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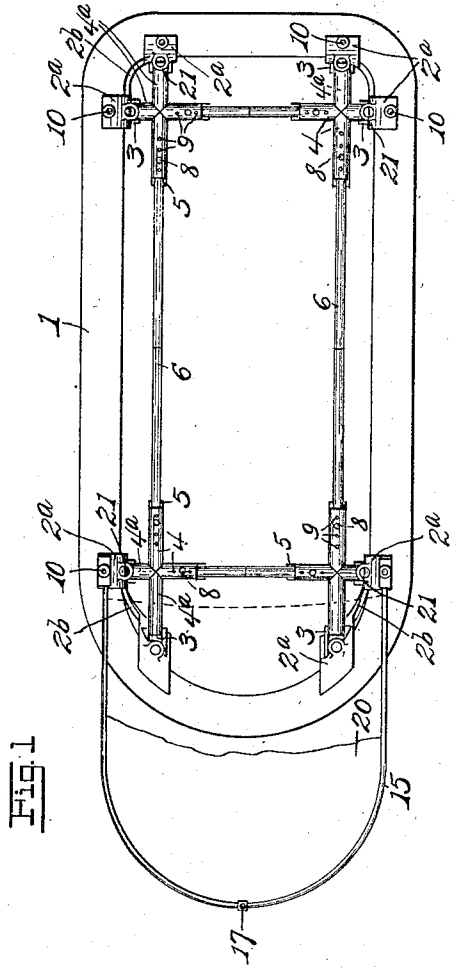


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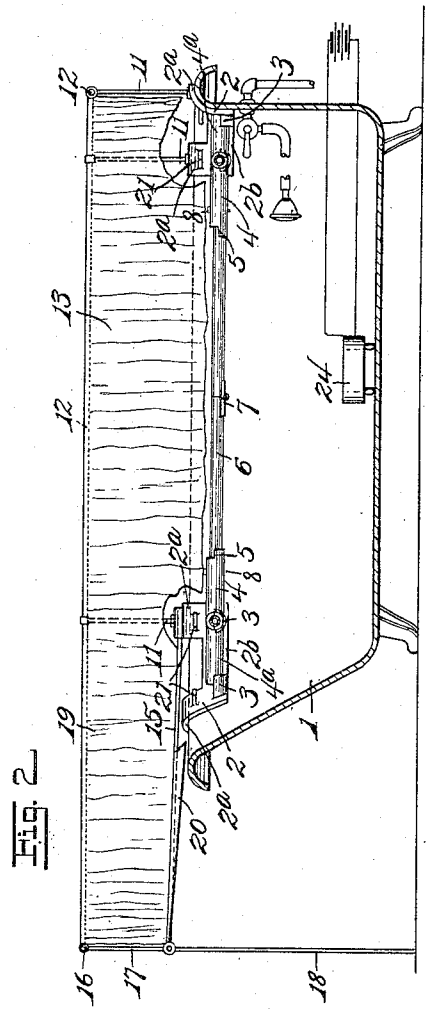


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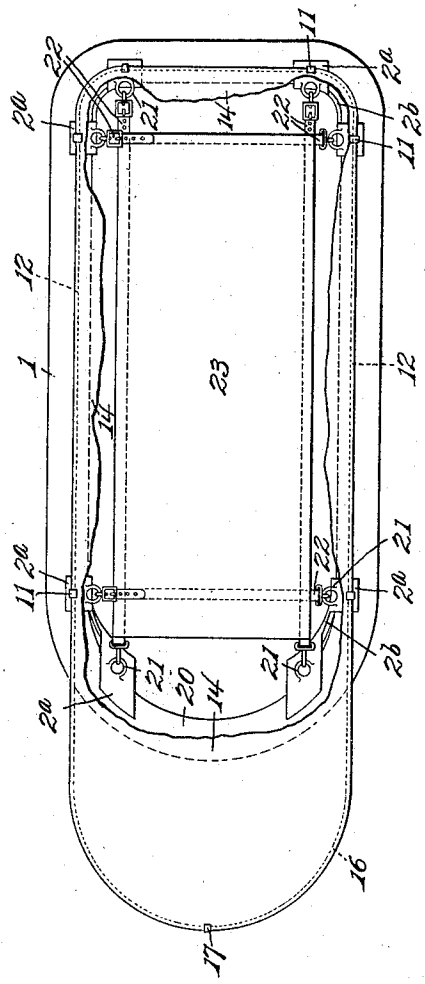


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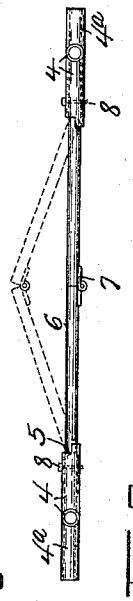


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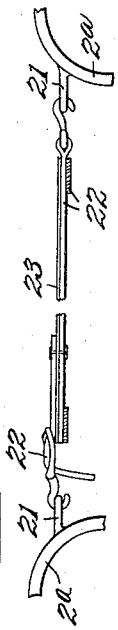


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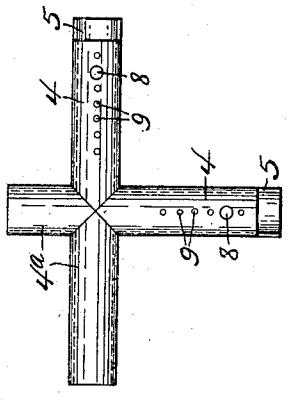


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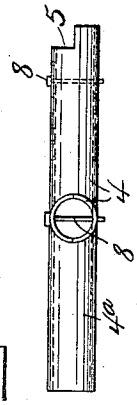


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN G. THOMAS, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Youngstown, county of Mahoning, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Turkish-Bath Attachments for Bath-Tubs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates broadly to attachments for bath tubs, and more particularly to a Turkish or vapor bath attachment for such tubs.

The primary object of the invention is to provide inclosing curtains and a supporting frame designed for mounting upon bath tubs of ordinary forms whereby is constituted a cabinet or inclosure within which a Turkish or vapor bath may be taken.

A further object is to provide a device of the character mentioned which is foldable into small compass and which may be readily applied to and removed from a bath tub as occasion requires.

With these and other objects in view, the invention resides in the features of construction, arrangement of parts and combinations of elements which will hereinafter be fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the invention applied to a bath tub, the curtains, curtain-supporting rods and body rest being shown removed; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same showing the body rest removed and portions of the curtains broken away to more clearly illustrate some of the parts; Fig. 3 is an enlarged top plan view of one of the cross-shaped members of the frame; Fig. 4 is a side view of the same; Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the device complete, except that a portion of the cover or canopy is shown broken away; Fig. 6 is a side elevation of a foldable frame rod; and Fig. 7 is an enlarged detail section in side elevation of the body rest.

Referring to said drawings, in which like designating characters distinguish like parts throughout the several views—1 indicates a bath tub of an ordinary form, the same having removably supported on the roll portion thereof at each of its four curved corners a saddle plate 2. Each of said saddle plates comprises two portions 2^a designed to conformably seat upon the roll portion of the tub, and a connecting member 2^b, the latter being formed integral with and joining said seating portions 2^a and being curved to substantially conform to the curvature of the inner walls of the tub at the corners. As is obvious, since the corners at the head end differ from those at the foot end of the tub, the form of the saddle plates for said ends must differ slightly to enable them to conformably seat upon the tub roll and against the tub walls, as shown in the drawings. Formed integral with each saddle plate and located on the tub-wall engaging portion of the latter are two inwardly projecting trough-like seats 3 which are disposed at right angles to each other and which are designed to receive thereon or therein the end portions 4^a of a cross-shaped frame member. Disposed in alinement with each of said end portions 4^a is a tubular portion 4. Each of said portions is offset, as shown at 5, and is adapted for receiving therein the end of a foldable rod 6 constituting a part of a supporting frame. Four of the rods 6 are used, one adjacent to each side and one adjacent to each end of the tub, as shown in Fig. 1, each of said rods being formed in two sections connected by an underlying hinge 7. Said rods are introduced by first placing them in the position indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 6, after which they are forced down into the alined position shown in full lines in said figure. As is apparent, when said rods are disposed in their proper positions, they constitute braces whereby the frame members 4 and saddle plates 2 are firmly braced in position. Pins 8 are adjusted in holes 9 provided therefor in the portions 4 so that when the rods are seated in extended positions, the ends of the latter will abut thereagainst.

Provided in each of the portions 2^a of the saddle plates at the foot-end of the tub, and also provided in each of the lateral portions 2^a of the saddle plates at the head-end of the tub, is a socket 10 adapted to receive therein a standard 11. Horizontally disposed rods 12 are mounted upon the upper ends of said standards and have attached thereto the upper edge of a curtain or curtains 13 of fabric material which depend below the level of the top edge of the tub. A canopy or overlying curtain 14 is stretched over the top of the frame constituted by the rods 12, as shown in Fig. 5. For increasing the length of the inclosure constituted by the curtains, an extension is provided at the head-end of the tub, said extension being

formed by mounting the ends of a bow-shaped rod 15 in the lateral portions 2^a of the saddle plates at the head-end of the tub and by mounting thereover a similarly shaped curtain supporting rod 16, said rod having its ends mounted on the upper ends of the adjacent standards 11. The outer or bowed portions of the rods 15 and 16 are held in fixed or spaced relation by means of a connecting rod 17, and said bowed portions are supported by a leg 18 which is hinged at its upper end to said rod 15 and is adapted to have its lower end stand upon the floor upon which rests the tub 1. A curtain 19 is attached at its upper and lower edges to said rods 16 and 15, respectively, and the canopy-like cover 14 is extended to overlie the extension constituted by said bowed rods. Underlying said extension and carried by said rod 15 is a leg-rest 20 of suitable fabric, as canvas, the same being stretched upon said rod 15.

An inwardly extending hook or ring, as 21, is formed on or attached to each of the portions 2^a of the various saddle plates 2, the same being designed for having attached thereto the ends of adjustable straps, as 22, carried by a rectangular canvas support 23 which is designed to serve as a couch or body-rest upon which a person may lie. As is obvious, the extension hereinbefore referred to is designed to receive the legs of the person lying on the body rest, the legs being supported upon the leg-rest 20.

Heat may be provided in any suitable way, a small electric heater 24 being herein shown for illustrative purposes as resting upon the bottom of the tub.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I provide a knock-down Turkish bath cabinet or device which may be readily applied to an ordinary bath tub, affording means whereby a Turkish bath may be conveniently taken in the home.

What is claimed is—

1. A Turkish bath apparatus comprising, in combination with a bath tub, a sectional supporting frame adapted for seating upon the top of the tub, a body rest removably supported on said frame, a curtain frame carried by said supporting frame and constituting a substantially rectangular inclosure, depending curtains carried by said curtain frame, and a cover for stretching across the top of said curtain frame.

2. A Turkish bath apparatus comprising, in combination with a bath tub, saddle plates designed to seat upon the top of the tub and having seats formed thereon; a sectional rectangular frame having portions for seating on said seats, said frame being adapted to maintain said saddle plates braced in position, a removable body rest overlying said frame, curtain supports mounted upon said saddle plates, depending curtains carried by said supports, and a cover for stretching across the top of said supports, said cover, curtains and body rest constituting an inclosure.

3. A Turkish bath apparatus comprising, in combination with a bath tub, saddle plates designed to seat upon the top of the tub and having seats formed thereon; a sectional rectangular frame having portions for seating on said seats, said frame being adapted to maintain said saddle plates braced in position, a body rest of flexible material, means for removably attaching said body rest to said saddle plates above said frame, a curtain supporting frame supported by said saddle plates, depending curtains carried by said curtain frame, and a cover stretched across the top of said curtain frame, said cover, curtains and body rest constituting an inclosure.

4. A Turkish bath apparatus comprising, in combination with a bath tub, saddle plates designed to seat upon the top of the tub and having seats formed thereon; a sectional rectangular frame having portions for seating on said seats, said frame being adapted to maintain said saddle plates braced in position, a body rest of flexible material, means for removably attaching said body rest to said saddle plates above said frame, a curtain supporting frame supported by said saddle plates, depending curtains carried by said curtain frame, a bow-shaped rod extending over and beyond one end of the tub and supported by adjacent saddle plates, a similarly shaped rod supported by said curtain frame and disposed over and at a distance from the first mentioned rod, curtains connecting said rods, a leg rest of flexible material stretched across the first mentioned rod, and a horizontal cover stretched upon said curtain frame and on the uppermost of said bow-shaped rods, said cover, curtains, body rest and leg rest constituting an inclosure within which the body of a person may be disposed.

5. The combination with a bath tub, of a frame, detachable means for supporting said frame over said tub, curtains carried by said frame, said curtains and said tub constituting an inclosure, and a body rest carried by said frame-supporting means.

6. The combination with a bath tub, of a curtain frame disposed over said tub, means resting upon said tub for supporting said frame, foldable means for bracing said frame-supporting means, and a body support carried by said frame-supporting means.

7. The combination with a bath tub, of a plurality of saddles arranged in pairs and adapted to conformably seat upon the roll portion of said tub, foldable means removably disposed between opposite pairs of saddles for holding the latter in fixed positions

on the tub, and a cover for said tub removably disposed over said saddles.

8. The combination with a bath tub having a roll portion, of a plurality of saddles loosely seated upon said roll portion, a curtain frame mounted upon said saddles, and curtains carried by said frame, said curtains and said tub constituting an inclosure.

9. In a vapor bath apparatus, a bath tub having a roll portion, curtains disposed over said tub, a frame upon which said curtains are supported, and means for seating said frame upon said tub, said means comprising a plurality of saddles loosely seated upon said roll portion.

10. In a vapor bath apparatus, a bath tub, a plurality of saddles supported by said tub, seats formed upon said saddles, means engaging said seats for bracing said saddles, and a body support carried by said saddles.

11. In a vapor bath apparatus, a bath tub, a plurality of saddles supported by said tub, seats formed in said saddles, a frame having portions adapted to rest upon said seats for bracing said saddles, a body support removably attached to said saddles, and a cover disposed over said body support.

12. In a vapor bath apparatus, a bath tub, a plurality of saddle plates supported by said tub, seats formed in said plates, cross-shaped frame members having portions resting upon said seats, foldable rods engaging said frame members, and a body rest removably fastened to said plates.

13. In a vapor bath apparatus, a bath tub, a plurality of saddle plates supported by said tub, seats formed in said plates, cross-shaped frame members having portions resting upon said seats, foldable rods engaging said frame members, said rods and said frame members affording means whereby said plates are braced in seating relation to said tub, a body rest fastened to said plates, and curtains constituting an inclosure for said parts.

14. In a vapor bath apparatus, a bath tub, a plurality of saddle plates supported by said tub, seats formed in said plates, cross-shaped frame members having portions resting upon said seats, foldable rods engaging said frame members, said rods and said frame members affording means whereby said plates are braced in seating relation to said tub, a body rest fastened to said plates, upright rods mounted upon said plates, a substantially rectangular frame carried by said rods, and curtains disposed over said frame and depending below the upper edge of the tub.

15. In a vapor bath apparatus, a bath tub, a plurality of saddle plates supported by said tub, seats formed in said plates, cross-shaped frame members having portions resting upon said seats, foldable rods engaging said frame members, said rods and said frame members affording means whereby said plates are braced in seating relation to said tub, upright rods mounted upon said plates, a substantially rectangular frame carried by said rods, and curtains disposed over said frame and depending below the upper edge of the tub.

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

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