

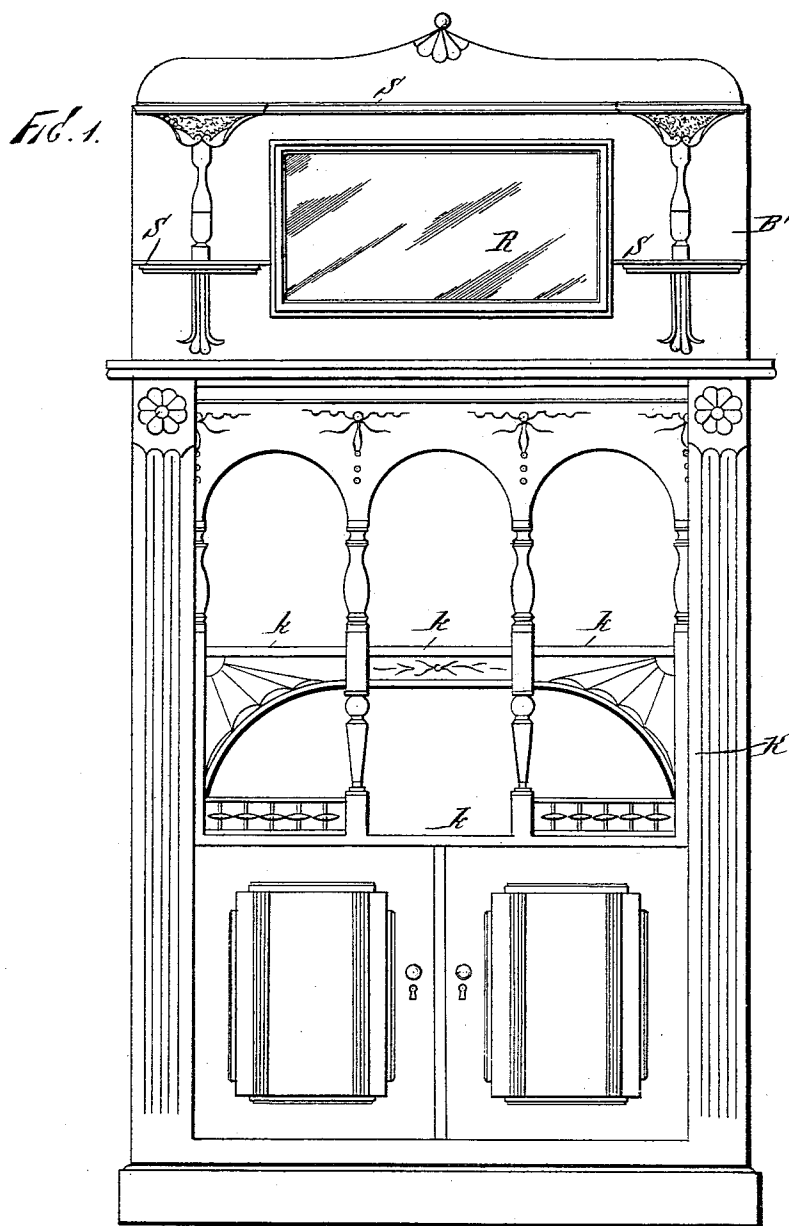
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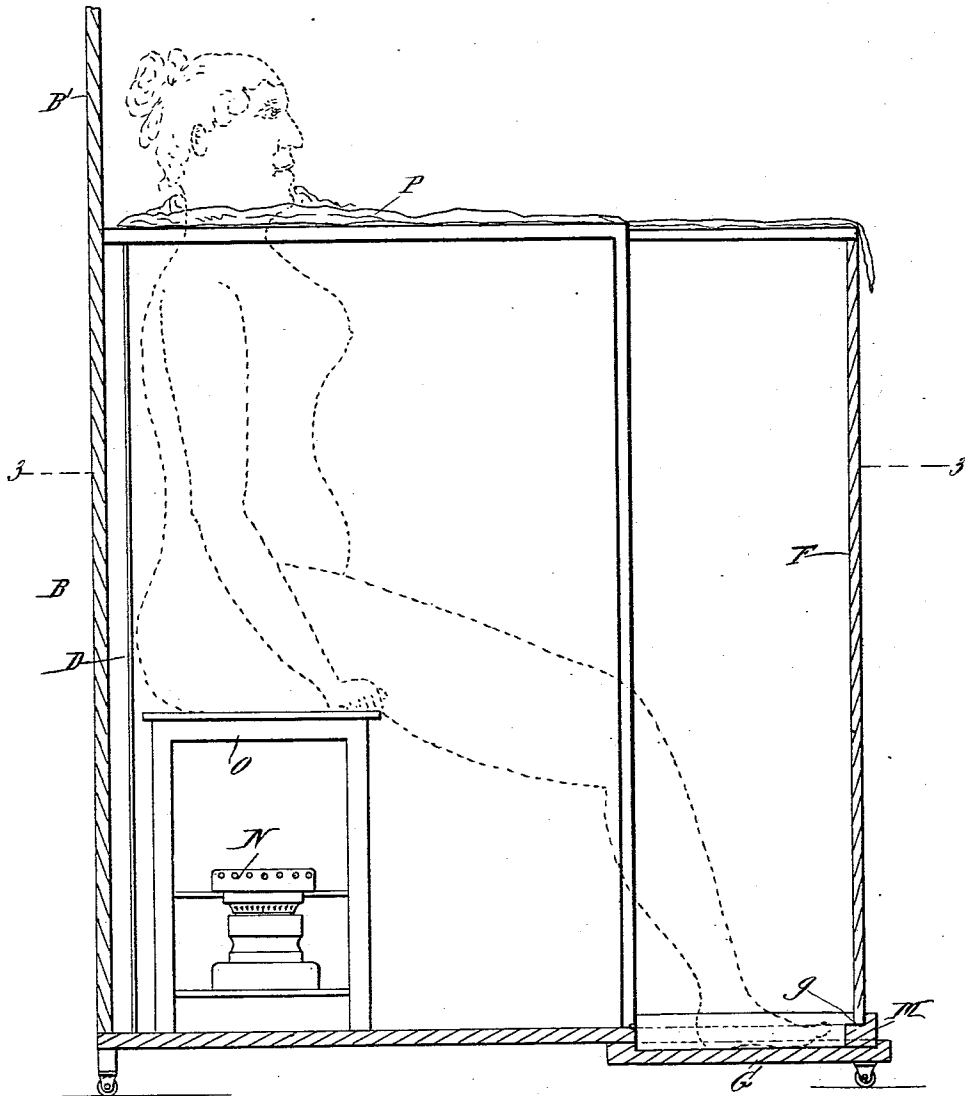
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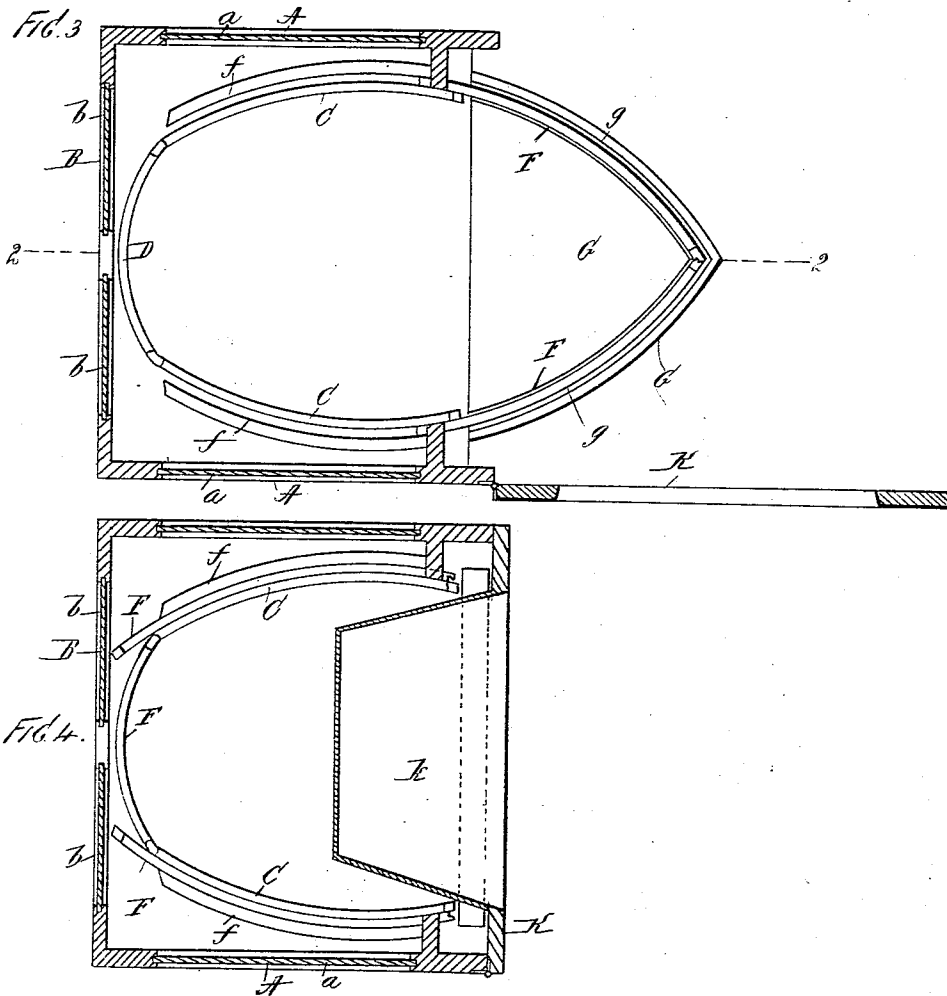
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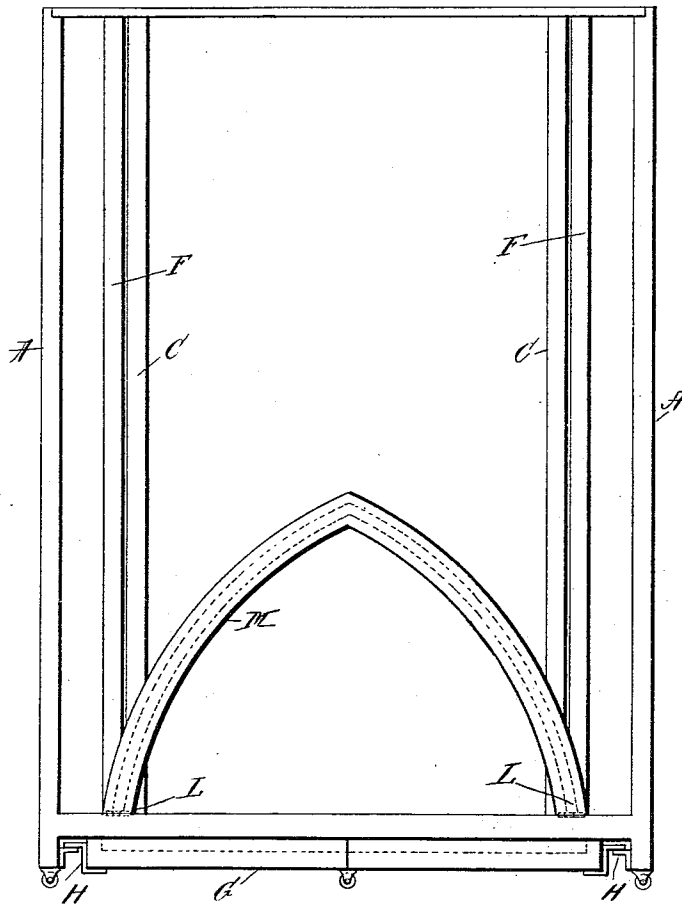
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES COCKS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cabinet-Baths, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to bathing apparatus; and the object thereof is to provide an improved cabinet for this purpose by means of which vapor, Turkish, Russian, or similar baths may be taken, and which may be kept in any apartment or dwelling; and with these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved cabinet-bath; Fig. 2, a section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 3, showing also in dotted lines the position of a person when taking a bath; Fig. 3, a transverse section of the cabinet on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a similar view to that of Fig. 2, showing the parts folded together; and Fig. 5, a front view of the cabinet with the door thereof removed.

In the practice of my invention I employ a cabinet or casing consisting of the sides A and the back B, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, and the top of which is open. This casing is of any desired height and is preferably square in cross-section, and arranged therein are vertical curved side plates C and a vertical outwardly-curved back D, composed of zinc or similar material, and outside of the side plates C are similar plates F, which are arranged in ways, said ways being indicated at *f* in the bottom of the cabinet, and are adapted to be slid forward into the position shown in Fig. 3 when the cabinet is in use.

The cabinet is mounted on rollers, as shown in Fig. 2, and beneath the front part thereof is a sliding section G, the front part of which is mounted on a roller and the rear portion of which is supported in ways connected with the sides of the main casing, as shown at H

in Fig. 5, and when the cabinet is not in use this sliding portion G is shoved back beneath the cabinet and the door K of the cabinet (shown in Figs. 1 and 3) is closed.

When it is desired to use the cabinet, the door is opened, as shown in Fig. 2, and the sliding portion G of the bottom is drawn forward, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and said bottom is preferably of the form also shown in said Fig. 3, which is a plan view thereof, the front corners thereof being cut away. Hinged to the main casing, at the sides thereof, as shown at L, Fig. 5, is a frame M, similar in form to the outer surface of the sliding portion G, which is adapted to be folded in the position shown in Fig. 5 or to be lowered to rest upon the sliding portion G, as shown in Fig. 2, and in the top of this frame are formed ways *g*, in which the plates F are adapted to slide, and when it is desired to use the cabinet for bathing purposes, as described, the door K is opened, the sliding bottom G drawn out, the frame M lowered thereon, and the plates F are drawn forth into the position shown in Fig. 3, one of which is also shown in the extended position in Fig. 2.

Within the cabinet is placed a heater N of any preferred form or construction, and this heater is placed beneath a seat O, adapted to be used by the person taking a bath, and when such person is in the position shown in the cabinet the upper portion thereof is closed by a blanket, coverlet, or other similar article P, which is wrapped around the neck of the person and entirely covers the upper open portion of the cabinet.

I may, if desired, provide a divided top or cover composed of any desired material and have the separate sides thereof hinged so that they will open in the middle and provide an aperture therein through which the head of the person taking a bath may protrude; but this feature forms no part of this invention.

It will be observed that any desired degree of heat may be produced within the cabinet, and vessels containing water may be placed upon the heater if desired, and thus dry or what are known as "hot-air" baths or vapor or steam baths may be taken whenever desired, the amount of heat produced and the amount of vapor or steam, if the latter are desired, and the time in which the person remains

within the bath being each and all regulated to suit the requirements of each particular case.

The door K of my improved bath is preferably ornamented, and is provided with stationary shelves for stationery, bric-à-brac, or similar articles, and with plate-glass mirrors, or either or each of these features or elements, as may be desired, the shelves being indicated in Figs. 1 and 4, and the top B' of the casing above the door may also be provided with a mirror R and brackets or shelves S, and the lower part of the door below the chambers or recesses and the shelves *k* may be provided with any desired configuration or ornamentation. The sides A and back B are also provided with glass or other panels *a* and *b*; but these features of construction are not essential and may or may not be employed.

It is evident that changes in the form, construction, and arrangement of the various parts herein described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages, and I therefore reserve the right to make such alterations therein as fairly come within the scope of the invention.

It will be observed that Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional plan and is intended simply to show the position of the parts when folded together and the door closed, and that Fig. 1 is a front view of the apparatus with the door closed, the door K being hinged, as shown at K' in said Fig. 3, and the sectional view of the door shown in Fig. 3 is not an exact section of the construction, but is simply intended to show the position of the door, its connection with the casing of the cabinet, and one of the chambers or recesses formed therein.

Having fully described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A cabinet for bathing purposes, provided with a heater, a hinged door, vertical outwardly-curved sides and back plates arranged therein, a bottom portion which is adapted to be drawn out when the door is open, and side plates contained within the cabinet and adapted to be drawn forth, and to rest upon said bottom portion, thus forming an elliptical extension, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination in a bathing-cabinet, of a frame consisting of sides and a back, and a hinged front, said casing being also provided with a bottom portion which is adapted to be drawn forward when the door is opened, and

with side plates, and a back composed of zinc or similar material, and supplemental plates corresponding with the side plates and adapted to be drawn forward and to rest upon the sliding portion of the bottom, and to close the front of the cabinet, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination in a bathing-cabinet, of a frame consisting of sides and a back, and a hinged front, said casing being also provided with a bottom portion which is adapted to be drawn forward when the door is opened, and with side plates, and a back composed of zinc or similar material, and supplemental plates corresponding with the side plates and adapted to be drawn forward and to rest upon the sliding portion of the bottom, and to close the front of the cabinet, the door of said cabinet being provided with shelves and with recesses formed therein, substantially as shown and described.

4. The combination in a bathing-cabinet, of a casing, a heater placed therein, sides and back plates, which inclose the heater, a hinged door for the casing, a sliding portion connected with the bottom which is adapted to be drawn forward when the door is opened, and sliding plates within the casing similar to the side plates, and adapted to be drawn forward on said sliding bottom portion, so as to close the front of the cabinet when the door is opened, substantially as shown and described.

5. A bathing-cabinet, comprising a casing having a hinged front, side and back plates composed of zinc or similar material arranged therein, a heater within the space inclosed by the side and back plates, a sliding portion beneath the bottom adapted to be drawn forward when the door is opened, and sliding plates within the casing corresponding with the side and back plates, said sliding plates being adapted to be drawn forward so as to close the front of the cabinet when the door thereof, is open, and a hinged frame adapted to be lowered onto the sliding portion of the bottom and provided with ways in which said sliding plates are supported when they are drawn forward, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 8th day of July, 1895.

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