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POCKET FOR SHOWER-BATH CURTAINS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KURT HEITLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Pocket for Shower-Bath Curtains, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention has relation to curtained shower baths and aims for its principal object to provide in combination with the shower bath curtain, a pocket or receptacle arranged on the inner side thereof for holding soap, sponges, wash cloths or other similar articles whereby to obviate the inconvenience of having to reach out through the curtain to obtain or replace said articles, while bathing.

As a further object the invention contemplates in combination with a shower bath curtain, a pocket or receptacle formed on the inner side thereof which pocket or receptacle is provided with suitable means to allow for the draining of the moisture therefrom.

With the above recited and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel construction set forth in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, it being understood that the right is reserved to embodiments other than those actually illustrated herein to the full extent indicated by the general meaning of the terms in which the claims are expressed.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 illustrates a curtained shower bath provided with a receptacle constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary inner face view of the curtain and the pocket or receptacle.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken approximately on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, 10 designates generally a shower bath fixture having the usual support ring 11 adjacent the spray head 12 from which the curtain 13 is suspended for encircling and enclosing the bather. The curtain preferably consists of an outer layer or ply of fabric 14 and an inner layer or ply of rubberized facing material 15 which renders the same impervious to water or moisture. At an appropriate height a strip of material 16 is arranged at the inner side of the curtain, the same preferably consisting of fabric and rubber plies or layers 17 and 18 identical with the material from which the curtain is constructed. The fabric layer is disposed in confronting relation to the inner rubberized facing 15 of the curtain and the side edges 19 are turned under and secured by cement 20 to each other and to the inner face of the curtain to produce a pocket or receptacle 21.

The lower edge 22 of the material is turned under and cemented to close the lower end of the pocket or receptacle while the corners are cut away as at 23 to provide a drain outlet at each corner whereby the moisture or water will be prevented from collecting in the pocket or receptacle. In order to insure the proper draining, the lower edge between the cutaway corners is preferably arced whereby the same curves downwardly in opposite directions toward the cutaway portions or outlet.

It will thus be seen that an extremely simple and inexpensive means is provided to act as a receptacle within the curtain when closed for the accommodation of soap, sponges, wash cloths, or other articles to eliminate the necessity of the bather reaching out to obtain or replace the articles while bathing.

I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a shower bath curtain and a pocket formed on the inner side of said curtain consisting of a strip of material having cutaway corners at the lower portion, the side and lower edges of said strip being attached to the curtain with the upper edge and lower cutaway corners free for respectively providing a
mouth at the upper end of the pocket for receiving the articles and drain outlets at the lower corners.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a shower bath curtain and a pocket formed on the inner side of said curtain consisting of a strip of material having cutaway corners at the lower portion, the side and lower edges of said strip being attached to the curtain with the upper edge and lower cutaway corners free for respectively providing a mouth at the upper end of the pocket for receiving the articles and drain outlets at the lower corners, the said lower edge being of arcuate formation to insure the proper drainage of the pocket.

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