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Fig. 3

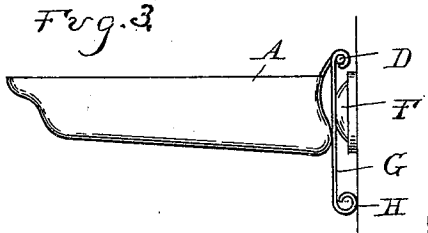


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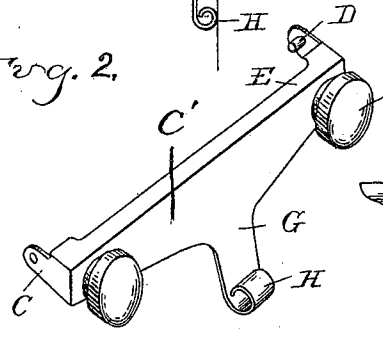
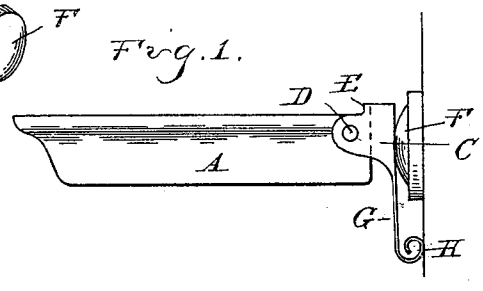


Fig. 1.



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SOAP-DISH OR SPONGE-HOLDER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 641,893, dated January 23, 1900.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM MAYNE ROBERTS, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soap-Dishes or Sponge-Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention applies more specifically to a soap-dish or sponge-holder for use in connection with bath-tubs; and the object is to provide a device which may be attached anywhere to the sides of the bath-tub to bring it within convenient reach of the bather, thereby overcoming the inconvenience experienced with the soap-holders commonly provided as a fixture at the end of the bath-tub, where the bather cannot reach it while in the tub.

To this end the invention consists in a peculiar and novel construction of an attachment and in its combination with the soap dish or holder, all as more fully hereinafter described, and shown in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved soap-dish or sponge-holder. Fig. 2 is a detached perspective view of the bracket, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing a modification.

A is a receiver which may be of any suitable construction as used for different articles of toilet, the drawings showing an ordinary form of rectangular soap-dish provided with suitable means for drainage in the bottom thereof.

The reference-letter C designates a bracket for the receiver adapted to support the latter from the vertical walls of the bath-tub. The bracket comprises a horizontal portion C′, and D are pivotal connections between the bracket and the soap-dish, said connections being located in rear of the center of gravity of said dish.

Upon the bracket and preferably integral therewith is a lip or ledge E, which constitutes a stop acting to hold the soap-dish in position free to rotate upward on its pivots, and F are vacuum-tips arranged upon the rear side and secured to the opposite ends of the horizontal portion C′ of the bracket. G is a downward and rearward extension on said bracket, as plainly shown in Figs. 1 and 2, which terminates at its lower end in a rest H, which forms an abutment against the walls of the bath-tub and coöperates with the vacuum-tips in the support of the receiver.

In practice, the parts being constructed and arranged as shown and described, the device is intended to operate as follows: By pressing the vacuum-tips against the inner wall of a bath-tub, so as to expel the air, they will remain adhering thereto, and thereby form the means of supporting the soap-dish in any desired place within the bath-tub in proper and convenient position to the bather in the tub and without interfering by its presence with the convenient use of the tub, as the soap-dish is free to tilt upon its pivots and fold closely against the wall if it should come in contact with any part of the body, proper care being taken to avoid all sharp corners or edges in the construction of the device.

My construction overcomes the inconvenience of the soap-dish or sponge-holder usually supplied as a fixture at the foot of the tub, and it has the advantages over any other form of portable holder that it can be fastened anywhere and drain directly into the tub.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3 the receiver is hinged to the bracket. It is to be observed, however, that while the pivoting or hinging of the receiver to the bracket has obvious advantages my invention is not limited to such construction, but includes, broadly, any mode of fastening to a bracket of the kind referred to.

What I claim as my invention is—

In a soap-dish or like receptacle, the combination of a receptacle, a sheet-metal bracket for the receptacle, ears on the bracket to which the receptacle is pivotally secured near its inner end, an overhanging portion on the bracket to limit the swinging of the rear end of the receptacle in an upward direction, suction-tips on the rear of the bracket, and an extension or rest on the bracket projecting downwardly to a plane below the receptacle and rearwardly to substantially the plane of the suction-tips, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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