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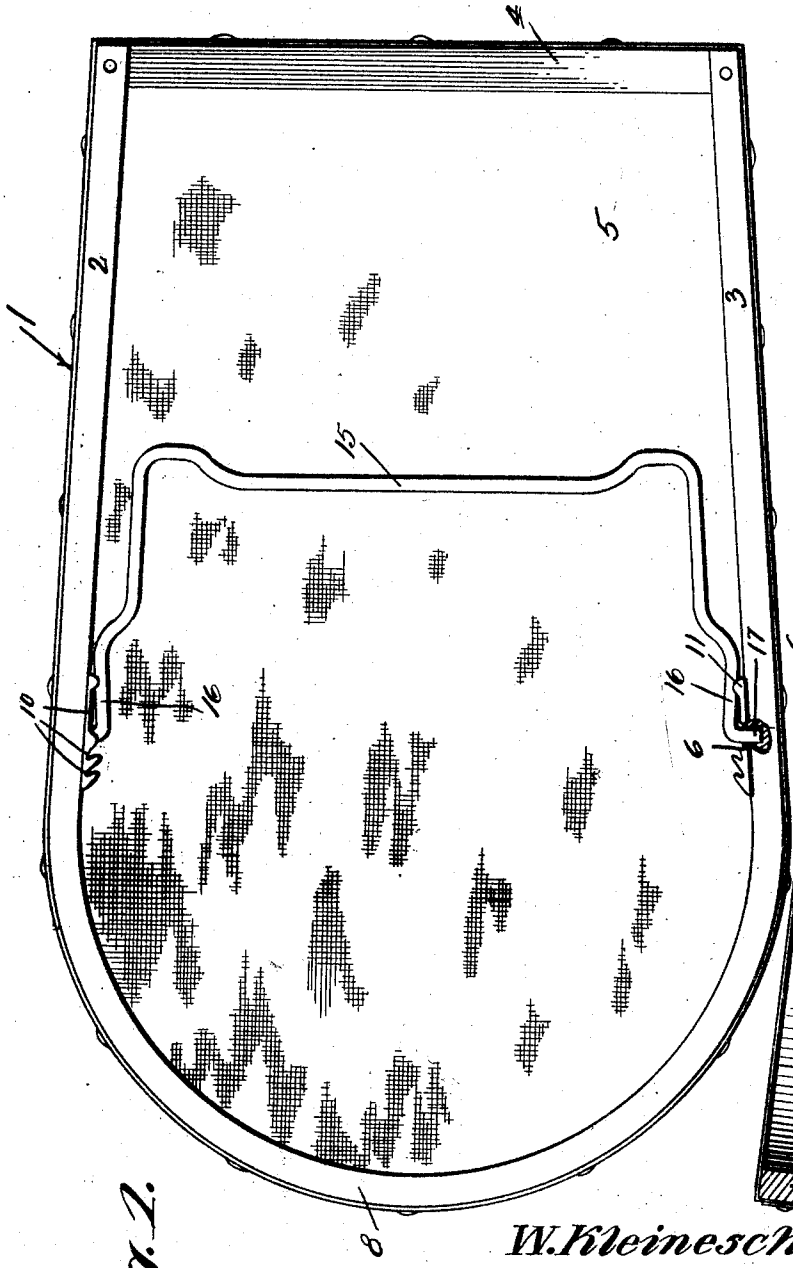


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER KLEINESCHAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Prentice, in the county of Price and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Infant's Bath Cot, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bath apparatus for infants and more particularly to supports for infants while being washed.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, cheaply constructed support which may be termed a bath cot, and which is so constructed as to comfortably and conveniently hold the infant during the bathing operation, preventing contact with the walls of the tub and facilitating the work of the attendant.

Another object is to provide a device of this character having supporting legs which may be folded up when the device is not in use and readily opened and locked in operative position to support the body of the cot at an incline.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 represents a bottom plan view of the cot embodying this invention, and

Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section thereof.

In the embodiment illustrated, the cot constituting this invention comprises a substantially elongated U-shaped or horse shoe-shaped frame 1, the legs 2 and 3 of which preferably converge toward their free ends and are connected by a cross bar 4, connecting bar 8 at their other ends being made integral therewith and being curved as is shown clearly in Fig. 1, said curved portion constituting the head of the cot.

A pliable covering 5 preferably of cotton or other suitable fabric is arranged over the frame 1 and secured to the outer edges thereof by any suitable means.

Secured to the inner faces of the legs 2 and 3 at their inner ends are two plates 6 and 7, the lower edges of which are preferably curved and project beyond the frame members. These edges are equipped with a laterally extending notched flange 9, the notches 10 being in the form of ratchets and extending toward the foot of the cot and are designed to adjustably receive the ends 17 of the bail-shaped support 15 for holding said support in operative position as shown in Fig. 2, whereby the cot is held in inclined position, the head being higher than the foot.

Lugs 11 project from the lower portions of the plates 6 and 7 and are designed to overlap and yieldingly hold the support 15 in collapsed position as shown in Fig. 1.

The bail-shaped support 15 has its ends 16 offset outwardly to adapt them to lie in close proximity to the inner faces of the legs 2 and 3 when the bail is folded and the terminals 17 of said ends are extended laterally outward and pivotally mounted in the plates.

From the above description it will be obvious that a cot constructed as herein shown and described may be positioned in either an infant's bath tub or in a large tub, and the flexible or pliable covering 5 will comfortably support an infant so that its body will not contact with the cold walls of the tub and facilitate the handling of the infant by the attendant.

Various changes in the form, shape, proportion and other minor details of construction may be made without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the claimed invention.

I claim:—

1. In a device of the class described an elongated substantially U-shaped frame with its side members converging toward their free ends, a cross bar connecting the free ends of said members, a flexible covering secured over said frame, a supporting bail having its free ends pivotally mounted in the inner faces of the side members of said frame at a point beyond the transverse median line of the frame nearer the wider curved end thereof, and means carried by the side members of the frame adjacent the pivotal connection of the bail therewith for engaging said bail to lock it in adjusted position for varying the angle at which the frame is to be supported.

2. In a device of the class described an elongated substantially U-shaped frame with

its side members converging toward their free ends, a cross bar connecting the free ends of said members, a flexible covering secured over said frame to one face thereof, a supporting bail having outturned fingers at the free ends of its legs, said fingers being pivotally mounted in the inner faces of the side members of said frame at a point beyond the transverse median line of the frame nearer the wide curved end thereof, said legs being offset inwardly intermediate their ends to position the portion adjacent the fingers parallel and in close proximity to the side bars of the frame and the cross bar of the bail and the legs thereof away from said frame to facilitate opening and closing of the bail, and means carried by the side members of said frame for engaging the adjacent parallel inner portions of the legs of said bail to lock the bail in adjusted position to vary the angle at which the frame is to be supported.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature.

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