

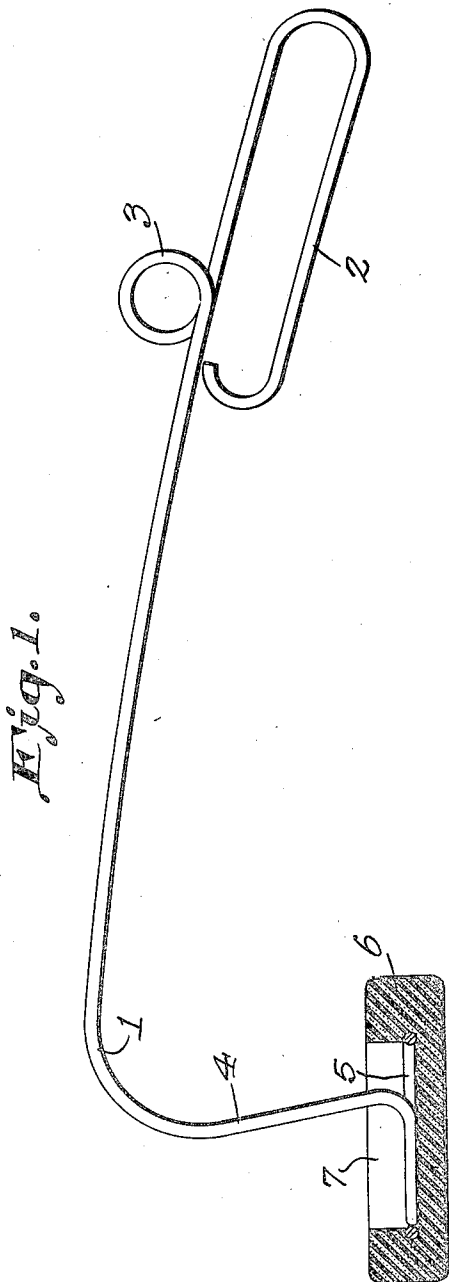
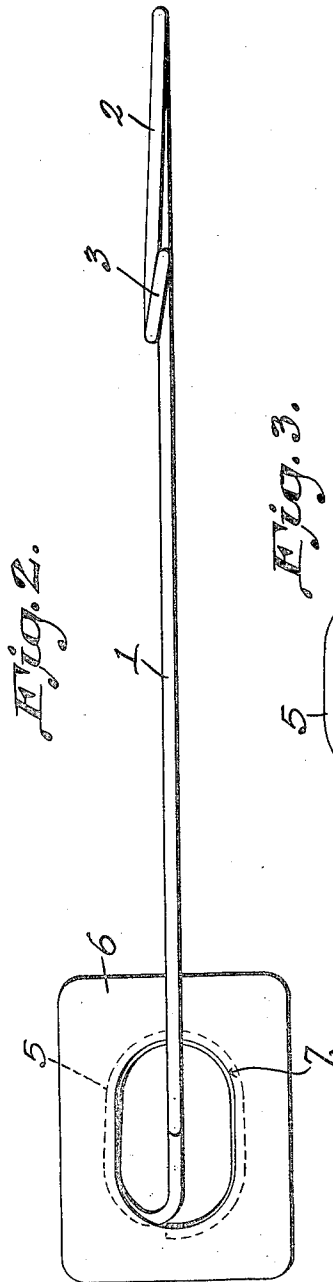
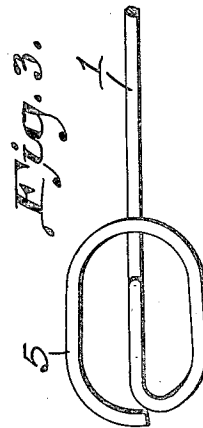
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This invention relates to a bath sponge designed primarily for use in washing the back.

Various devices for this purpose have been devised heretofore but they have all been more or less objectionable because of their weight and shapes and because of the difficulty in maintaining the scrubbing portions in clean, sanitary condition.

An object of the present invention is to provide a bath sponge of peculiar configuration removably mounted upon a handle of new and novel form whereby the sponge is not only held detachably but securely to the handle but can also be manipulated easily without the discomfort usually occasioned by the use of heavy wooden handles, brushes, etc.

A further object is to provide a device which can be held securely so that it will not easily slip out of the hand as often happens if soap or soapy water is on the handle or the hand.

Another object is to provide a sponge or scrubbing portion which can be removed readily for the purpose of thoroughly cleaning and drying it.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the handle portion of the device, the scrubbing portion being shown in section in engagement therewith.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the complete device.

Figure 3 is a detail view of the sponge engaging portion of the handle.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates an elongated length of wire which can be comparatively stiff and which is bent at one end to form an elongated closed loop 2 comprising a handle. The wire forming one side of this handle or loop can also be bent to produce a finger receiving coil 3 outstanding from the handle as shown particularly in Figure 1.

That end portion of the wire remote from the handle 2 is offset or extended at an angle to the handle portion to provide a stem 4 merging into a substantially elliptical loop 5, stem 4 being projected substantially from the center of the loop as shown particularly in Figures 1 and 3.

The scrubbing portion of the device comprises a block 6 of sponge rubber. This can be of any desired size and shape and has a recess 7 in one face the length and breadth of which is less than the corresponding dimensions of the loop 5. Thus when it is desired to apply the sponge to the holder, one end portion of the loop 5 is inserted into the socket 7 and the sponge is then stretched around the loop 5 until said loop becomes seated on the bottom portion of the socket 7. The sponge will naturally contract about the loop so that under normal conditions this loop will be pressed back in the walls of the socket as shown particularly in Figures 1 and 2. Consequently the sponge will not become easily separated from its holder.

In using the device the handle loop 2 is grasped by the user and either the thumb or one of the fingers is inserted through the eye or coil 3. The wet sponge can then be directed to the parts of the body to be washed and because of the shape of the holder and its lightness and because of the further fact that the holder can be held firmly in the hand, the sponge can be manipulated properly to cleanse the surface being washed.

When the device is not in use the sponge can be easily stretched and pulled off of the loop 5 and then thoroughly cleaned and dried pending further use.

What is claimed is:

As an article of manufacture a holder for insertion into a recess in a rubber bath sponge, said holder comprising a single length of stiff wire providing a handle at one end and offset at its other end to provide a stem, said stem upstanding from and constituting a continuation of the central portion of a substantially elliptical loop adapted for insertion into said recess in the sponge, the loop being disposed in a plane extended toward the handle.

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