bar of soap from lying in contact with moisture, the flat cake is hard to pick up from any flat surface because of suction. It will be apparent that with my invention, in raising the cake from the object on which it is laid, the tag-rest allows air to pass under the cake and thus avoids the annoyance caused by suction.

The tag-rest itself is so formed that water will pass within its head and soften up the inclosed soap, so that it will wash out. The weight of the bar will then tend to keep the tag-rest pressed constantly into the soap far enough to remain embedded safely and perform its function.

My invention has an additional utility in that the tag-rest, which is of course formed of metal or some other substance insoluble in water and which will not be destroyed by the soap, may bear the advertisement or trade mark of the soap maker or vendor as desired, and such tags may by the maker or seller be given a value so that when properly returned by the user, they may be exchanged for premiums.

My invention may be made in any form,

consistent with its utility, that pleases the user; and is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1, is a top plan view of a round tag rest with two "wash-out" openings. Fig. 2, is the same with four such openings. Fig. 3, is the same with two large openings. Fig. 4, is the same with a considerable number of smaller openings. Fig. 5, is the same with a more ornamental design formed by the openings. Fig. 6, shows a top plan view of a square tag-rest with four square openings. Fig. 7, is a top plan view of a diamond shaped rest with four diamond shaped openings. Fig. 8, is an axial section on the line x, x of Fig. 1, and Fig. 9, is a perspective, showing the form of tag in Fig. 1 bedded in a bar of soap.

In the drawings, A designates the tag-rest as a whole, a represents the top portion or head, and a' the peripheral flange which is adapted to be bedded in the bar of soap to hold the tag-rest in position. The top a is pierced by any desired number of suitable perforations a^2 . That part of the top which remains after it has been perforated may be ornamented or used to bear the name of the maker, his trade mark or the like as indicated in Figs. 3 and 9.

If desired for the purpose of ornamentation, or to make the tag-rest stick tighter to the bar, the flange may be serrated as shown in Fig. 4, and there can be no objection to any ornamentation or any form of the device unless it exposes to the hand of the user of the soap a rough or sharp edge; and there can be no objection to any size or shape of perforations that do not over or under expose the confined portion of the soap. In practice, it is found that a plurality of such perforations is desirable that the water may freely wash through the openings, first rendering the surface of the confined soap soft and slimy, and then washing away portions with succeeding actions. Capillary attraction will serve to convey water from the exterior of the tag-rest when in use to the interior, and thus keep the confined soap soft.

If the exposed portion of the bar washes away so rapidly as to leave the tag-rest high enough to be apt to be dislodged, it may be necessary to strike it against the surface on

which the bar is resting, but this is a detail that will depend upon the selection and arrangement of "wash-out" perforations.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States:

1. A tag rest for soap cakes, formed of a substance insoluble in water, said rest having a head adapted to project beyond the body of the soap, said head having a flanged periphery.

2. A tag rest for soap cakes, said rest formed of a substance indestructible by water and comprising a top adapted to project beyond the body of the soap, said top having a plurality of perforations and a flanged periphery.

3. A unitary tag-rest for soap cakes, formed of a substance indestructible by water or soap, and having in combination, a top

adapted to project beyond the body of the soap and perforated to permit water to wash through, said top having a peripheral flange adapted to be embedded in the soap cake.

4. A unitary tag-rest adapted to project beyond the body of a soap cake, said rest being formed of an insoluble substance and adapted to be embedded in soap cakes, having perforations adapted to admit water, and a portion adapted to be embedded in the soap.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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