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[54] **SIT IN SHOWER**

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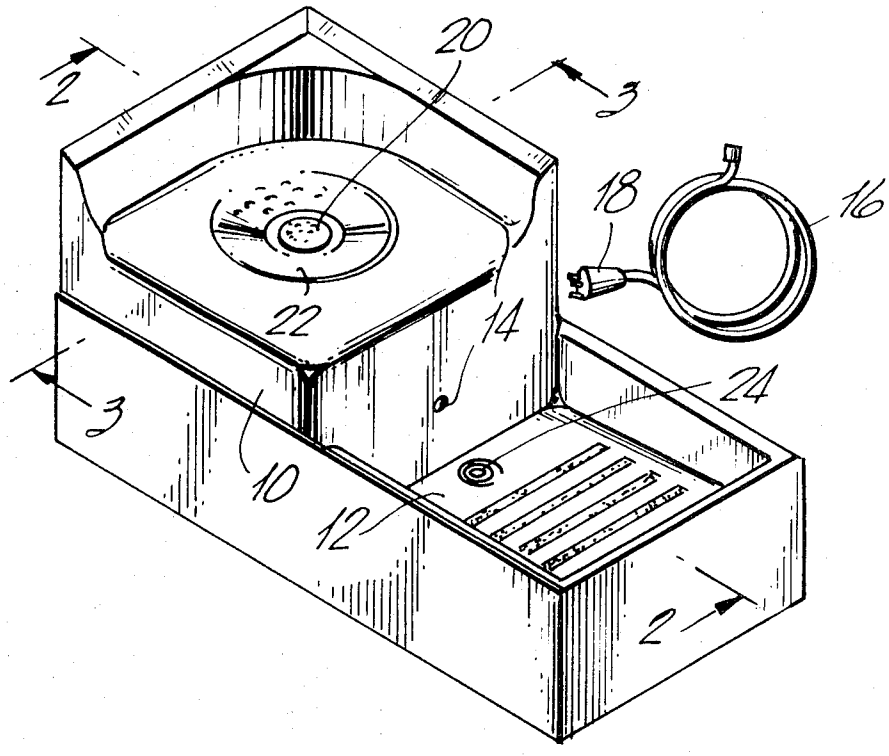
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A bathing apparatus employing a raised seat with a sitz bath and a slightly raised footbath lower than the seat.

3 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures



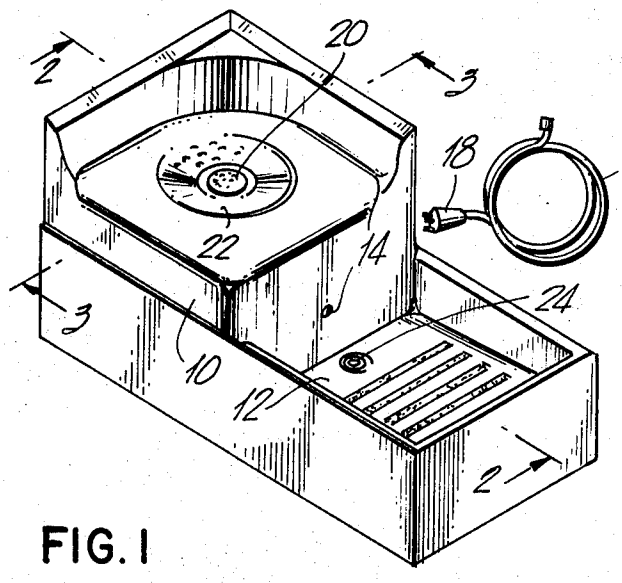


FIG. 1

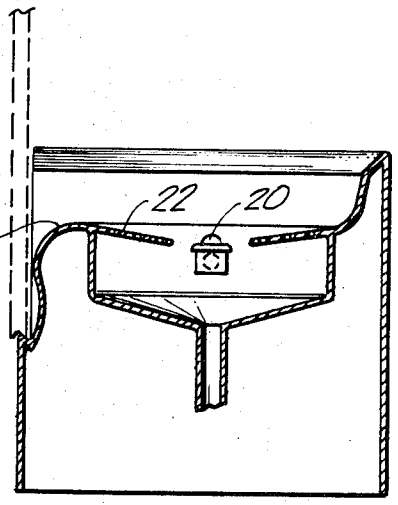


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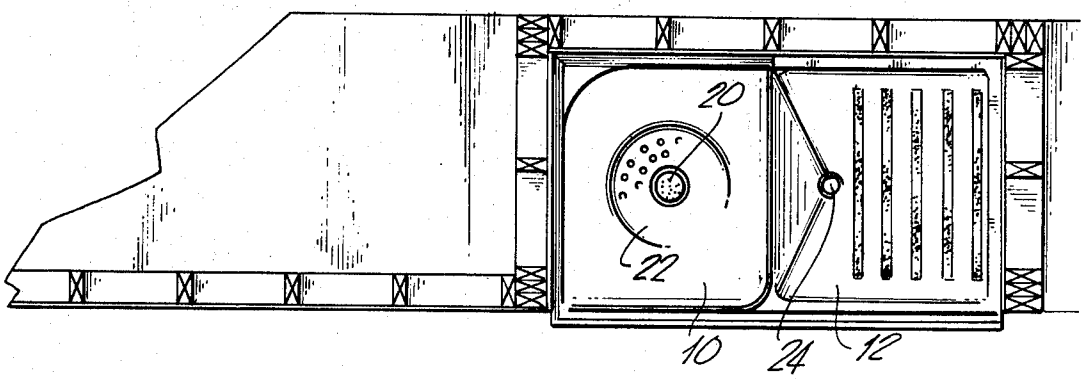


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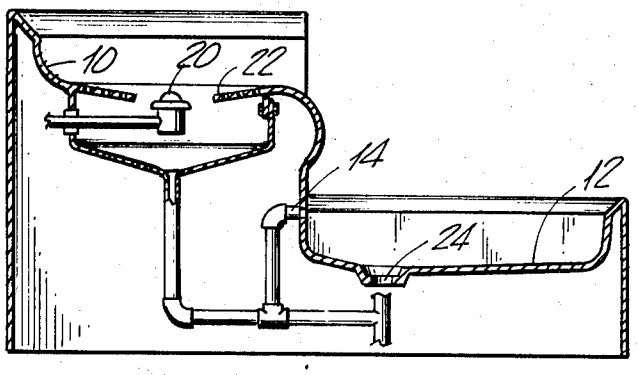


FIG. 2

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SIT IN SHOWER

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A sit in shower contains a raised seat with a sitz bath and a lower but also raised footbath easy to use by elderly and handicapped persons whereby any portion of the body can be easily reached and cleaned with minimum effort.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the drawings:

FIG. **1** is a perspective view of my invention;

FIG. **2** is a view taken along line **2—2** in FIG. **1**;

FIG. **3** is a view taken along line **3—3** in FIG. **1**; and

FIG. **4** is a top view thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring now to FIGS. **1–4**, a seat **10** is disposed about 22 to 24 inches above the floor whereby an older or handicapped person can readily sit down thereon or get up therefrom. An elevated foot bath **12** in front of the seat is disposed about 7 to 8 inches above the floor whereby the person can easily soak his feet or reach the bottom thereof easily. Water controls are disposed at the finger tips of the person bathing. A hose **16** carries a shower head **18** for easily reaching and showering front and back. Seat **10** has a recess **22** containing a sitz bath or shower means **20** for rinsing or washing from the bottom. Bath **12** carries water inlet **14** and drain **24**.

As shown in FIG. **4**, the shower front extends out from the enclosing walls whereby a sliding door when closed overlaps and is contained to prevent water leakage.

The need for this arrangement exists in hospitals, nursing homes, rest homes, retirement homes and in a great many residences.

While I have described my invention with particular reference to the drawings, such is not to be considered as limiting its actual scope.

Having thus described this invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A sit in shower for elderly people, comprising a seat portion disposed at a convenient height from the adjacent room floor in front thereof, a foot portion adjacent said seat portion and having a raised floor at a convenient height intermediate said seat portion and the adjacent room floor, protective side walls surrounding said foot portion to a height below said seat portion, a drain in the bottom of said foot portion, room walls surrounding said seat and foot portions leaving the front side thereof exposed and open to the adjacent room for freedom of entry to and exit from the shower either when standing as by stepping over said protective side wall or when sitting as by swinging the body through an arc of 90° while lifting the feet over said protective side wall, a door disposed to close the front of the shower with the occupant either standing on said foot portion or sitting on said seat portion with his feet on said raised foot portion, and shower means within said shower.

2. The construction of claim **1** in which said seat portion comprises a sitz bath.

3. The construction of claim **1** and an additional water inlet for said foot portion.

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