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Fig. 1.

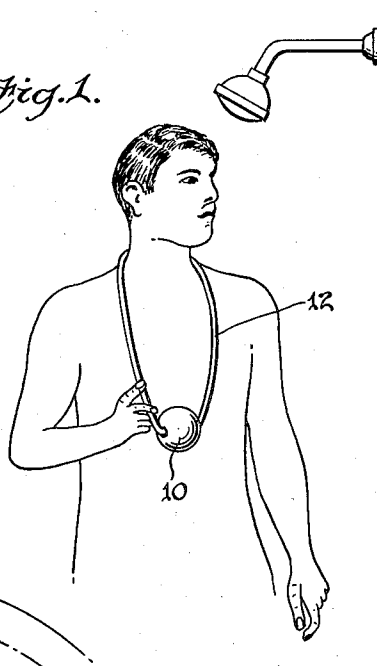
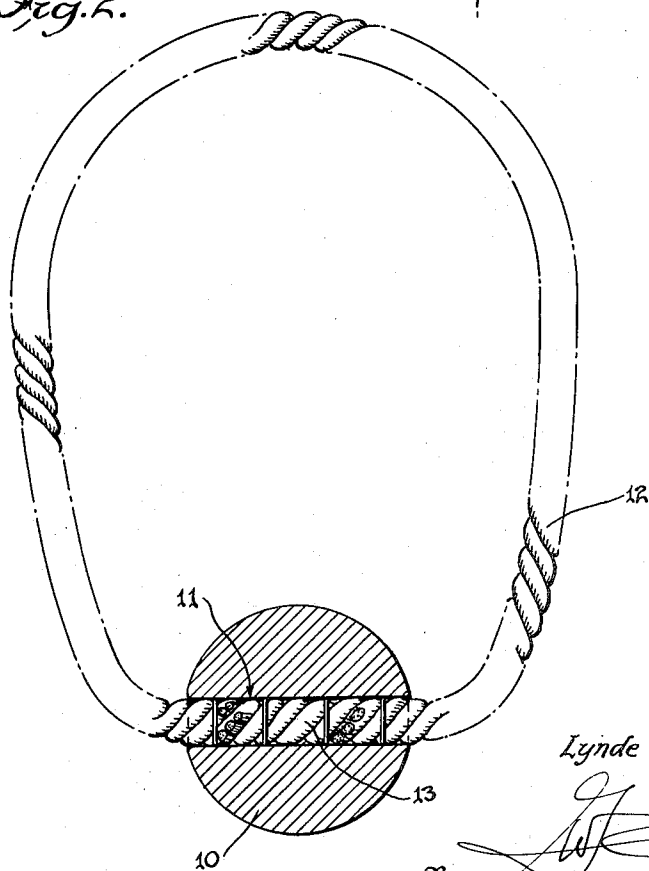


Fig. 2.



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The present invention has to do in general with toilet appliances and is, more particularly a toilet appliance effective in facilitating the use of soap during bathing, more especially bathing under a shower apparatus where the free use of both hands, at all times, is of great convenience, not only in soaping and rinsing the body, but for the manipulation of the temperature controls of the water from time to time.

In keeping with the above considerations, it is the primary object of the present invention to provide a toilet appliance by means of which soap may be carried upon the person, as for instance suspended, by an easily and quickly placeable and removable member adapted in use to be passed around the neck of the user.

Since when in use the soap, as above suspended, hangs at the front of the user's body, within convenient reach of the hands at all times whether the user is standing or bending over, and since in leaving the hands free during such body movements, the suspended soap at times comes into more or less forcible contact with the body, it is a further consideration and object of the invention to so form the soap and its suspension member constituting the present appliance, as to avoid any danger of bruising or scratching the skin.

These and other objects, as well as the resulting advantages of the invention will be readily understood and thoroughly appreciated from the following description of the several parts thereof, and by reference to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a view, in elevation, illustrating the practical application of the invention in use, and, Figure 2 is an enlarged view of the appliance, partly in elevation and partly in section.

Referring now to these figures, and particularly to Figure 2, the appliance includes a cake of soap in the form of a ball or sphere 10, whose regularly rounded or curved surface is preferably smooth and substantially even throughout so as to eliminate projections, corners or other parts or projections which might cause annoyance in use.

The soap ball 10 is provided with a diametrical opening 11 to receive a flexible rope, cord or other flexible strand 12 preferably of cotton or any soft flexible fabric or material of a character avoiding any danger of scratching the skin.

As will be seen, the opening 11 through the ball 10 is of approximately the same diameter as that of the strand 12, and after one end of the strand has been passed through the opening 11, the two ends of the strand are joined as by means of

splicing and wrapping, splicing without wrapping, sewing or in any desired manner so that the diameter of the connection as seen at 13 is not so great that it cannot be pulled into the ball opening. It is contemplated there will be some increase in the diameter of the strand at its point of connection to form an endless suspension member and that this connection, as best seen in Figure 2 will be located and concealed within the opening 11 in which it will be snugly embraced and held by the wall of the opening against accidental displacement.

Owing to the above, the connection between the strand ends need not be a finished connection, since it is concealed within the ball. Moreover it brings about an advantage in that it definitely locates the soap ball and prevents the same from readily sliding on the strand.

It is obvious from Figure 1 that the appliance is used by slipping the endless suspension member 12 around the neck of the user so that the soap ball will hang freely at the front within convenient reach of either hand whether the user is standing or bending over. The user is thus permitted free use of both hands, may conveniently manipulate the shower controls with the soap always at hand, and may easily place the appliance in, and remove the same from, its effective position of use.

What is claimed is:—

1. A toilet article for personal use in bathing consisting of a body of soap having a horizontal opening extending through it from one side to the other, and a substantially endless flexible suspension member forming an elongated loop of sufficient size to pass over the head of a person, the suspension member having a portion passing through the opening in said body and the side portions of the loop being spaced from each other from the sides of the body to the top of the loop when the toilet article is in use thereby completely exposing the body of soap for use without the suspension member interfering with the free use of the soap.

2. A toilet article for personal use in bathing consisting of a sphere of soap having a horizontal opening extending diametrically through it from one side of the sphere to the other, and a substantially endless flexible suspension member forming an elongated loop of sufficient size to pass over the head of a person, said suspension member having a portion passing through the opening in the sphere and substantially filling the opening and having within the opening a portion of slightly increased diameter snugly embraced by the

wall of the opening for holding the sphere against accidental displacement.

3. A portable toilet article for use during bathing comprising a suspension member of relatively soft flexible nature formed into an elongated loop, the loop being of a size to pass freely over the head of the user and having a portion for engagement with the back of the user's neck and extending downwardly over the user's shoulders in

front of the user's body below or adjacent the chest of the user, and a soap body having a single opening, said soap body supported by the suspension member with a portion of the loop passing through and beyond the opening, so that it will, in use, be positioned in front of the user for ready access by the user.

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