

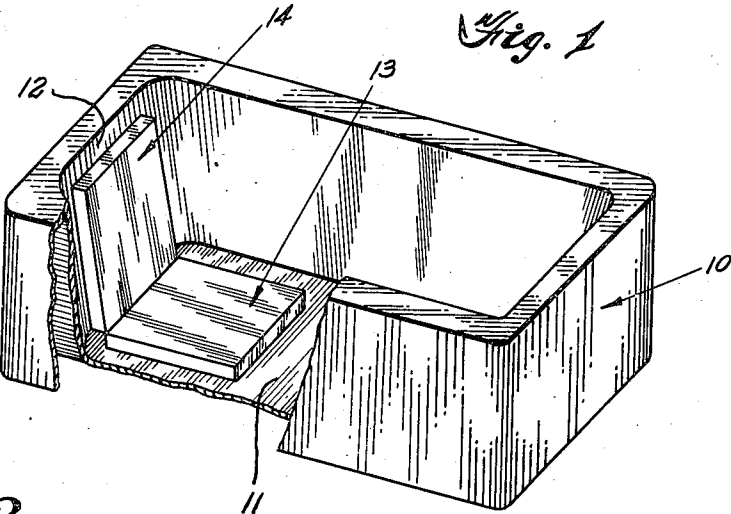
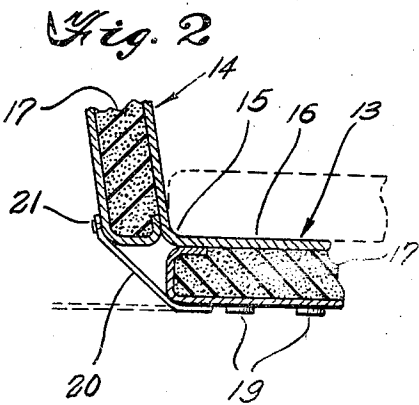
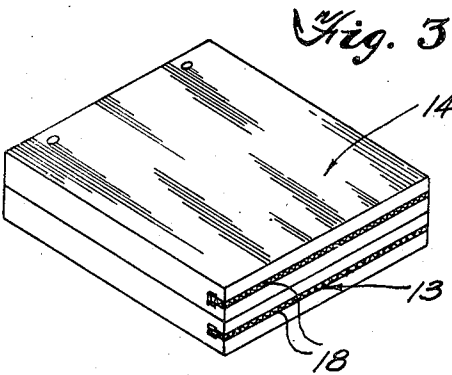
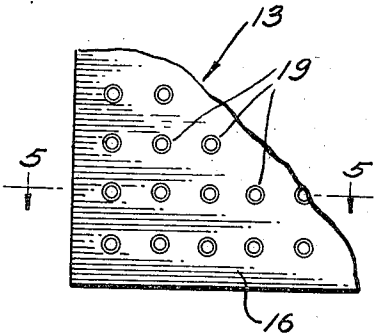
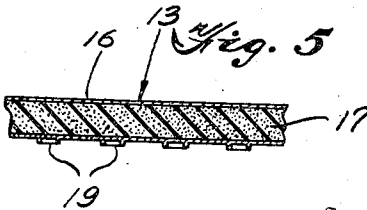
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This invention relates to a bathtub cushion and has for its primary object to contribute to the comfort of a bather.

Another object is to facilitate transportation of the cushion and to enable it to be stored in a relatively small space.

The above and other objects may be attained by employing this invention which embodies among its features a waterproof casing enclosing a seat cushion and a back cushion, said casing including a continuous strip of material by which the cushions may be folded one upon the other to form a compact unit for transportation and means adapted when the device is in use to hold the cushion extended.

Other features include means for anchoring the device in a convenient position within a bathtub.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bathtub, portions being broken away and illustrating my improved bathtub cushion in place therein.

Figure 2 is an enlarged fragmentary longitudinal sectional view through the cushion, and illustrating in dotted lines the manner in which the seat and back cushions fold one upon the other.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the cushion folded for transportation or storage.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary bottom plan view of the seat cushion, and

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 4.

Referring to the drawings in detail a bathtub designated generally 10 is provided with the usual bottom 11 and back wall 12 as well as the customary front and side walls.

My improved cushion is illustrated in operative position in the tub 10 in Figure 1 and comprises a seat cushion designated generally 13 and a back cushion designated generally 14. These cushions are hingedly joined at 15 in a manner to be more fully hereinafter explained.

The cushion as a whole comprises a casing 16 formed of a continuous strip of material, preferably of a water-proof character such as rubber or rubberized cloth and is formed adjacent opposite ends with pockets into which a resilient cushioning substance, such as sponge rubber 17 is inserted and held as by slide fasteners 18 ar-

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ranged across opposite ends of the pockets. The under side of the seat cushion enclosing pocket is provided with a suitable anchoring means such as depending vacuum cups 19 which are adapted to engage the bottom 11 of the tub 10 in order to anchor the device in place when in use.

In order to hold the seat cushion 13 and the back cushion 14 in proper relation when in use and to keep the back cushion 14 from falling forward onto the seat cushion suitable straps 20 are attached to the under side of the seat cushion 13 near the edge thereof adjacent the back cushion 14 and these straps are provided near their free ends with snap fasteners 21 which are adapted to cooperate with snap fastener parts secured to the back side of the back cushion 14 near the edge adjacent the seat cushion 13. The length of the straps 20 is such as to accurately bridge the gap between the back face of the back cushion 14 and the bottom face of the seat cushion 13 so as to prevent the back cushion 14 from folding downwardly when the device is in use.

Due to the fact that the straps 20 are connected to the back face of the back cushion by snap fasteners or similar detachable connections it is obvious that when it is desired to transport or store the cushion it is only necessary to disconnect the fasteners and fold the back cushion onto the seat cushion as illustrated in Figure 3. Due to the fact that the cushioning material 17 may readily be removed from the pockets formed in the casing 16 by operation of the slide fasteners 18 it is obvious that they may be conveniently aired according to the desires of the user.

Obviously other types of closures may be employed for the open ends of the pockets in the casing 16 without in any way departing from the spirit and scope of this invention or the openings in the pockets through which the cushioning material is introduced may be permanently sealed.

I claim:

A bathtub cushion comprising a continuous elongated rectangular strip of flexible water-proof material, a pocket at each end of said strip, each pocket including spaced parallel side and end walls of flexible water-proof material attached to the strip, the end walls adjacent the ends of the strip each having a longitudinal

incision therein, a slide fastener fixed to each end wall for closing the incision in its respective end wall, a cushion member in each pocket, a strap fixed to one of the pockets adjacent the end wall thereof remote from that in which the incision is formed and means detachably to couple the strap to the adjacent pocket to hold the cushion extended.

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