

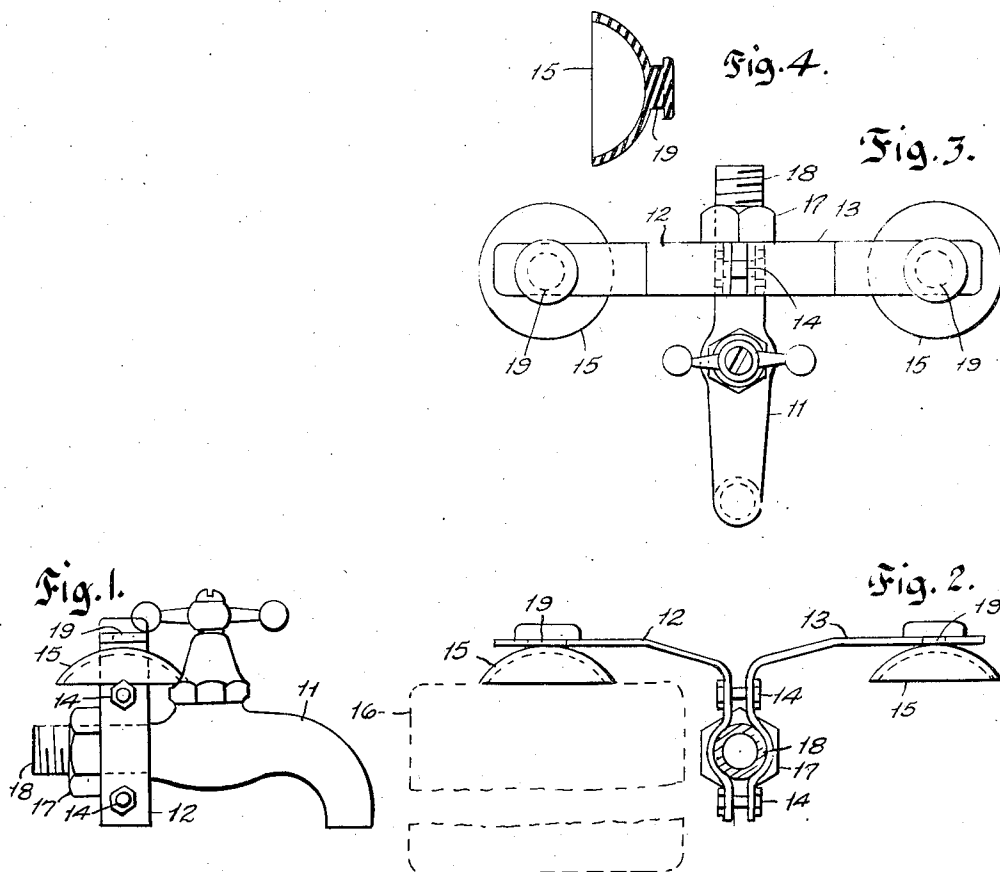
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My invention relates to devices for attachment to sinks, wash-bowls, bath-tubs and the like and for the purpose of providing a means for instantly receiving and holding a cake of soap, and for equally quick detachment of same. My device will hold the cake firmly whether wet or dry, but at the same time it takes but a very slight pull to detach the cake.

I accomplish these purposes by means of so-called suction-cups and brackets. I illustrate my invention by means of the accompanying drawing in which similar reference numerals refer to similar parts in the several views. Figure 1 is a side elevation of my device as applied to a faucet. Figure 2 is a front elevation of the device as shown in Figure 1, but with a portion of the faucet in section and also showing in dotted lines a cake of soap held in position by one of the cups. Figure 3 is a plan view of the device as shown in Figure 1. Figure 4 is a sectional view through one of the cups.

The construction of my device is as follows: In the forms shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3, 11 is a faucet of the usual construction, 12 and 13 are brackets adapted to be clamped around the shank of the faucet 11 and tightened in place by the bolts 14. They are further held in place by the nut 17. These brackets 12 and 13 are each bent to a form horizontally extended in opposite directions. These brackets have near their outer ends, holes adapted to receive the button 19 of the resilient suction cups 15. These cups are spaced sufficiently distant from the faucet as to permit a cake of soap to be pressed up against them without interference. The cups are made of resilient material such as soft rubber, which can be assembled in the brackets in a way similar to inserting a button into a buttonhole.

The application and operation of my device is that having assembled the various members as shown, and having attached the device to a

faucet or similar fixture, a cake of soap is brought up against the cup 15 with a quick but moderate pressure against the cup, or if preferred the cake can be placed in position and then pressed against the cup. The soap can be instantly detached by slightly tipping the cake and thereby breaking the vacuum by the admission of air. It will be readily understood that the device may be applied to various plumbing or pipe elements other than a faucet, and the method of clamping may be considerably modified without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a device of the class described, a pair of comparatively narrow L-shaped bars, the lower end of each of said bars being curved partly around a plumbing fixture and extending downwardly below said fixture and also extending above said fixture and thence outwardly in opposite directions; clamping bolts through said bars above and below said fixture; openings adjacent to the outer end of each of said bars; resilient soap-carrying inverted suction cups removably mounted in said openings in said bars.

2. In a device of the class described, a pair of comparatively narrow L-shaped bar brackets, the upper end of said bars being curved partly around a plumbing fixture and extending downwardly below said fixture and also extending outwardly in opposite directions; means for clamping said brackets to the fixture comprising bolts passing through said bars above and below said fixture; openings adjacent to the outer end of each of said bars; resilient inverted suction cups removably mounted in said openings in said bars; each being adapted to hold a cake of soap when said cake is manually pressed against said cup.

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