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Fig. 1.

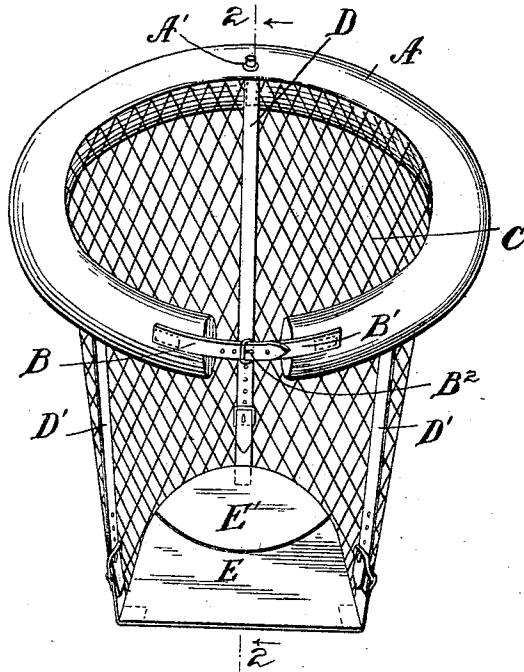
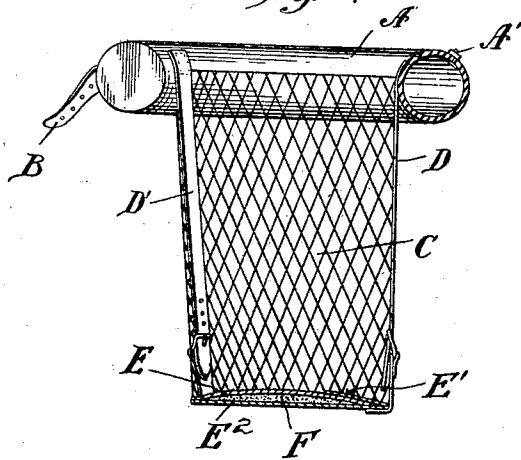


Fig. 2.



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## BATHING-CHAIR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE N. MOORE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathing-Chairs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bathing chairs and particularly to devices of this character which are designed to float on the surface of the water and support the person occupying the same. Its objects are, among others, to provide a safe and convenient bathing chair, of simple, strong and durable construction and adapted to be adjusted for use by children as well as grown persons.

The invention consists of the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bathing chair embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is a vertical medial section of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

The buoy A is preferably an inflatable tube of canvas, elastic material or some other suitable substance and is provided at A' with a valve through which it may be inflated. If desired, however, this buoy may be filled with cork, light vegetable fiber, or the like. Instead of forming a complete circle, the buoy is cut and its two ends secured together by straps B, B' and a buckle B<sup>2</sup>. This permits a lateral adjustment of the chair and also makes it convenient to use, as by opening the buoy by means of the buckle a person may sit down in the chair in much the same manner as in an ordinary chair, and then secure the ends of the buoy together again.

A net or web C is secured to the inside of the buoy A at its upper edge extending around the greater part of its circumference, and is of sufficient length to accommodate the body of an ordinary person. At the bottom of this web is secured a seat E which has a flap E' and a bottom E<sup>2</sup> separated from the seat proper so as to form a pocket adapted to receive sand F or other ballast. It will be understood that the object of this ballast is to retain the chair in its proper upright position in the water and give it a tendency to return to that position whenever it is tilted or upset. In practice, it has been found that this ballast

not only keeps the chair in its proper position, but prevents the parts from becoming twisted or tangled when the seat is not occupied.

For the purpose of strengthening the web and also in order to provide suitable vertical adjustment for persons of different sizes as well as for other purposes, straps D and D', connecting the seat E and the buoy A, have been provided. The straps D' are located at the front of the seat and extend up the front edges of the web, while the strap D is located at the back of the seat. Each strap is provided with a suitable buckle for the purpose of adjusting its length. This arrangement not only serves the purposes just mentioned, but is useful in adjusting the chair for use under different conditions. Thus, when used in the surf, it is desirable that the body of the user shall be supported well up in the water, and the straps D, D' permit the seat to be raised for this purpose, while in smooth water the body of the person using the chair may be supported so as to be almost completely submerged, and this is accomplished by lengthening the straps D, D'.

I am aware that many life saving devices have been designed in which a circular buoy is employed and that in some of these devices straps are provided for securing the body of the person using the same to the buoy, but while my device may be used as a life buoy, the particular features of construction wherein reside my invention are those which adapt it for safe, comfortable and convenient use as a bathing chair, by persons of all ages and conditions of health.

What I claim as new is:—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination of a buoy, a seat flexibly secured to and adapted to be supported by said buoy and a web or netting adapted to partially inclose the body and having an open portion between the buoy and seat.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination of a buoy, a seat secured to and adapted to be supported by said buoy, a web or netting adapted to partially inclose the body and having an open portion between the buoy and seat and means for adjusting the distance between the said seat and buoy.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination of a buoy, a seat secured to and adapted to be supported by said buoy, a

web or netting adapted to partially inclose the body and having an open portion between the buoy and seat and means for opening and closing a part of said buoy to allow  
5 the body to pass therethrough.

4. In a device of the character described, the combination of a buoy, a seat suspended from and adapted to be supported by said buoy, a web or netting adapted to partially  
10 inclose the body and having an open portion between the buoy and seat, and ballast supported on said seat.

5. In a device of the character described, the combination of a buoy, a seat flexibly  
15 connected with and adapted to be supported by said buoy, a web or netting adapted to partially inclose the body and having an open portion between the buoy and seat the

buoy having an opening co-incident therewith, and a pocket on said seat adapted to receive 20 suitable ballast.

6. In a device of the character described, the combination of a buoy of substantially circular form adapted to surround the body, a seat below the same and supported thereby, 25 connecting portions between the seat and buoy and a side opening in the seat-connecting portions.

Witness my hand this 10th day of September 1906, at the city of New York, in the 30 county and State of New York.

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