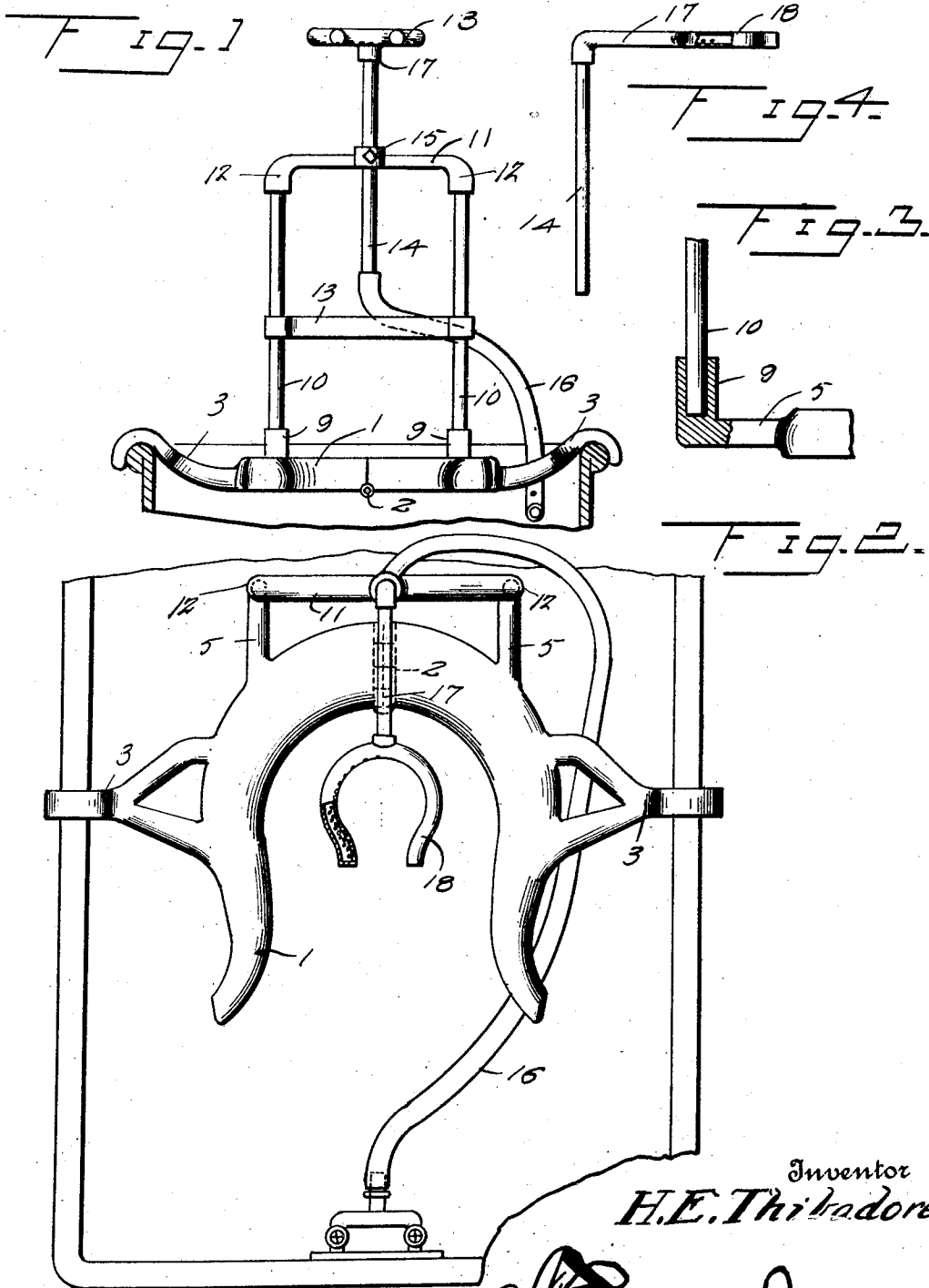


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY E. THIBADORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Utica, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shower-Bath Chairs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to chairs adapted to be applied to bath tubs and used by a person when taking a shower bath and it consists in the novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide a chair of the character stated which is of simple and durable structure having means whereby it may be connected with the sides of a bathtub and means for supporting the shower or spray fixture, whereby the spray may fall or deposit upon the occupant of the chair.

Another object of the invention is to provide a chair of the character stated which is of such shape and configuration that all portions of the body of the occupant are accessible for washing when the device is in use.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a chair of the character stated which is foldable and thereby occupying but little space during storage or while in shipment.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Fig. 1 is a longitudinal sectional view of a tub with the shower bath chair applied.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is an enlarged detail view partly in section, showing the connection of the vertical rods with the seat sections.

Figure 4 is a detail side elevation of the upper portion of the device, partly in section.

The shower bath chair comprises sections 1 which are hingedly connected together as at 2. The sections 1 are ogee shape in plan, and consequently when the said sections are spread out with relation to each other the seat is in the general form of a horseshoe. The sections 1 are provided at their sides with arm portions 3 which are adapted to engage over the side edges of a bathtub 4 when

the seat is applied. Brackets 5 are carried at the rear portions of the sections 1 and are provided at their rear ends with upstanding socket members 9. The lower ends of rods 10 are received in the socket members 9, and a head piece 11 rests upon the upper ends of the rods 10 and is provided with socket portions 12 which receive the upper ends of the rods 10. A brace piece 13 is mounted upon the intermediate portions of the rods 10 and bridges the space between them. The said brace piece may also serve as the back of the chair structure. A pipe 14 passes transversely through the intermediate portion of the head 11 and is secured at an adjusted position therein by means of a set screw 15 which passes transversely through the side of the head and engages at its inner end the side of the pipe 14. The lower end of the pipe 14 may be connected by a hose section 16 with the spigot or faucet of the bathtub. A pipe 17 is pivoted upon the upper end of the pipe 14 and carries at its end a horse-shoe shaped sprinkler 18.

When the device is applied to a bathtub and the bather is occupying the chair of which the sections 1 form the bottom or seat, the water may be admitted through the hose 16, pipes 14 and 17 to the sprinkler 18 and from the said sprinkler the water will fall upon the head, shoulders and body of the bather. Inasmuch as the sprinkler 18 is horseshoe shaped and the ends of the said sprinkler are spaced from each other the water will not flow upon the face of the bather when the bather is occupying the chair and by reason of the peculiar configuration of the sections 1, which constitute the seat of the chair, all portions of the body of the bather are accessible for bathing purposes.

When the device is not in use and detached from the bathtub the rods 10 may be disconnected from the socket members 9 and the sections 1 of the chair bottom may be folded upon the hinge 2, and consequently the parts may be packed in small space for shipment or storage.

Having described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A shower bath chair comprising a seat, rods detachably connected with the seat, a bar mounted upon the rods and adapted to serve as the back for the chair, a head

- mounted upon the rods, a pipe adjustably passing through the head, means for securing the pipe at an adjusted position, and a sprinkler mounted upon the pipe and being
- 5 approximately horseshoe shaped.
2. A shower bath chair including a seat for support on the walls of a tub, arms extending rearwardly from the seat, a back structure rising from said arms, and a
- 10 sprayer extending forwardly from said back structure disposed over said seat.
3. A shower bath chair including a seat in foldable sections for support on the walls of a tub, a back structure, means on said seat to detachably engage said back struc- 15 ture, and a sprayer on said back structure extending forwardly therefrom and disposed over said seat.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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