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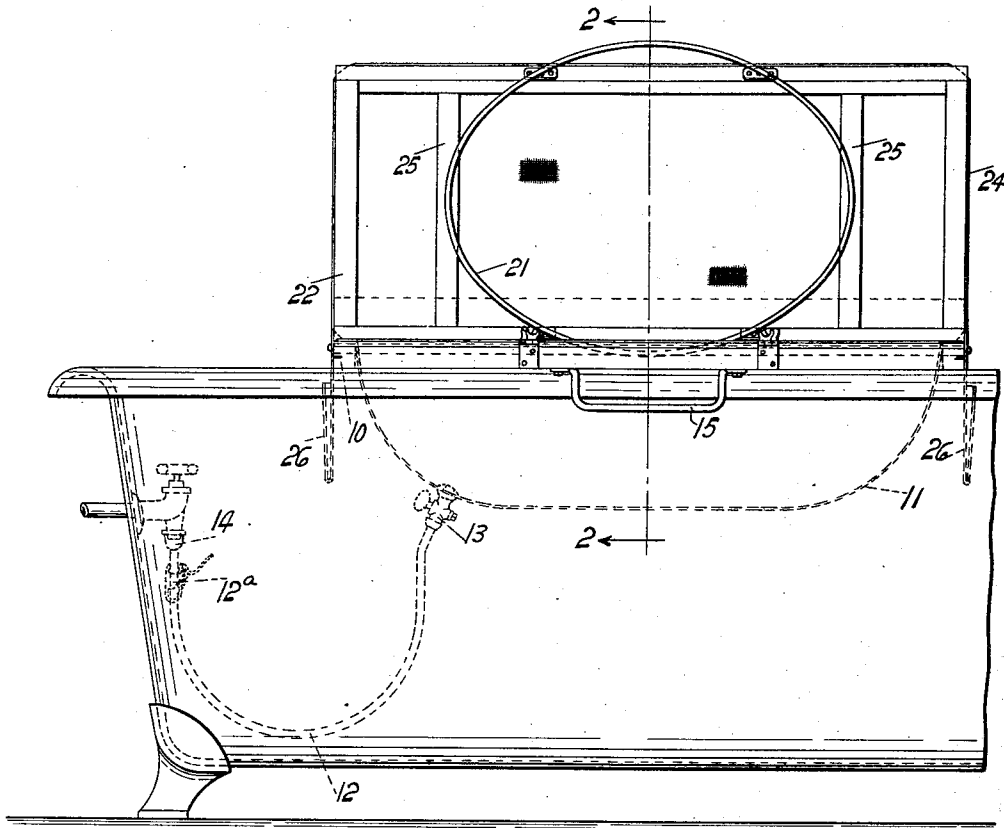
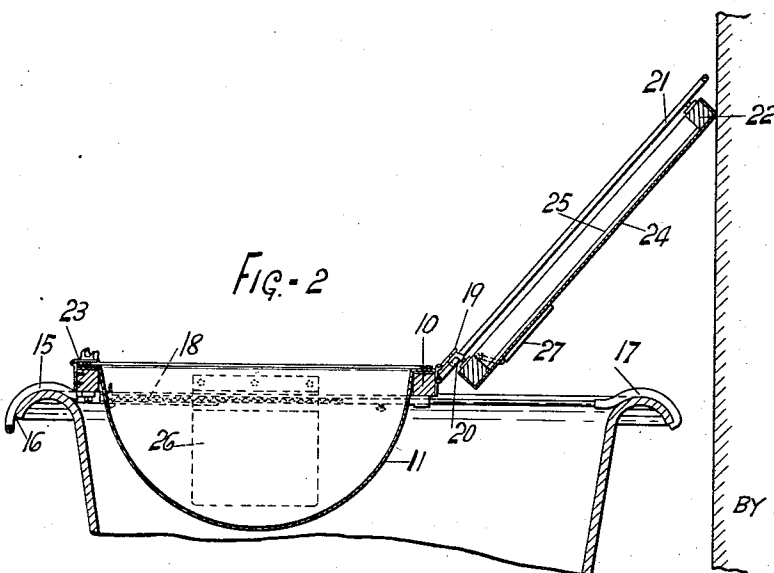


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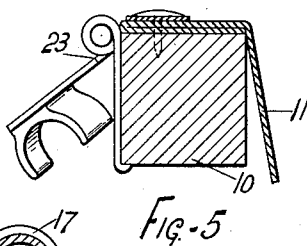
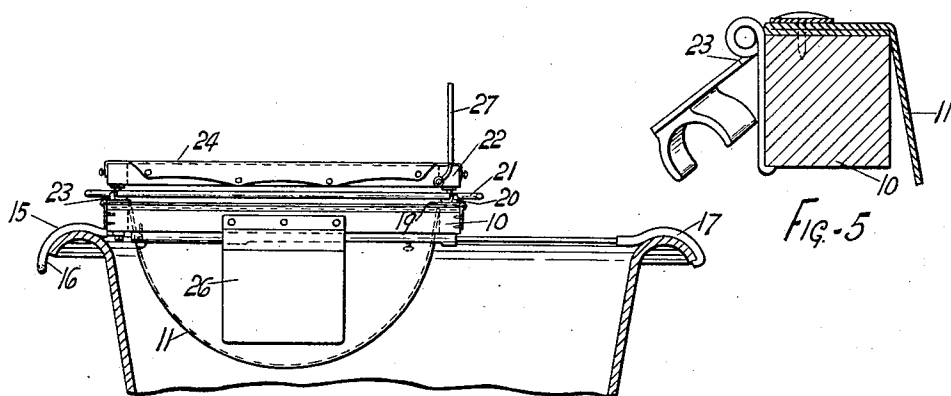
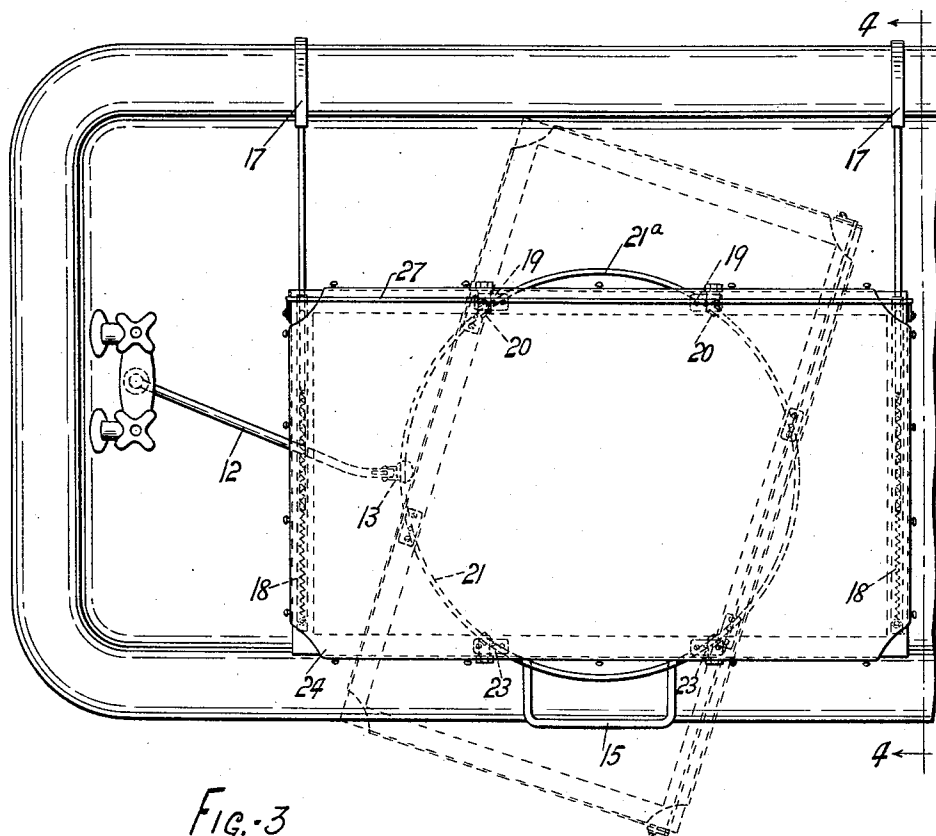
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This invention relates to baby bath appliances.

The general purpose of the invention is to provide a simple, effective construction for baby bath appliances including the provision of a frame supporting a flexible collapsible container for the bath water and adapted for easy application to a suitable support as, for example, on top of a bath tub.

A particular object of the invention is to provide a second frame associated with the device and adapted to be thrown back out of the way when the baby is being bathed and to be moved over the container frame and supporting a canvas cover or pad to receive the baby for drying and completing its toilet, the second frame being rotatable on the container frame to facilitate handling of the infant.

A further object is to provide in association with said device suitable receptacles for accessories used in washing and dressing the baby.

A further object of the invention is to provide a bathing appliance such as described in the preceding paragraphs which will be collapsible into a compact form easily handled and adapted to be hung or placed in a closet or other place out of the way when not in use.

The foregoing and other objects of the invention are attained in the baby bathing appliance illustrated in the accompanying drawings and described below. It is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the particular form thereof shown and described.

Of the accompanying drawings,

Figure 1 is an elevation of a portion of a bath tub illustrating a baby bathing appliance embodying the invention mounted thereon for use in bathing the baby.

Figure 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a plan of the device, the device being shown as used for drying the baby and completing its toilet.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Figure 3, and

Figure 5 is a detail section through the bath container frame showing the hinged fittings

for rotatably supporting the auxiliary frame on which the baby is dried and dressed.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 10 designates a frame, having secured therein a flexible bag-like container 11 of waterproof material such as rubberized fabric, said container having a flexible hose 12 connected to the bottom thereof preferably through a valve 13, said hose having a fitting 14 thereon adapted to be connected to the spigot of a bath tub, a clip 12^a on said hose providing in effect a valve which may be used to prevent drainage of water from the container until the baby's bath is completed.

The frame 10 is provided with a member 15 preferably shaped to fit over the front edge of a bath tub as indicated at 16 and arms 17, 17 yieldingly telescoped into the rear of frame 10 by springs 18, 18 are arranged to be engaged over the back edge of a bath tub.

Hinged onto the rear edge of frame 10 are a pair of bracket members 19, 19 provided with bearings 20, 20 formed to embrace annulus 21 retained in said brackets but circumferentially shiftable therein, said annulus supporting an auxiliary frame 22. Hinged bracket members 19 are arranged to seat on top of the frame 10 when the auxiliary frame 22 is swung down to a position of use, and bracket members 23, 23 on the front of frame 10, preferably hinged so as to be arranged to be swung down out of the way while the baby is being washed, are provided with bearings for the annulus 21 at the front of the frame 10. Accordingly, frame 22 is not only hinged to, but is adapted to be rotated about on frame 10 when swung into cooperation therewith. Frame 22 may be provided with a canvas cover or pad 24 reinforced by strips 25, 25 to prevent its sagging onto the annulus 21.

It will be noted that the portion of annulus 21 projecting beyond frame 10 at 21^a provides an effective handle for carrying the device in folded condition. The frame 10 may have suitable receptacles 26, 26 suspended therefrom, and a receptacle-supporting, and pin receiver frame 27 may be hinged at the rear of frame 22 so as to be swung upwardly into

a position for use as indicated in Figures 3 and 4.

In the use of the device, the arms 17 may be first engaged over the rear edge of a bath tub and the structure drawn forwardly against the action of springs 18 and member 15 engaged over the front edge of the tub. The frame 22 is thrown back and fitting 14 is connected to a spigot to supply water to container 11 through hose 12, the water flowing in from the bottom of the container whereby it does not splash. The clip 12^a is actuated to close the hose after the water is cut off and the fitting 14 is released from the spigot when desired so that upon release of the clip 12^a after the bath, the container 11 will drain.

After the baby has been bathed, the frame 22 is swung down onto the container frame 10, brackets 23, which are swung forwardly out of the way when the baby is bathed being swung up onto frame 10 to support the annulus 21 at the front thereof. The baby is now placed on the pad 24 on frame 22 and the frame 27 is swung up into position for use. The baby is now dried and dressed, these duties being facilitated by rotation of the frame to any desired position. Supplies and accessories such as powder, safety pins, etc. are readily accessible in the receptacles 26 and on the frame 27.

After the baby's toilet has been completed the device is easily lifted from the tub, the arms 17 being automatically retracted by springs 18 and it is then hung or placed at some convenient point out of the way.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that a simple effective baby bath appliance has been provided by the invention. Obviously modifications thereof may be resorted to without departing from the spirit thereof or the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A baby bath appliance comprising a container including a frame, a second frame associated therewith and supporting a pad for receiving a baby for drying and dressing, said second frame being movable off the container frame to a nonobstructive position when said container is in use and being rotatable substantially about its geometrical axis on the container frame when moved onto the container frame for use.

2. A baby bath appliance comprising a container including a frame, a second frame hinged on said first named to swing upwardly from said first named frame and supporting a pad for receiving a baby for drying and dressing, said second frame being movable off the container frame to a non-obstructive position when not in use and being rotatable on the container frame when in use.

3. In a baby bath appliance including a container frame and a second frame supporting a drying pad to receive the baby after it has been washed, of means for hingedly

and rotatably mounting the second frame on the container frame including an annulus on which the second frame is mounted, brackets at the rear of the container frame on which the annulus is hinged so as to be circumferentially shiftable in the brackets, and brackets for removably receiving the annulus at the front of the container frame, said annulus being circumferentially shiftable in the last named brackets, said last named brackets being mounted so as to be moved below the edge of the container frame when not in use.

4. In a baby bath appliance including a container frame and a second frame supporting a drying pad to receive the baby after it has been washed, of means for hingedly and rotatably mounting the second frame on the container frame including an annulus on which the second frame is mounted, brackets at the rear of the container frame on which the annulus is hinged so as to be circumferentially shiftable in the brackets, and brackets for removably receiving the annulus at the front of the container frame, said annulus being circumferentially shiftable in the last named brackets.

5. In a baby bath appliance including a container frame and a second frame supporting a drying pad to receive the baby after it has been washed, of means for hingedly and rotatably mounting the second frame on the container frame including an annulus on which the second frame is mounted, brackets at the rear of the container frame on which the annulus is hinged so as to be circumferentially shiftable in the brackets, and brackets for removably receiving the annulus at the front of the container frame, said annulus being circumferentially shiftable in the last named brackets, said annulus where it extends beyond the container frame at the edge on which the pad frame is hinged providing a handle for carrying the device when folded.

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