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Fig. 3.

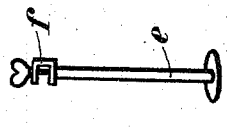


Fig. 2.

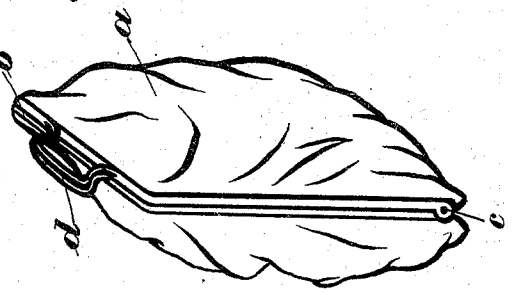
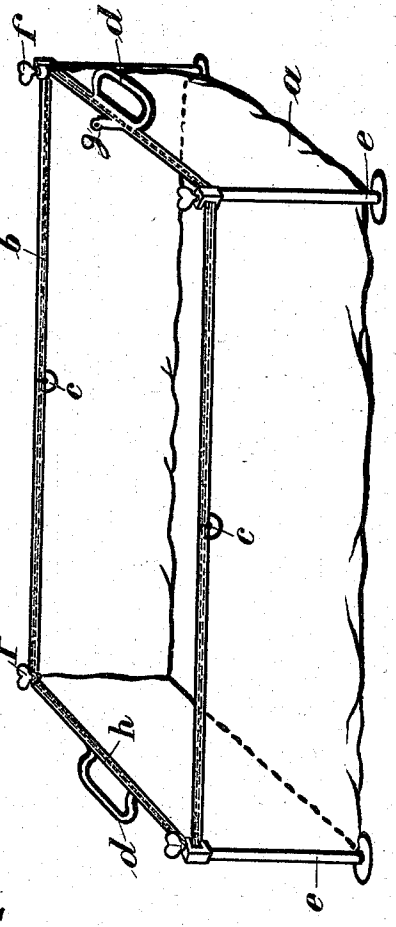


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDA VON OHEIMB, of Hanover, in the Kingdom of Prussia, in the German Empire, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Convertible or Combined Bath-Tubs and Traveling-Bags, (for which I have obtained Letters Patent in Germany, No. 74,978, dated February 21, 1894; in Austria-Hungary, No. 44,250 and No. 65,915, dated January 21, 1894, and in England, No. 15,809, dated August 21, 1893,) of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in convertible or combined bath-tub and traveling-bag, and it consists substantially in such features thereof as will hereinafter be more particularly described.

Persons who travel a great deal are very often obliged to stop at badly equipped hotels or lodging houses where little or no facilities for bathing are to be had, and they are therefore subjected to considerable inconvenience. Most people who travel carry some sort of a bag or satchel either containing articles of wear or for containing samples of goods, or other similar articles.

The object of the present invention is to provide a portable bathing tub which is convertible into a traveling bag, or, vice versa.

A still further object is to provide a bathing tub for use in places where limited space will not admit or justify the construction of a large or permanent bath tub, substantially as will be understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1, is a view in perspective representing the bath tub unfolded and spread out, all ready for use. Fig. 2, is a similar view representing the tub as folded up, or collapsed to constitute a traveling bag; and Fig. 3, is a detail view of one of the supporting posts of the tub.

In the drawings it will be seen that I resort to the use of a rectangular frame *b*, the longer sides of which are jointed or hinged together about centrally as indicated at *c*, while formed in one of the end pieces is a recess *h*, adapted for the reception or accommodation of a hasp *g*, formed with or provided on the opposite end piece at a corresponding point. Each of the end pieces is formed or provided with a "grip" or handle piece *d*, which when the frame is collapsed or folded together to constitute a traveling bag, permits of such bag being carried in the hand as with ordinary traveling bags. Secured to both the side and end pieces of the frame all around in any preferred manner to make the same water tight, is a sack of any suitable waterproof cloth or material designated at *a*, which material when the frame is folded out as in Fig. 1, rests upon the floor and thereby furnishes a spacious receptacle or tub, which may be filled or partially filled with water, the said frame and tub being sustained in position by means of corner posts *e*, provided at their upper ends with a clamp or tightening screws *f*, the corners of the frame being placed within the clamp, and the screws then tightened so as to firmly secure the parts together. The said end posts are provided with suitable bases, and it is evident that when the frame is to be folded up to constitute or form a traveling bag, the said posts are detached from the frame and may be carried along, either separately from the tub or bag, or placed inside of the latter as a convenient way of transporting or carrying the same about.

I am not limited as to the particular kind of cloth or other waterproof material, nor to the manner of attaching or securing the edges thereof to the end and side pieces of the frame, so long as the attachment or fastening is watertight and strong. I am furthermore not restricted as to the particular kind of supporting posts or the securing clamp, and still further it is evident that these posts, as well as the collapsible or folding frame may be made in different ways and of different materials.

When the parts are folded together in the manner as indicated in Fig. 2, the hasp *g*, on one of the end pieces of the frame is received by the corresponding recess *h*, on the opposite end piece, and if desired a suitable lock or fastening may be passed through the hasp so as to securely lock the bag. As already explained when the frame is closed up the handle portions *d*, are brought together in such

manner as to permit of ready handling of the bag or folded tub.

Having thus described the nature and object of my invention, and without limiting myself to the precise details shown and described, I claim—

1. A collapsible or convertible bathing tub and traveling bag comprising a rectangular frame, hinged or jointed together about centrally of its length, a sack or bag of waterproof material secured all around said frame, corner posts for the support of the frame, and suitable clamping devices and screws, substantially as described.

2. A collapsible or convertible bathing tub or traveling bag comprising a rectangular frame hinged or jointed about centrally of its length, and having attached or secured thereto a sack of waterproof material, a hasp and recess formed or provided on the end pieces respectively, handle portions attached to said end pieces, and suitable detachable supporting posts substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two witness.

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