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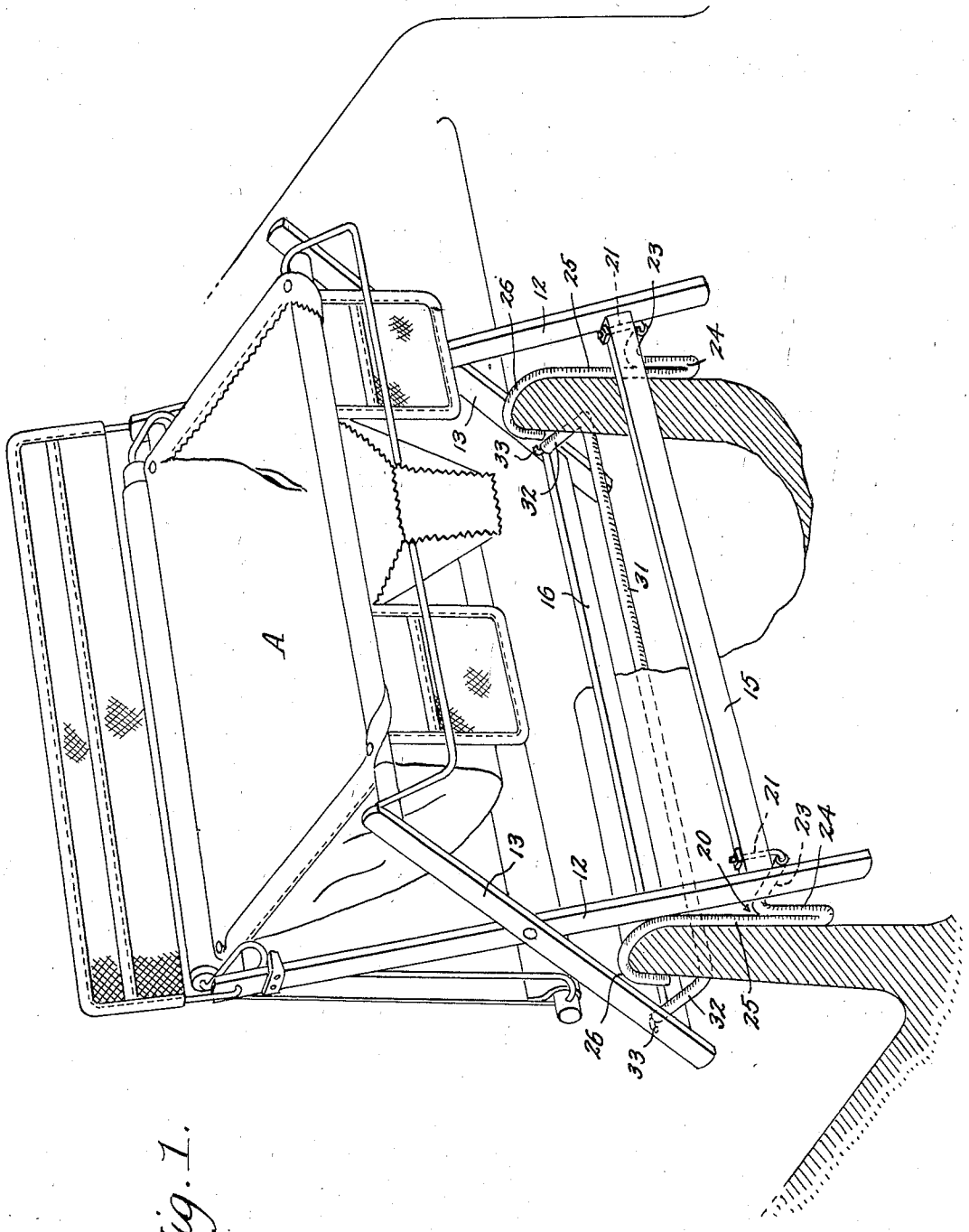


Fig. 1.

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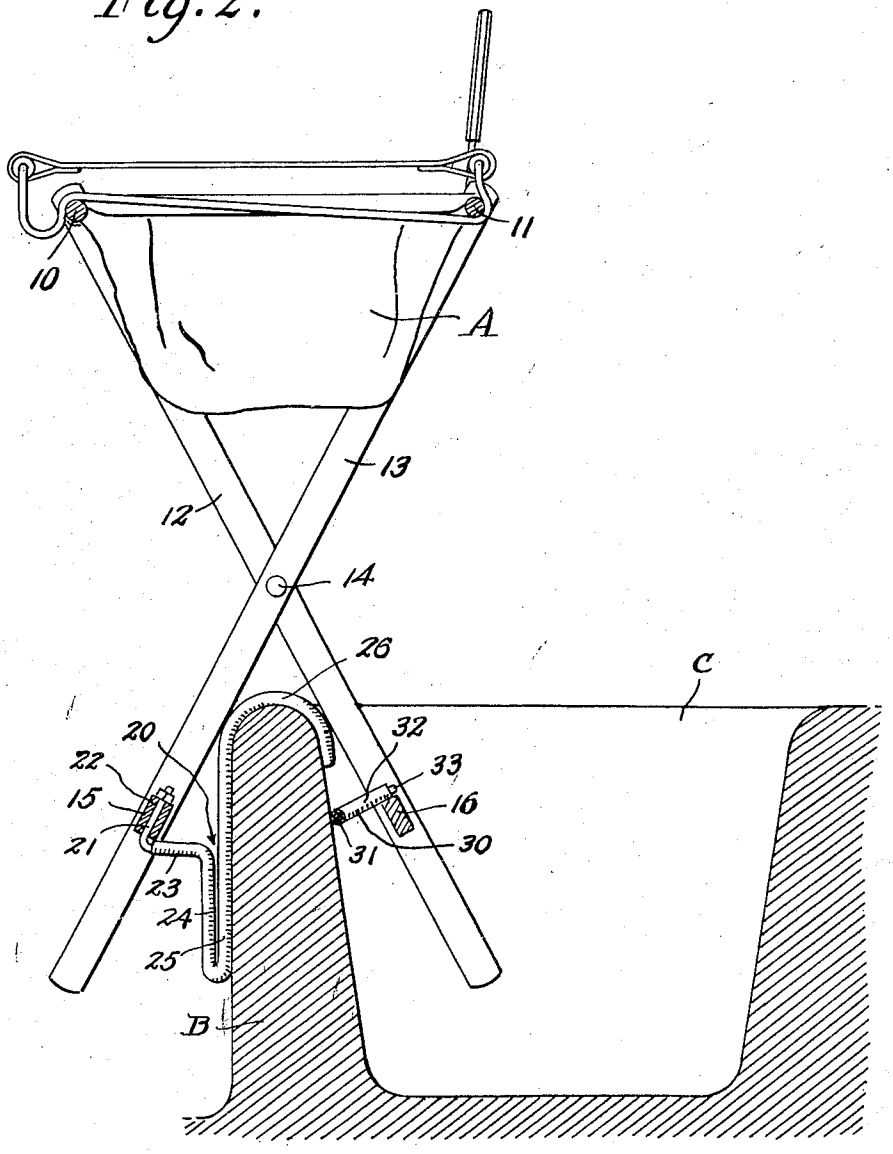
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Fig. 2.



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This invention has general relation to infants' bathing devices of the type which embody a foldable tub and a collapsible cross leg support therefor which is primarily designed to rest upon the floor, and the present invention is directed to means carried by the cross leg support for engagement with a wall of a stationary bathtub so as to mount the bathing device thereon for rendering the same usable in modern bath rooms having restricted floor space.

Broadly the invention comprehends means carried by the cross leg support of a bathing device of this character which is adapted to embrace the upper edge of the front wall of a stationary bathtub so as to mount the legs of the support in straddling relation to the stationary tub wall and which means is so constructed and arranged as to avoid interference with the optional support of the bathing device on the floor or the collapsing of the support when the device is folded for storage or shipment.

More particularly the invention resides in an improved means carried by the cross legs of the foldable support which means is engageable with opposite sides of the front wall of a stationary bathtub for rigidly mounting a bathing device of the character set forth on said stationary tub wall so that the cross legs are disposed in straddling relation thereto.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention is disclosed in greater detail in the following specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an infant's bathing device mounted on the wall of a stationary bathtub.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse sectional view therethrough.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, the infant's bathing device disclosed consists of a foldable tub A constructed of a flexible material with the opposite longitudinal upper edges thereof anchored to spaced parallel front and rear rails 10 and 11 constituting elements of a collapsible support which consist of a pair of cross legs 12 and 13 pivotally connected as at 14 and disposed at each end of the tub A. Longitudinally extending bars 15 and 16 respectively connect the corresponding legs 13 of said pairs of cross legs, while a longitudinally extending bar 16 connects the corresponding legs 12 of said pairs of legs, said longitudinally extending bars 15 and 16 being located below the pivotal connections 14.

The bathing device which is primarily designed to rest upon the floor when in use, is provided with means carried by the cross leg support by virtue of which the bathing device may be mounted and secured upon the wall B of a stationary bathtub C with the cross legs of the support in straddling relation to said tub wall. As illustrated, the means for mounting and securing the device consists of a plurality of elements designated generally by the reference character 20 which are preferably fashioned from a length of substantially rigid wire bent to provide a terminal trunnion 21 which extends upwardly through an opening 22 in the connecting bar 15 to journal the element 20 for swinging movement. The wire is then extended horizontally at an angle as at 23, thence downwardly as at 24 and reversely bent upwardly as at 25 with an arcuate upper end defining a hooked terminal 26.

In practice, the portions 23, 24, 25 and 26 are preferably covered with a tubing of soft, yieldable material such as rubber, to provide a protective sheath. Under this construction and arrangement it is apparent that the element 20 may be swung from an inactive position between the legs where its plane coincides substantially with a plane in alignment with the legs 13 to an active position where the plane of the element 20 is perpendicular thereto when the cross leg support is in opened position as illustrated. When in active position, the arcuate or hooked upper terminals 26 engage over the upper edge of the wall B of the stationary tub C with the portion 25 having bearing engagement throughout its length with one surface of the stationary tub wall B. This disposes the lower portions of the legs 12 and 13 on opposite sides of the stationary tub wall B in straddling relation thereto.

In order to stabilize the bathing device in this position, an element designated generally by the reference character 30 is carried by the lower portions of the legs 12 which is mounted for swinging movement from an inactive position between the legs 12 and in a plane coinciding substantially with the plane of the legs 12, to an active position perpendicular thereto for impingement with the face of the stationary tub wall B which is opposite to the face engaged by the portions 25 of the elements 20. The element 30 which is preferably fashioned from a length of substantially rigid wire is bent to provide a bail having a longitudinally extending connecting portion 31 and terminal arms 32 having outturned extremities 33 constituting trunnions which are journaled respectively in the legs 12

adjacent to and above the connecting bar 16. The connecting portion 31 and the terminal arms 32 are preferably covered by a soft resilient tubing, such as rubber, to provide a protective sheath therefor.

What is claimed is:

1. In an infant's bathing device, a support including a pair of pivotally connected cross legs at each end thereof, a longitudinally extending bar connecting a leg of one pair with the corresponding leg of the other pair, hooked elements carried by the connecting bar adapted to engage over the upper edge of the wall of a stationary bathtub so as to mount the device thereon with the cross legs in straddling relation thereto.

2. In an infant's bathing device, a support including a pair of pivotally connected cross legs at each end thereof, a longitudinally extending bar connecting a leg of one pair with the corresponding leg of the other pair, means carried by the connecting bar adapted to engage over the upper edge of the wall of a stationary bathtub so as to mount the device thereon with the cross legs in straddling relation thereto, and means carried by the remaining legs of said support adapted to impinge against the tub wall to cooperate with the hooked elements for securing the bathing device thereon.

3. In an infant's bathing device, a support including a pair of pivotally connected cross legs at each end thereof, hooked means pivotally carried by one of the legs of each pair for swinging movement from an inactive position between the said legs to an active position projecting towards the opposite legs for engagement with the wall of a stationary bathtub and over the upper edge thereof to mount the device thereon with the pairs of legs disposed in straddling relation with said wall.

4. In an infant's bathing device, a support including a pair of pivotally connected cross legs at each end thereof, and hooked means pivotally carried by one of the legs of each pair for swinging movement from an inactive position between the said legs to an active position projecting towards the opposite legs for engagement with a wall of a stationary bath-tub and over the upper edge thereof, and means pivotally carried by said opposite legs for swinging movement from an inactive position between said opposite legs to an active position projecting towards the said hooked means for impingement with the opposite face of said wall of the stationary bathtub for securing the bathing device on the said wall with the said pair of legs in straddling relation thereto.

5. In an infant's bathing device, a support including a pair of pivotally connected cross legs at each end thereof, hooked elements carried by said cross leg support adapted to engage over the upper edge of the wall of a stationary bathtub to mount the device thereon with the cross legs in straddling relation thereto.

6. In an infant's bathing device, a support including pivotally connected cross legs at each end thereof, means carried by opposite portions of said support adapted to engage with and impinge against the opposite surfaces of the wall of a stationary bathtub to mount the device thereon with the cross legs of the support in straddling relation thereto.

7. In an infant's bathing device, a support including a pair of pivotally connected cross legs at each end thereof, longitudinally extending bars connecting the legs of one pair with the corresponding legs of the other pair to form lower front and rear supporting portions, means carried by one of said portions adapted to engage with the upper edge of the wall of a stationary bathtub so as to mount the device thereon with the said portions disposed in straddling relation thereto, and means carried by the remaining portion of said support adapted to impinge against the tub wall to cooperate with the means carried by said opposite portion for securing the bathing device thereon.

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