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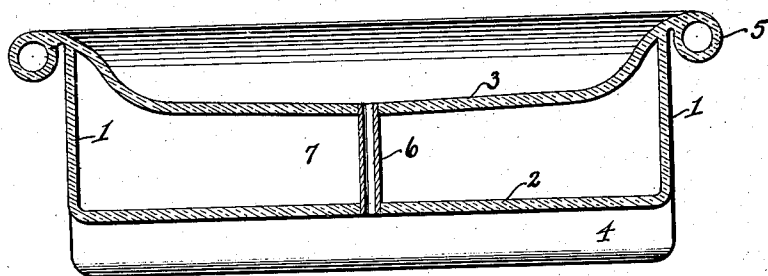


Fig 1

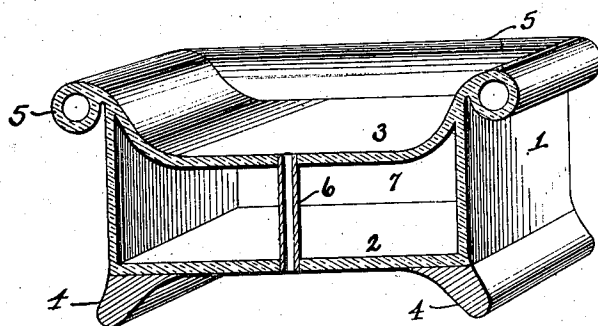


Fig 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARTIN C. THIEME, a citizen of the United States, residing at Huntington, in the county of Huntington and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soap-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to baths and closets and more specifically to soap receptacles.

The object of my invention is to provide a soap receptacle that will float in the water of a bath tub so that the soap will always be handy. My receptacle is also adapted to rest upon the rim of a tub when not in use. It is economical in that it is made of aluminum, glass, porcelain, or the like.

Another object of my invention is to provide a perfectly sanitary and cleanly soap receptacle. This object is accomplished by means of a vent through the receptacle to permit of the escape of any water which may get into it.

A still further object of my invention is to provide an article of utility which will also amuse small children while being bathed. Many children dislike to be bathed, and the floating receptacle takes the child's mind from the horrors of the bath, as its interest is centered on the floating soap receptacle.

Other objects of this invention not at this time more particularly enumerated, will be clearly understood from the detailed description and drawings forming a part of this specification.

Furthermore, this invention consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts more particularly described in the following specification and embodied in the claim appended hereunto and forming a part of this application.

Referring now to the drawings, which are merely illustrative of my invention, Figure 1 is a longitudinal sectional view of my device, while Fig. 2 is a sectional perspective view of the same, taken transversely through the receptacle.

Referring further to the drawings, wherein similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout the respective views, 1 designates the side and end walls of my receptacle while 2 is the bottom, and 3 the basin-shaped top thereof; the sides, bot-

tom, and top being adapted to form a complete water-tight closure or air-chamber 7. A downwardly projecting flange 4 is formed upon each of the longitudinal sides of the receptacle at the bottom thereof, said flanged portion being weighted with lead or the like, to insure such stability when in the water that it cannot readily be turned over, and it would be difficult to have it maintain any other than an upright position. The flanges 4 also serve as feet when the receptacle is at rest upon a flat surface, and also give such configuration to the bottom along the length of the receptacle that it will rest upon the edge of a bath tub. A roll rim 5 is formed outwardly from the top and on all sides of the receptacle for the purpose of providing a handhold whereby the receptacle may be securely grasped without the danger of it slipping from the hand when wet. A vent 6 extends downwardly from the center of the top 3, through the air-chamber 7 and the bottom 2, said vent being adapted to drain from the receptacle any water which may be splashed into it, thus keeping the soap comparatively dry.

Having now described and pointed out the new and useful features of my invention, I do not limit myself to the shape of certain parts where the shape is not essential, nor do I restrict myself to the exact details of construction shown and described, but mean and intend to claim all equivalents and variations thereof not departing in principle from my invention and falling within the purview of the appended claim.

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

In a floating receptacle, a body having a closed air chamber therein, the top wall of said body being formed with a depression, a drain conduit extending between the top wall and bottom wall of said body through said air chamber, and a plurality of parallel weighted flanges formed on said body along the bottom marginal edges thereof to form supporting feet and to stabilize the body when the device is floating.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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