

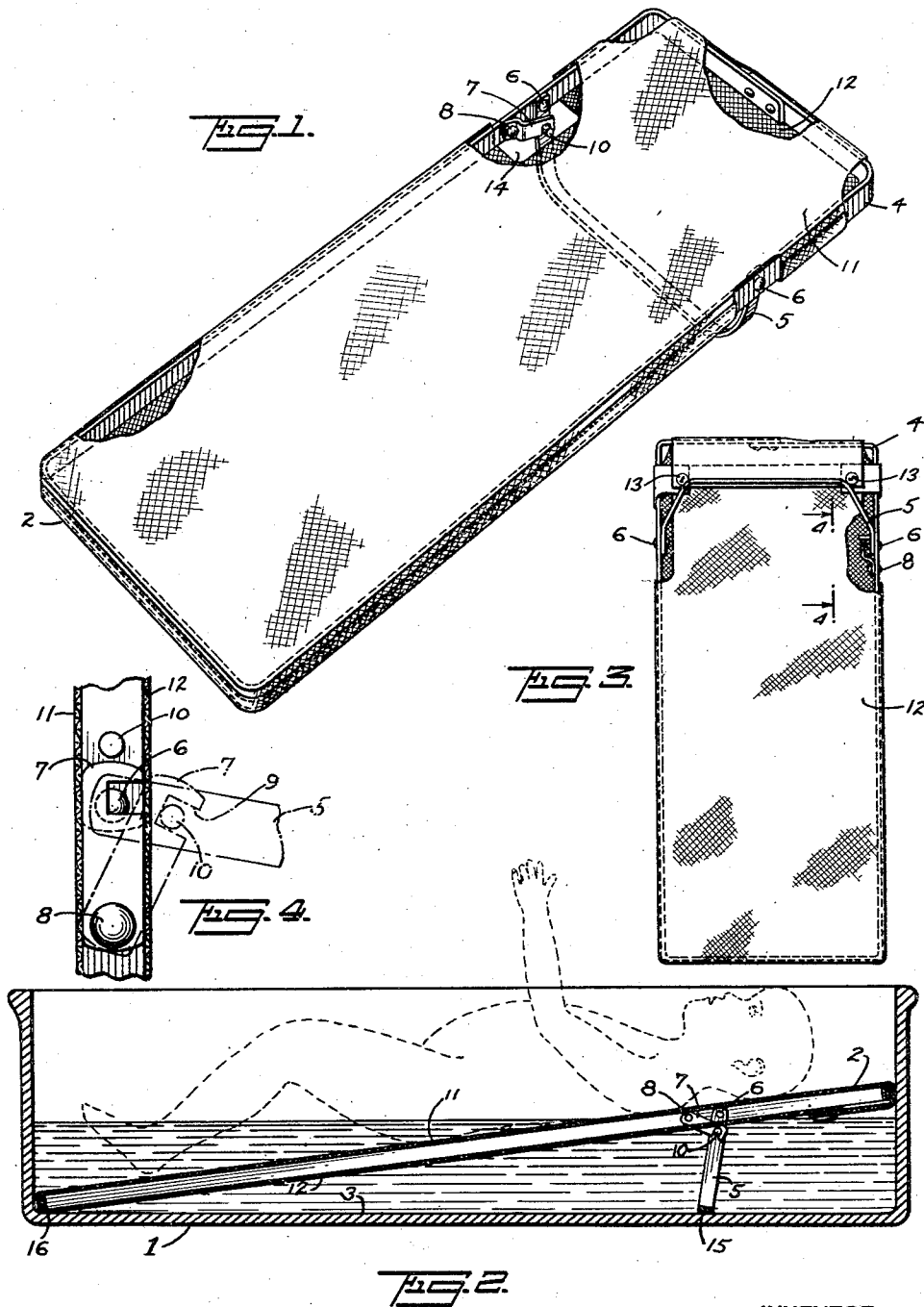
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BATHTUB

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This invention relates to a bath tub provided with means to render it particularly adaptable for the bathing of infants.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide a bath tub having a body rest or support of sufficient structural strength and stability to render it safe and convenient to use. Another object is to provide a simple and inexpensive construction for a device of this kind,—one that will be easy to operate and capable of ready assembly. A further object of my invention is to provide a bath tub with a body supporting device having a smooth, soft and comfortable resting surface for the body of the infant, and one that is free from any protruding elements that might do harm to the child. Other objects and advantages will appear from the description hereinafter given.

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the body rest forming a part of my invention, fragments of the upper covering being removed to show the interior construction.

Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of my invention, showing the body rest in its operative position with respect to the bath tub, the position of the child being shown in dotted lines.

Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the body rest, with part of the lower covering removed.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary side sectional elevation of the body rest along line 4—4 of Fig. 3, showing the locking member in its operative and inoperative positions.

In the drawings the tub 1 contains the body rest 2 which is mounted on the bottom or floor 3 of the tub. The said body rest contains a frame 4 to which the support 5 is pivotally attached at 6. The locking member 7 is pivotally mounted at 8, and contains the notch 9 adapted to engage the pin 10, and thereby hold support 5 against movement.

Surmounting the frame 4 and secured thereto is a covering of canvas or other flexible material comprising the layers 11 and 12. These layers may either be in one continuous length folded over the frame and secured by snap fasteners 13 as shown, or they may be in two separate sheets. Sheet 12, the lower of the two sheets, contains an opening

14, to permit access to be had to the locking member 7.

In its closed position, the base 15 of the support 5 is in abutment with the under side of the body rest. To bring this device into its operative position, the support 5 and the locking member 7 are swung from their respective positions as shown in Fig. 4 until the pin 10 is brought into engagement with the notch 9 of the said locking member. The support 5 is now held against movement and in a fixed position relative to the frame 4. The entire body rest is now set into the tub, the base 15 of the support 7, and the end 16 of the frame resting upon the bottom 3 of the tub. The assembling of this device is thus obviously a simple matter.

The inclined position of the body rest permits a partial immersion of the child in water, the head being held up by the elevated portion. This renders sponging and bathing a simple matter, and removes the danger of the child's head becoming immersed due to any possible carelessness or inattention on the part of the person bathing the child.

The frame 4, which can be made of a strong structural material, together with the double layer of flexible material surmounting the frame, gives double assurance of safety against breakage.

The fact that the body rest is mounted upon the bottom 3 of the tub, instead of being in suspension, gives a degree of stability with consequent convenience and safety to the user not possible in body rests of the hammock or suspension types.

It will also be noticed that the upper layer 11 is smooth and unobstructed by protruding elements or projections that might tend to harm the child, and it will further be seen that the flexible material stretched across the frame forms a soft yieldable bed, and a comfortable resting surface.

The scope of this invention is not limited to the particular form herein described and shown, as other and different mechanical forms can be embodied in my invention.

What I claim is:

In combination with a bathtub, a body rest comprising a double layer of flexible

material mounted on and secured to a frame
containing a pivotal support engageable with
locking means adapted to hold said support
against movement, the lower of the said lay-
ers containing an opening to permit access
to be had to said locking means, the said sup-
port being adapted to rest upon the bottom
of said tub and to keep one end of said body
rest in an elevated position.

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