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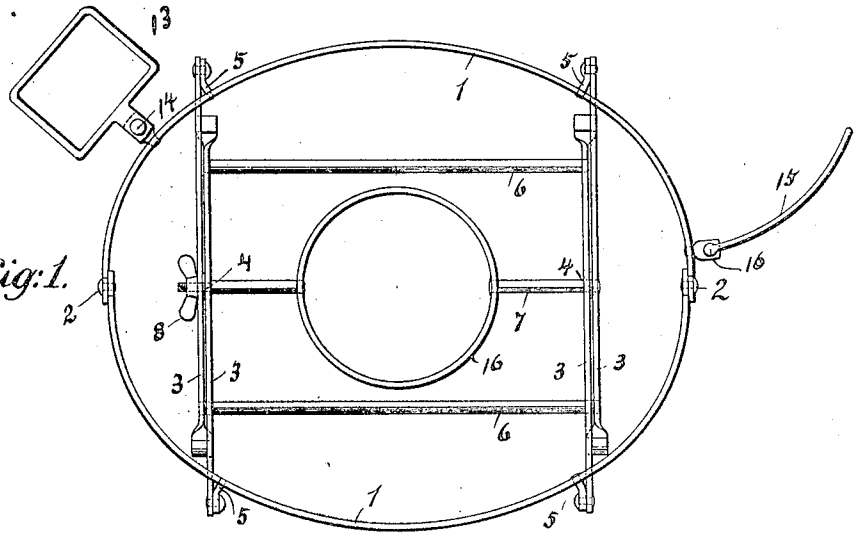
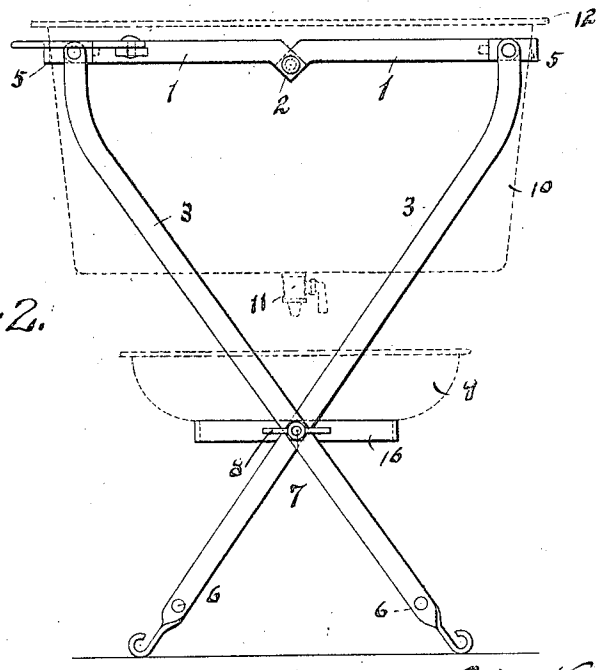


Fig: 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELSIE FILIPACHE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of No. 619 West 136th Street, in the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Folding Infant's Bathtub, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

It is the purpose of this invention to supply a device of the character stated which will be found useful in the usually contracted quarters of apartment houses as now generally constructed and which also makes it possible for a person while bathing the child to be seated, thus materially reducing the labor and annoyance of the operation.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 illustrates a plan view of the invention, the tub being omitted. Fig. 2 illustrates an elevation of that which is shown in Fig. 1, the device being extended and a tub and waste water receptacle shown in dotted lines.

1, 1 are the two semi-circular halves of an annular frame which has substantially the same contour as the tub to be used with it. These halves are pivoted together at 2, 2 so that they may be folded together. 3, 3, 3, 3, are the legs of the structure arranged in pairs on its opposite sides, they are pivoted together as at 4, 4 and are also pivotally connected to the halves of the annular frame 1, at suitable lugs 5, 5, which are riveted to the said halves. 6, 6 are two rods which connect and brace the lower ends of the legs as is usual in such structures. 7 is a rod which acts not only as the pivot or axis on which the two pairs of legs fold together, but also the rod is headed at one end and threaded at the other and provided with suitable shoulders near the head and threading and with a threaded thumb nut 8, so that when the frame is extended, the thumb nut being tightened the whole structure will be stiffened or made rigid to the desired extent for use.

I prefer also to attach to the rod or axis 7 a shelf like ring or support 16 for a suitable waste water receptacle 9. When the thumb nut 8 is tightened the axis 7 will be prevented from turning, thus stable support for the waste water receptacle will be afforded. The tub is shown at 10 in dotted lines, it is provided with a suitable drawoff cock 11, and should be of such dimension relative to that of the frame 1 that it will be suitably supported therein either because of its flaring sides as shown, or by resting on its flanged upper edge 12. 13 is a small slightly concave plate or frame which is pivotally supported as at 14 on one of the halves of the frame 1. If in the form of a concave plate it will itself act as a suitable soap dish or if in the form of a hollow frame it will support a suitable independent soap dish. 15 is a swinging arm pivotally supported as at 16 on one of the halves of the frame 1 which when swung outwardly serves as a support for a towel, sponge or the like. Both of these devices will be swung or folded inwardly, out of the way, when the device is collapsed for storage. The tub and the waste water receptacle will both be removed from the folding frame when not in use.

It will be obvious to those who are familiar with such matters that departures may be made in the details of construction from that which is illustrated and described and still the essentials be retained. I therefore do not limit myself in any respect to such details.

I claim—

A structure of the class stated comprising a ring like frame composed of two semi-circular and equal sized halves pivotally and fixedly connected together, two pairs of pivoted legs one leg of each pair being pivotally connected to one half of said frame and the other leg of each pair to the other half of said frame, braces for the legs, an axis provided with a thumb nut connecting the two pairs of legs and a support for a waste water receptacle on said axis.

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