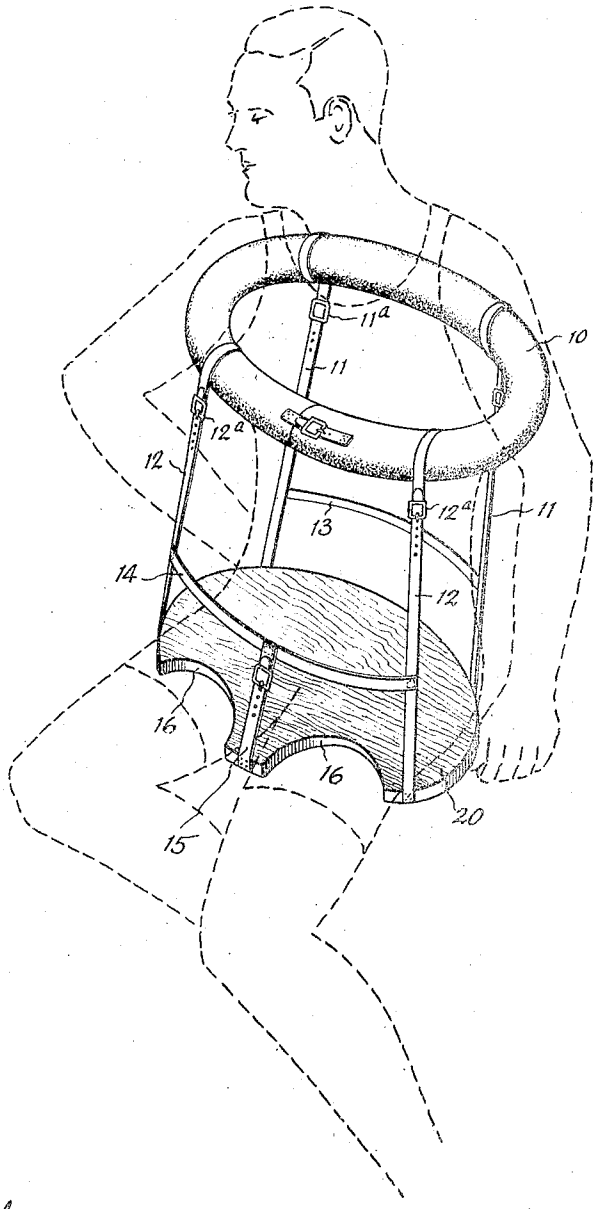
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An object of the present invention is to provide a bathing chair in which a bather may assume a comfortable seated position in the water, and will be buoyed up and maintained with his head above water at all times.

A further object of the invention is to provide a bathing chair which, when in use, will serve to retain the user in a seated position in the water without danger of tipping over and submerging the head.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a device of this character, of simple, practical construction, which will be rugged, durable and efficient in use, which may be readily applied or removed, and which may be manufactured with comparative economy.

With the above noted and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims. The invention may be more fully understood from the following description in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

The drawing is a perspective view of a bathing chair embodying the present invention, the dotted lines indicating an occupant of the chair.

Referring with particularity to the drawings, I have used the reference character 10 to designate a buoyant body encircling element which may be formed of cork, kapok, balsa wood or other materials of recognized buoyant qualities, or may if desired, be in the nature of an inflatable tube. The member 10 is adapted to encircle the body of a wearer beneath the shoulders, leaving the wearer's arms outside of the member 10 and freely movable.

Suspended from the body encircling element 10 is a seat 20. The rear of the seat is preferably connected to the rear of the member 10 by a pair of vertical straps 11, and the front of the seat connected to the member 10 by a pair of vertical straps 12. Straps 11 and 12 may be provided with buckles 11^a, 12^a for adjusting their length.

Connecting the straps 11 is a cross strap 13 adapted to snugly engage the small of the back of an occupant of the chair. A cross strap 14 connecting the straps 12 near their lower ends is connected at its intermediate portion to one end of an adjustable vertical strap 15, the other end of which is secured to the front of the chair. Strap 14, thus cooperates with the lower portions of the straps 12 and with the strap 15 to define leg embracing means. Preferably the forward edge of the chair is cut away or notched at 16 to accommodate the legs of an occupant seated on the chair, and render the seat 20 more comfortable in use.

It will be understood that the strap 15 rises between the legs of the user and prevents the occupant of a chair from slipping forwardly out of the seat under the strap 14.

By making all of the vertical straps adjustable as to length, it will be evident that the device may readily accommodate itself to the size of the user. The bathing chair will not only be amusing in use, but will assure the support of the occupant in a comfortable upright position with the head out of water at all times.

Various changes and alterations might be made in the general form and arrangement of parts described without departing from the invention. Hence I do not wish to limit myself to the details set forth, but shall consider myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. A device of the class described, including a buoyant body encircling element adapted to gird the body of a wearer immediately below the shoulders, a series of straps depending from said element, and a seat carried by the straps, said straps being arranged in pairs adapted for disposition respectively behind and in front of the wearer's body, and cross straps connecting the straps of the rear pair and the straps of the forward pair.

2. A device of the class described, including a buoyant body encircling element adapted to gird the body of a wearer immediately below the shoulders, a series of straps depending from said element, and a seat carried by the straps, said straps being arranged in pairs adapted for disposition respectively behind and in front of the wearer's body, and cross straps connecting the straps of the rear pair and the straps of the forward pair, the forward cross strap being connected to the forward edge of the seat by an adjustable vertical strap.

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