

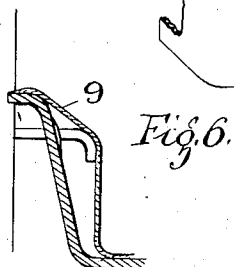
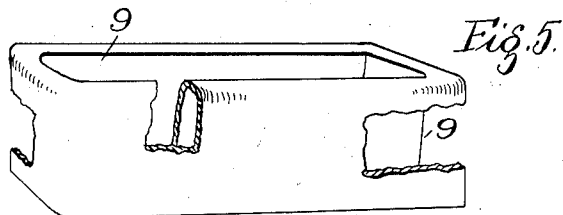
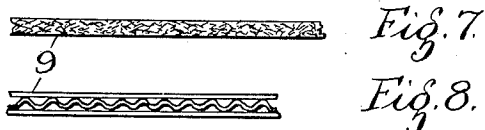
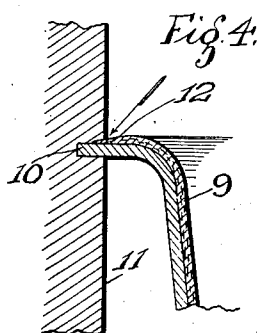
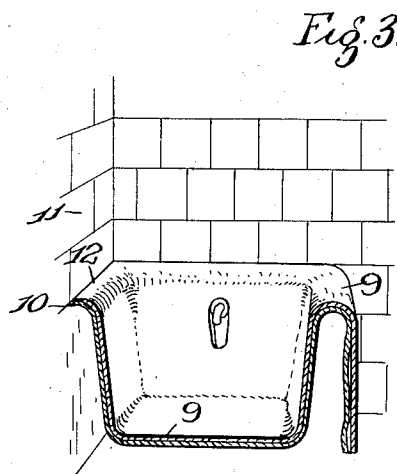
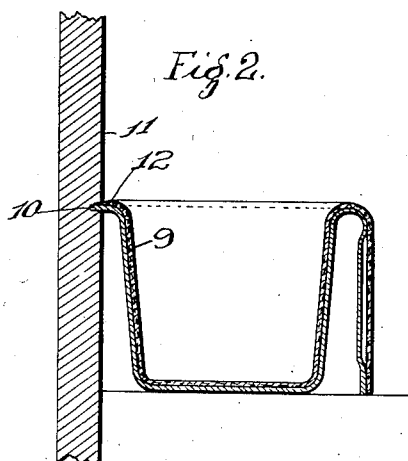
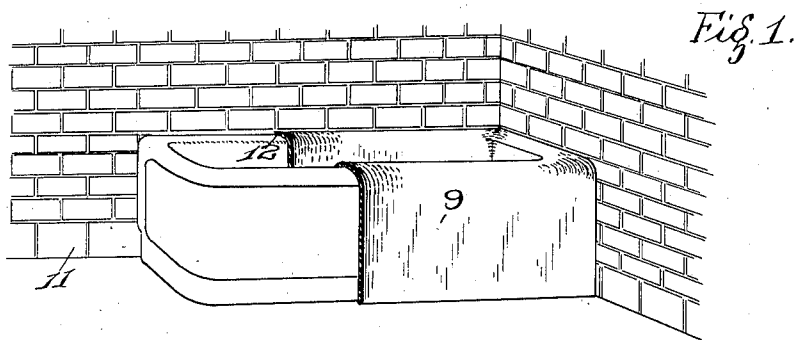
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROGER E. JARVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Covering for Plumbing Fixtures and the like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in a protector for plumbing fixtures and the like and has for its object a covering composed of a material sufficiently soft and pliable to protect the surface of the fixture from outer contact and to preserve the fixture during the construction of the building in which the fixture is installed.

During the erection of a building and particular in equipping a bath room with the necessary fixtures, and especially where the fixtures are what is termed a built in fixture, such fixture must be set in place before the interior of the room is finished, and it has been found from vast experience that the outer surface of the fixture has been marred and mutilated by the workmen by throwing material and tools in the fixtures and scratching and chipping the enamel thus causing a dispute as to whom should stand the damage done which necessitates the removal and replacement of such damaged fixture.

In order to avoid this I have conceived the idea of making a covering which corresponds with the shape of the fixture completely covering the outer surface, and after the job has been completed the covering can be readily and easily removed and the fixture will be in perfect condition.

This material may be composed of a heavy paper which will retain its shape when in pressed formation, of a fiber, or of corrugated construction or of any material other than solid metal, but such material must retain sufficient softness as to protect the finish of the fixture.

This covering is especially desirable for protecting built in bath tubs, lavatories, sinks and miscellaneous plumbing fixtures and the covering is made to conform with the shape of the individual article.

Referring to the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a built in bath tub showing the application of my invention.

Figure 2, is a cross sectional view of the same.

Figure 3, is a sectional perspective view of a tub with the covering in position.

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view of the insert end of a fixture with the covering in position.

Figure 5, is a perspective view of the covering with parts broken away and in section.

Figure 6, is a detail sectional view of a portion of a fixture showing the covering passing over the faucet for protecting the fitting.

Figure 7, is a detail edge view of the covering material.

Figure 8, is a detail edge view of the covering as constructed of corrugated material.

In the general construction of my invention I provide a protector for plumbing fixtures in the form of a covering 9 composed of a sufficiently soft material yet of such consistency as to retain its shape when pressed into form.

This covering is shaped to conform to the shape of the fixture and is placed in position when the fixture is set in position in the room during the erection of the building, and in the illustration I show for example a bath tub which is the most important as tubs of this kind must be set in position while the room is in the rough with one edge 10 of the tub projecting into the wall 11.

When the tub is so set the covering 9 is also placed in position with its one edge 12 also extending into the wall, this edge is of very thin construction so that the same can be cut at the point indicated by the arrow after the wall has been finished.

The essential feature of my invention is to provide a covering to conform to the shape of the fixture, and to protect the outer finished surface thereof, and to keep the fixture perfectly clean and unscratched or chipped.

As a practical plumber I have found from experience that workmen of the building trades are very careless so far as protecting very costly and highly finished especially enameled fixtures. During the construction of the room after the fixture has been set, all kinds of material, tools, sand, tile and

the like is thrown into the fixture and the workmen with their heavy work shoes stand in the fixtures thereby scratching the surface and in many instances chip the enamel, consequently the owner will not accept the fixture and it necessitates removing the same and a new one replaced with much loss to the plumbing contractor.

On this account many disputes have arisen as to who damaged the fixture finally ending with no satisfactory result.

With a covering as herein disclosed I avoid all difficulties as the material is of strength and durability as to stand such handling and removes all disputes.

In Figures 7 and 8 I show edge views of the material of which the covering is formed, it may be of a heavy paper formation, of a fibrous formation or of corrugated formation and so treated as to retain its shape when pressed to conform with the shape of the desired fixture. The covering is sufficiently soft so as not to scratch the surface of the fixture when pressure is applied on the outside of the covering by material or contact with the feet.

Having fully described my invention what I claim is:

1. A protector for plumbing fixtures comprising a covering shaped to conform to the contour of the fixture and of sufficiently soft material as to protect the surface of the fixture, said covering having its one edge embedded in the wall for supporting the same in position and for protection to the fixture while finishing the interior of the room.

2. A protector for plumbing fixtures comprising a covering of non-metallic material shaped to conform to the outer contour of a fixture, a feather edge formed on that portion which contacts with the wall of a room, said edge embedded in the wall with the edge of the fixture and to be cut off when the room is completed, said covering protecting the surface of the fixture from outer contact during the finishing of the room interior substantially as specified.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

ROGER E. JARVIS.