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Fig. 1.

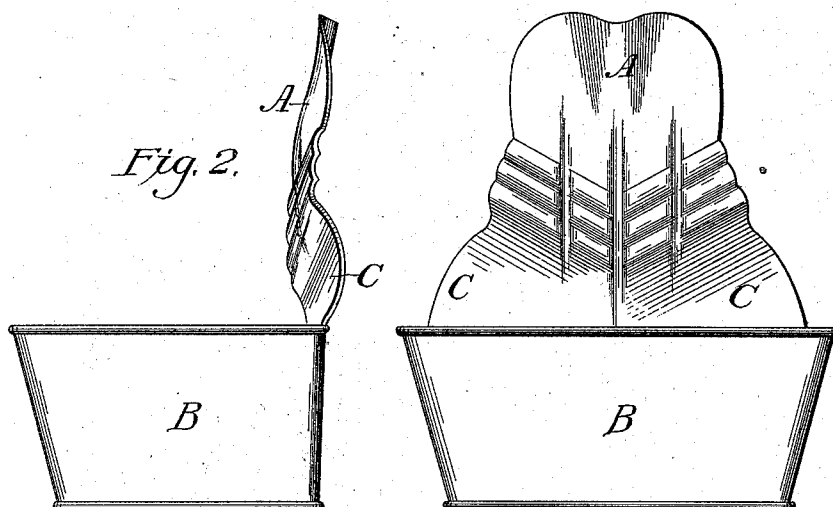
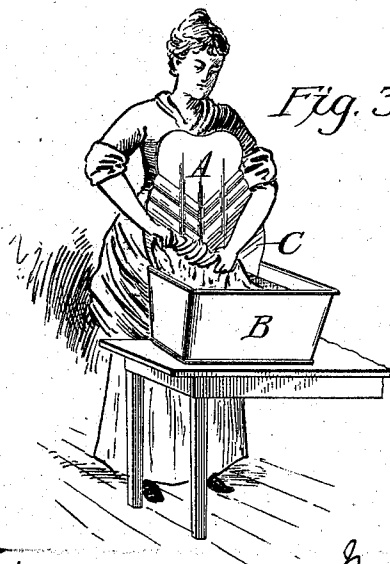


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY MILBERY DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of South Pasadena, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washing Utensils for Kitchen or other Purposes, the same being applicable to analogous utensils, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description or specification.

My invention, which relates to certain new and useful improvements in washing utensils for kitchen or other purposes, is also, in addition to being useful in or for the operations of washing clothes or other articles, such as dishes, plates, and articles of household equipment, applicable for or to be used in connection with vessels or utensils such as are employed for making bread in by hand, for making butter by hand, or for other such appliances which are used in proximity to the body of the operator. In such operations it has in the past been the practice to employ a tub or analogous receptacle for containing the clothes to be washed, or the materials of which bread or butter is or are made, and the clothing of the persons operating in connection therewith becomes frequently moistened, soiled, and injured by the splashing upon said clothes of the liquid or liquids used in the said operations.

The object, then, of my present invention is to protect the clothes of the operator or user of such vessels in or with the operations hereinbefore set forth, and for this purpose I provide a shield, as hereinafter set forth, in one piece with the tub or other such receptacle or vessel used.

On the annexed sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of such a vessel or receptacle capable of being used for the operations of washing clothes or other articles of personal or household equipment. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a woman in the act of washing with my said improved appliance.

My invention consists of the shield A at the rear side or end of the tub or receptacle B. The shield A is of such shape or contour as to more or less closely conform with the shape

or contour of the front abdominal and pectoral portions of the human body, as will be more especially seen on reference to the drawings.

It will be noticed that the shield is of such shape and size that it covers that portion of the clothing of the person operating by washing or otherwise in the vessel B, so that any liquid or other matter which is splashed up by the washing or other operation performed in the tub B, such as the other operations hereinbefore referred to, becomes thrown against the shield A, and flows or drips off therefrom back into the tub or receptacle B.

It will be seen that the lower part of the edges of the shield A (marked C) are curved so as to easily admit of the hands of the operator passing down into the tub or receptacle B. The shield A is also provided with corrugations, as shown on the drawings, which not only produce stiffness in the thin sheet of metal of which the said shield is composed, but also form or constitute gutters by which the liquid splashed upon the shield is directed back into the water or other liquid in the tub or receptacle B.

It is to be understood that although I have herein described my invention as used or to be used in connection with a tub or other hollow receptacle, yet I desire to explain that it may be employed in connection with pastry-boards or a flat table on which operations in connection with the preparation of food or analogous operations take place.

Having now described my invention, what I consider to be novel and original, and therefore desire to be secured to me by Letters Patent, is—

The shield A, curved to substantially conform to the abdominal and pectoral portions of the human body, and to allow the free use of the user's arms, and provided with the corrugations and gutters in the manner and for the purposes substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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