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INFANT'S BATH WAGON.

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Fig. 2.

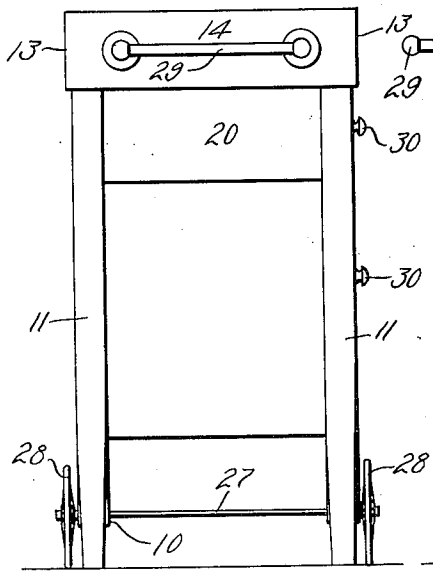


Fig. 1.

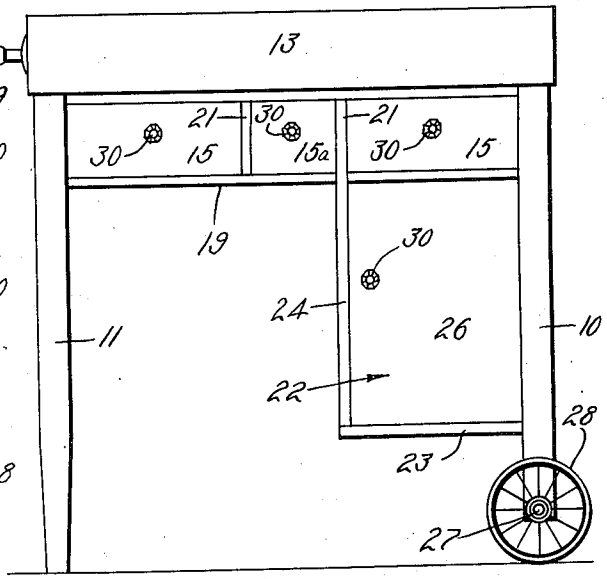
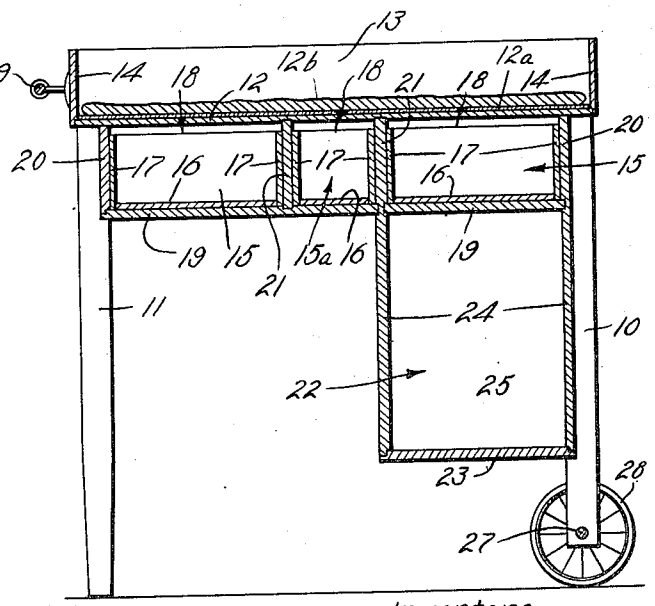


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MABEL ELTON LA RUE and EUGENE C. LA RUE, citizens of the United States, residing at So. Pasadena, in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Infants' Bath-Wagons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparatus or furniture useful in care of infants, and it is an object of the present invention to provide a portable device in the form of a cabinet or the like to conveniently carry those things which are needed in the care of an infant and to reduce to a minimum the labor connected with that care.

In the ordinary work of caring for an infant, the necessary articles of apparel, toilet articles, etc., are usually kept or stored in different places necessitating a trip to each of these different places of storage many times during a day. It is of prime importance that an infant should have at all times the most careful and assiduous attention; and it is an object of this invention to provide a simple and effective means whereby the desired care may be given with a minimum expenditure of time and energy.

In order to accomplish these objects we provide a portable cabinet wagon having a plurality of compartments adapted in size and shape to holding and keeping in order the various needful articles. In fact, this cabinet wagon is made so that it will hold and carry in a single, compact structure all of the articles desired by a mother or nurse in the care of her child.

The device also has a boxed top upon which the infant is placed in convenient position for a person sitting (or standing). Although we do not usually use the top for any purpose other than to place the infant thereon, it may be designed to be used as a support for the bath tub. However, the tub is usually placed on a support alongside the wagon.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a side elevation; Fig. 2 is a back end elevation; and Fig. 3 is a section taken as indicated by line 3—3 on Fig. 2.

In the drawings the numeral 10 indicates the front legs and 11 the back legs of my device. Mounted on the upper end of said legs is a rectangular box-shaped top structure consisting of a bottom 12, sides 13, and ends 14. Below this rectangular box and between the legs 10 and 11 are drawers 15 and 15ª, each drawer comprising a bottom 16, sides 17, and ends 18. These drawers are held in a frame, comprising a bottom 19, ends 20, and partitions 21, which frame is secured to and mounted on the legs 10 and 11, and is secured to and acts as a frame support for top structure. At the front end below the drawers 15 is a cupboard 22, said cupboard comprising a bottom 23, sides 24, back 25, and a door 26. The left hand side 24 of the cupboard is, in this design, formed as a continuation of the right hand partition 21. There are knobs 30 on the drawers and cupboard door by which said drawers and cupboard door may be opened. At the lower end of legs 10 is mounted an axle 27 carrying wheels 28. On the back end 14 of the top structure is mounted a towel rack 29. This rack may very conveniently be used as a handle by which to lift the back end of the wagon when moving it around.

It will be readily understood how the device is used. The various drawers and compartments are made of suitable size for holding the various toilet articles and articles of apparel used for infants; and the different compartments afford means of keeping the different classes of articles separate and in proper order so that any desired article may be easily found. For instance (although this does not completely represent the capacity or utilities of the various compartments) the small middle drawer may accommodate small articles such as soap, olive oil, vaseline, boric acid; the right drawer 15 may hold the talcum powder, tooth picks, safety pins, brush and comb; the left drawer 15, cotton, etc.; while the cupboard 22 is designed to correct size to hold five dozen diapers. All these, and other articles, may be placed in the device in ordered arrangement, easy of access whenever wanted.

The middle drawer 15ª may be lined with a water and oil proof sheathing or surfacing; as may also the other drawers, and the cupboard, if desired. For instance, the drawer 15ª may be interiorly coated with a paraffin surfacing which is liquid and oil proof; and then all oily or greasy articles may be kept in that drawer.

The arrangement of the large cupboard or door compartment 22 at the end over the

wheels places a major portion of the weight on the wheels and makes the device easily handled; and this placement of the cupboard also makes leg room or space for the mother or nurse under the drawers 15 alongside the compartment 22.

The height of the device is such that a person sitting may conveniently handle an infant on the top 12. This top 12 may have a plate glass or other surfacing if desired; and may further be provided with a soft warm pad 12^b. Sitting in position at the device the worker has within immediate reach all of the articles in the various drawers and in the cabinet 22 and also the towels or other cloths which may be placed upon the towel rack 29. Thus a person may conveniently and efficiently care for an infant with the minimum labor and trouble.

Our device may be furnished in any style, color, etc., but we find that white enamel is very pleasing and sanitary. While we have illustrated it as constructed of wood, it of course may be made of metal; and in such a case the metal may be finished with a baked enamel.

While we have described our invention in some particularity, it will be understood that we do not limit ourselves to the specific details herein set forth, because our invention may be embodied in devices which may specifically and in detail differ from the one above described; and we therefore reserve to ourselves any changes or modifications which may suggest themselves to those skilled in the art or may fall within the scope of the following claim:

Having described our invention, we claim:

An infant's bath wagon comprising a box-like structure opened at its upper side and having its bottom side covered with a waterproof lining of glass, a pair of short wheeled legs supporting the box like structure at one end and a pair of longer legs supporting the structure at its opposite end, a lifting and guiding handle secured transversely across the latter end of the structure and functioning as a towel rack, and a plurality of compartments carried beneath the structure, the larger compartment space being located at the forward end of the wagon and supported by the wheeled legs, whereby the bulk of the weight will be carried by the latter and whereby unobstructed leg and foot room will be provided beneath the back end of the wagon.

In witness that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto subscribed our names this 26th day of January, 1918.

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