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BATH CURTAIN GUARD

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Fig. 1

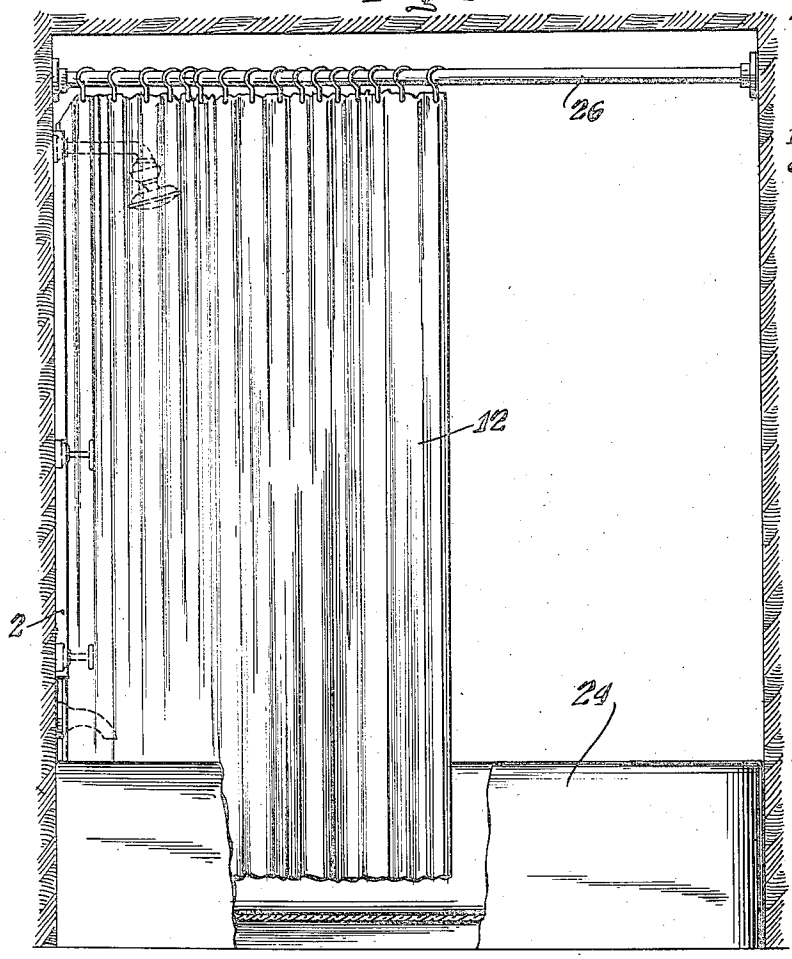


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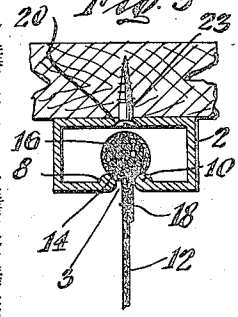
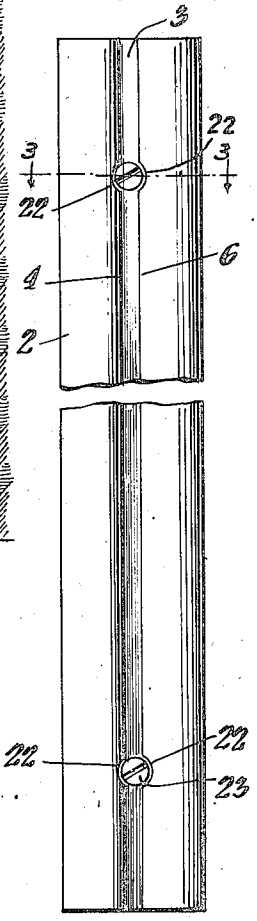


Fig. 2



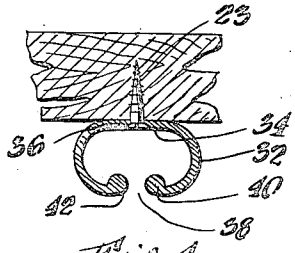


Fig. 4

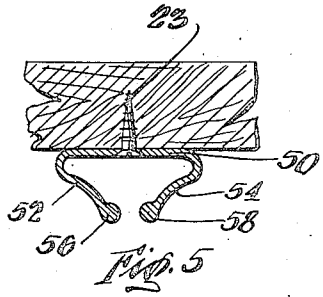


Fig. 5

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The present invention relates to an improved means for retaining one side of a shower bath curtain in engagement with the corresponding wall of the shower bath alcove in order to prevent water from splashing from behind the curtain.

Shower bath curtains are usually suspended from a horizontal rod by means of a plurality of rings. The rings are freely slidable along the rod, permitting the curtain to be extended along the rod to enclose the alcove or to be folded at one end of the rod. Curtain suspensions of this type are unsatisfactory in that they do not retain the edges of the curtain against the walls of the shower bath alcove, thereby allowing the shower water to splash around the curtain and onto the floor of the bathroom.

To provide a satisfactory means of holding a shower bath curtain along one vertical edge, and overcoming the undesirable splashing, the present invention includes a simple, easily-installed guide member in which one edge of a shower curtain may be releasably held, permitting easy removal of the same, and yet effectually preventing the edge of the curtain from separating from the wall. The construction of my device renders it susceptible to conforming to any type of wall decoration, is attractive in appearance, and may be readily installed in connection either with a bathtub shower or a shower alcove or stall.

For a better understanding of the invention reference may be had to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a view of my improved shower bath curtain guard installed for use with a bathtub shower.

Fig. 2 is an elevation of a section of my guard.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a cross-section of a modified shape of guard, and

Fig. 5 is a cross-section of a further modification.

The construction disclosed in Figs. 2 and 3 consists of a rectangular elongated channel member 2 having a narrow longitudinal slot 3, the edges 4, 6 adjacent the slot 3 being provided with beads 8 and 10, respectively, to avoid cutting of the shower curtain 12. The curtain 12, in the preferred embodiment is provided with a beaded edge 14, produced by lapping the edge of the curtain 12 around a cord or rope 16, and stitching the free end to the curtain as at 16. The beaded edge 14 produced is of sufficient thickness that it cannot pass between beads 8 and 10 of the channel member 2. The same result may be achieved by attaching a series of enlarged fittings, such as balls or rods, to the edge of the curtain 12.

The wall of the channel member 2, opposite slot 3, may be provided with screw holes 20, and the edges 4, 6 may be provided with notches 22, permitting insertion of the screws 23 into the apertures 20.

The channel member 2 is preferably installed along one wall of the shower bath alcove, as shown in Fig. 1, and is of such length that it extends from about six inches above the tub 24 to about three inches below the rod 26. In this way the curtain may be swung either into or out of tub 24 and may be inserted into or removed from the channel 2, either from the top or from the bottom.

In Fig. 4 is disclosed a modification of the cross-sectional shape of the guard. The channel member 32 in this construction is substantially cylindrical with a flattened wall-engaging portion 34, provided with screw apertures 36 and an axial slot 38, defined by beaded edges 40, 42.

Fig. 5 discloses a further modification of the guard consisting of a flat base portion 50, having converging reversely curved walls 52, 54 the opposing edges being beaded as at 56 and 58.

In all of the forms shown, the beaded edge of the shower curtain 12 is retained firmly in the guard so that it cannot be pulled out during normal use of the shower bath. The curtain 12 may nevertheless stretch and shrink in the guard and be removed therefrom and replaced with a minimum of effort.

The guard may be constructed of any desired material such as metal, wood or hardened plastic materials, and may be decorated by plating with various desirable metals, or painted to properly conform to the scheme of decoration in the shower room.

It will be understood that the foregoing and many other variations may be made in the invention described, all falling within the scope of the invention as defined in the following claims.

I claim:

1. In a shower bath curtain guard, the combination of an elongated member adapted to be secured to a wall, and spaced flanges along the sides of the member defining a narrow longitudinal slot for the reception of the enlarged lateral edge of a shower bath curtain.

2. In a shower bath curtain guard, the combination of an elongated channel member adapted to be secured to a wall, inwardly turned lat-

eral edges thereon defining a narrow longitudinal slot for receiving the enlarged lateral edge of a shower bath curtain, and means for securing said member to a wall.

3. In a shower bath curtain guard, the combination of an elongated channel member having apertures therein for receiving attaching means to secure the member to a wall, converging sides on the channel-member defining a narrow longitudinal slot for receiving the lateral edge of a shower bath curtain, and beads on the edges of said sides.

4. In a shower bath curtain guard, the combination of an elongated channel member adapted to be secured to a wall, lateral flanges on the member defining a narrow longitudinal slot for receiving the enlarged lateral edge of a shower bath curtain, said member having apertures opposite the slot for receiving fastening means to secure it to the wall, and beads along the edges of the flanges.

5. A guarded shower bath curtain installation, comprising an elongated channel member secured to a wall, flanges on the sides thereof forming a slot extending throughout the length of the member, a shower bath curtain, and an enlarged bead on a lateral edge of the shower bath curtain, said bead being of a width greater than the slot and disposed in the channel member.

6. A guarded shower bath curtain installation, comprising an elongated hollow member secured to a wall, a longitudinal slot in the member, a shower bath curtain, and an enlarged bead on the edge of the curtain, said bead being of greater width than the slot, and disposed in the hollow member with the curtain extending through the slot.

7. A guarded shower bath curtain installation, comprising an elongated channel member secured to a wall and having a narrow longitudinal slot on its outer face, a shower bath curtain, and a bead on the lateral edge of the curtain having a greater width than the slot and adapted to be received within the member with the curtain extending through the slot, the slot in the member being shorter than the bead in the curtain to enable ready insertion and withdrawal of the bead in the curtain.

8. A guarded shower bath curtain installation, comprising an elongated channel member secured to a wall and having a narrow longitudinal slot on its outer face, a shower bath curtain, and a bead on the lateral edge of the curtain having a greater width than the slot and adapted to be received within the member with the curtain extending through the slot, the member being secured to the wall with one end thereof spaced from the corresponding end of the curtain to facilitate insertion and withdrawal of the bead from that end of the curtain.

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