

Nov. 6, 1923.

E. N. LICHTENSTEIN
SANITARY BATH RECEPTACLE
Filed Jan. 30, 1922

1,472,877

Fig. 1.

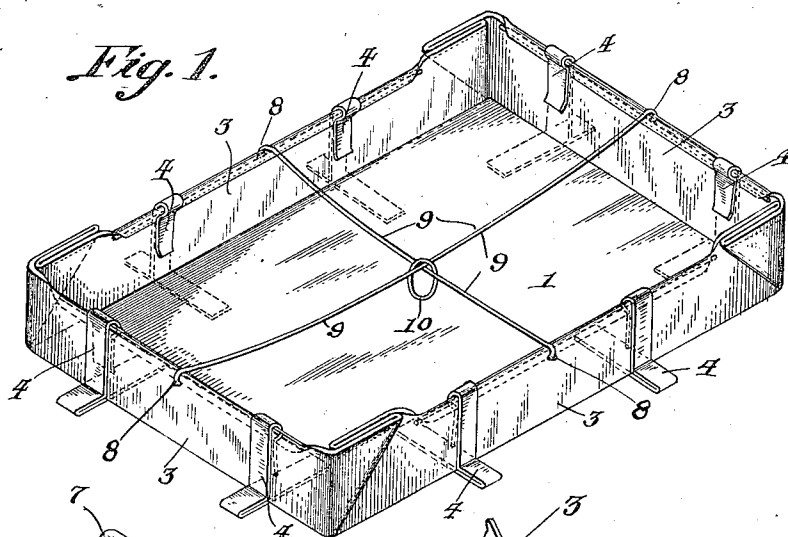


Fig. 2.

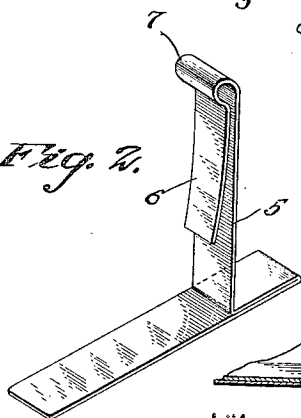


Fig. 5.

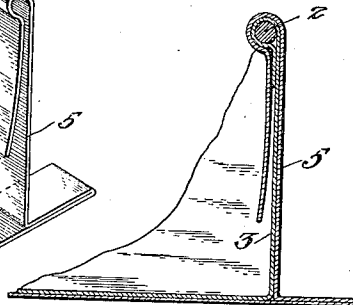


Fig. 4.

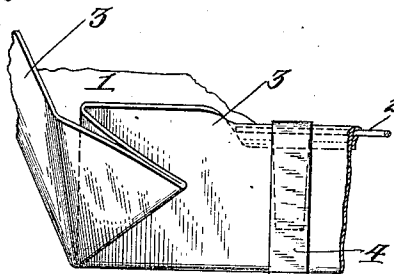
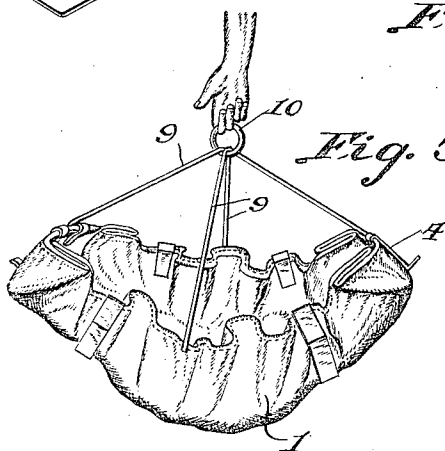


Fig. 3.



Inventor
Edward N. Lichtenstein

By *Harold S. Higgins*
Attorney

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

EDWARD N. LICHTENSTEIN, OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

SANITARY BATH RECEPTACLE.

Application filed January 30, 1922. Serial No. 532,678.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD N. LICHTENSTEIN, who am a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore City and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sanitary Bath Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to improvements in sanitary bath receptacles particularly adapted for use in rural communities and in conjunction with my co-pending application on a sanitary bath apparatus filed December 3, 1921, Ser. No. 519,679. The present invention is one that will give to those in rural communities, where the usual facilities of the city are not found, namely running water, bath tub, and other modern conveniences, the same desired effect with relation to bathing facilities.

The present invention is a rubberized or water-proof cloth receptacle which will serve the same purpose as a bath tub for use in bathing. This improved receptacle is made of one piece of water-proof material and has its sides folded so as to form a receptacle for the reception of the water which is used in bathing. The folded corners are sewed or otherwise secured, while the sides of the receptacle are held rigidly in upright position by the metal clasps which pass over the sides and under the cloth receptacle. Attached to the opposite sides of the cloth receptacle are strings or thin wire at the centers thereof so that when the person has finished bathing the same may be grasped by the center ring which lifts the water-proof receptacle and allows the same to be conveyed to any place desirable where the water can be emptied therefrom.

Another novel feature of the present invention is a receptacle which when not in use can be folded and laid away and one that does not require any space as to always be in the way. The improved receptacle is one which is cheap to manufacture, simple in design, convenient for use, and gives to the rural districts a most needed article, and the service and durability of the same makes it a most desirable article. To this end my invention consists in a novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts and a detailed construction herein-after described and claimed.

In the drawings wherein like reference

characters indicate like or corresponding parts.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved receptacle showing the same ready for use.

Fig. 2 is a detailed perspective view of one of the clasps for sides of the water-proof cloth.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the receptacle filled with water and raised from the floor ready to be emptied.

Fig. 4 is a detailed perspective view of the way the corners are folded.

Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view showing the clasp and receptacle.

Referring to the drawings, 1 indicates the rubberized or waterproof material, cords 2 stitched within the cloth at the extremities of said material and serving as a re-enforcement for the edges of the receptacle, said cords stopping at a suitable distance from the corners so they will not interfere with the fold of the cloth receptacle at its corners. The material is folded so as to form sides 3, said sides being held together at their corner folds by stitching the same and maintained in an upright position by means of the clasps 4.

The clasps "4" are made of a single piece of sheet metal or resilient material and bent to form a right angle, the upstanding portion "5" being constructed so as to provide a clip member 6 and flared outwardly at its rounded edge 7, and adapted to receive the cord 2, thereby serving as a retaining and re-enforcing means for the receptacle when it is ready for use. Secured to the opposite sides of the receptacle at "8" are strings or cords "9" which pass through a ring or handle "10" adapted to be grasped by a person when the receptacle is desired to be conveyed and emptied.

When it is desired to use my improved sanitary bath receptacle you take the water-proof material "1," fold the corners at right angles to each other and sew them together. You now have a receptacle adapted to receive a fluid contents and by applying to the intermediate parts of the sides of said receptacle the metallic clasps you re-enforce the sides of said receptacle and maintain them in an upright position to retain the water passing off of the body of the person bathing. After having completed the necessary bathing and you desire to empty the water accumulated in the waterproof recep-

tacle you can, by grasping the ring or handle 10, carry the receptacle to any place desired in order to empty the same. By grasping the handle or ring 10 the receptacle positions itself as disclosed in Fig. 3. Having emptied the receptacle you can withdraw the clasps "4" from the sides of the receptacle and fold the waterproof material and place the same away until you desire to use the receptacle again, at which time you can repeat the same operation.

Having thus described my invention, it is obvious that certain immaterial changes and modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of my present invention, and, therefore, do not limit myself to the exact construction and arrangement and combination of parts as herein shown and described.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,

1. A sanitary bath receptacle of the kind described comprising a waterproof material having its corners folded at right angles to each other thereby forming sides for said receptacle, a cord seamed within the outer edges of said material and adapted to reinforce the same and stopping at a suitable distance from the corners, clasps provided with

a body portion adapted to rest beneath the waterproof material with an upstanding portion at right angles thereto provided with a spring clip integral therewith and adapted to pass over the waterproof material and means on said spring clip for retaining the seamed cord therein, strings or cords attached to the opposite sides of the receptacle and passing through a ring or handle allowing the receptacle to be conveyed and emptied.

2. In a device of the kind described comprising in combination a waterproof material, said material having the corners folded as described and means for retaining said corners in folded position, clasps comprising a main body portion bent back over itself so as to form a reinforcing ear member, an upstanding portion bent at right angles to said main body portion and provided with a spring clip member said upstanding portion being flared outwardly at its rounded corner and adapted to receive the cord which stops at a suitable distance from the corners of said material thereby maintaining the receptacle in assembled position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

EDWARD N. LICHTENSTEIN.