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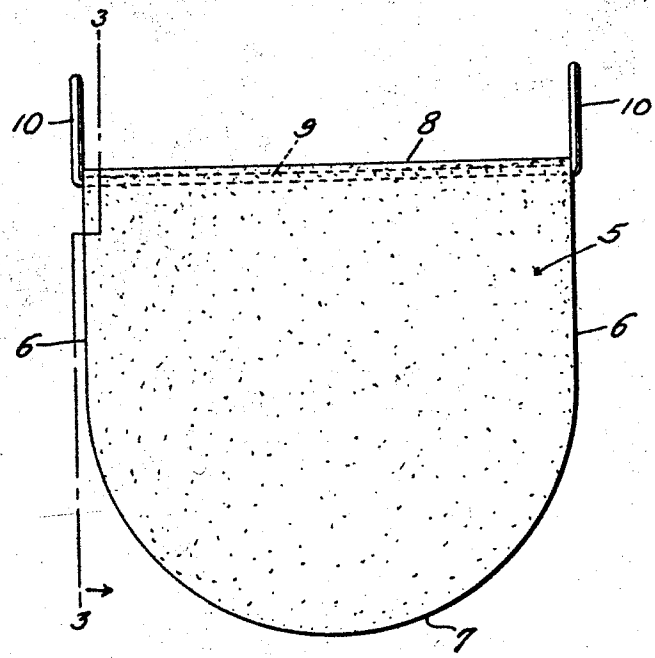


Fig. 2.

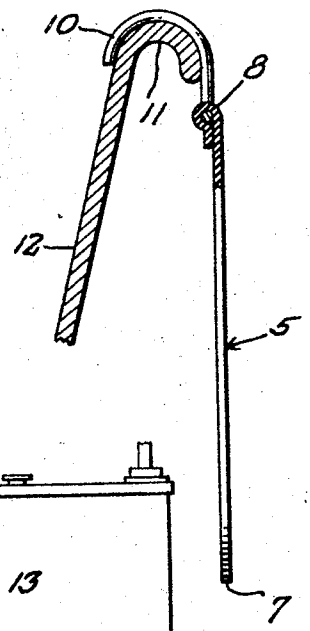


Fig. 3.

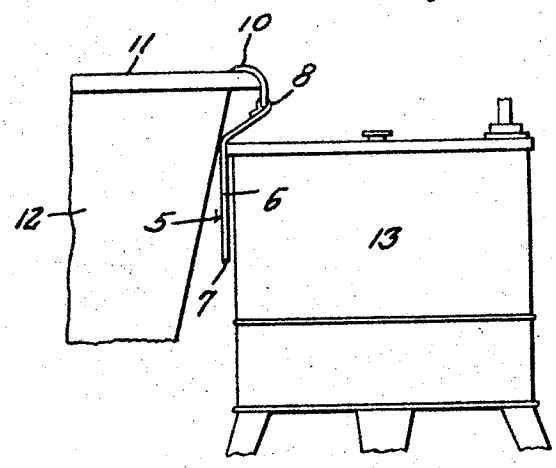


Fig. 1.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 45—137)

This invention relates to protectors for preventing devices when closely associated from injuring or damaging the finish of each other, and has particular reference to a device which is especially adapted for preventing a washing machine when used in conjunction with washing tubs from being damaged by contacting the tubs and rubbing thereagainst during the use thereof as to cause injury to the exterior finish of the washing machine and is of such a construction which will permit easy and quick application and removal thereof from the tub and may be manufactured and sold at a low cost.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a fragmentary side elevation showing a portion of a washing tub and a washing machine closely associated with said tub and protected therefrom by the present invention.

Figure 2 is a front elevation illustrating the protector.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 5 indicates an elongated cushion pad constructed of rubber or any other material suitable for the purpose and has opposite straight edges 6, a rounded end edge 7 and the opposite end edge is folded upon itself and secured in place to form a hem 8 through which a supporting rod 9 is inserted.

The supporting rod after passing through the hem has its end portions bent to form substantially U-shaped hooks 10. The hooks being of this construction or shape permits the easy application thereof to the upper rim 11 of a washing tub 12 permitting the pad to depend therefrom and when a washing machine 13 is brought in close relation to the washing tub the cushion pad will lie between the tub and the washing machine to prevent the latter from chafing or rubbing thereagainst during its use so as to efficiently protect the exterior finish of the washing machine. In most instances the exterior finish of washing machines is enamel which if allowed to rub against another object will be marred and damaged and it is frequently found that persons using washing machines in conjunction with the tub will bring the washing machine in such close relation to the tub that during the use of the washing machine it will rub against the tub and thereby injure or damage its finish. Washing machines while in use or operating have a certain amount of vibration and if permitted to rub against another device of a hard substance or finish will soon damage its own exterior finish. To obviate any possibility of damaging the washing machine when closely associated with the tub the present invention is adapted to the tub as shown in Figure 1 and depends therefrom so that when the washing machine is moved in close relation with the tub the pad assumes the position between the washing machine and the tub and thereby protects each device from the other.

It is believed that the simplicity and the advantages of the present invention will be perfectly apparent to those skilled in the art to which such a device relates, and while I have herein set forth a satisfactory embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that such changes therefrom as fairly fall within the scope of my claim may be resorted to when desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

In a device of the character described, an elongated cushion pad having one end rounded and its opposite end folded and secured upon itself to form a hem, a rod extending through the hem and having its end portions bent to form substantially U-shaped hook portions to engage over a rim of a device to permit the pad to depend from said device and lie between the latter and another device to protect said devices from rubbing against and damaging the finish of each other.

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