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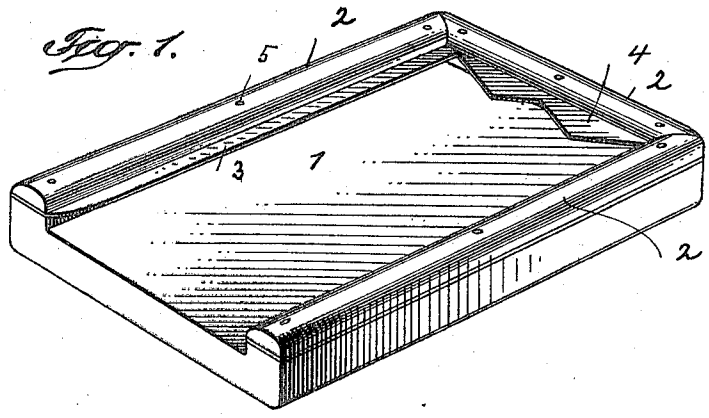


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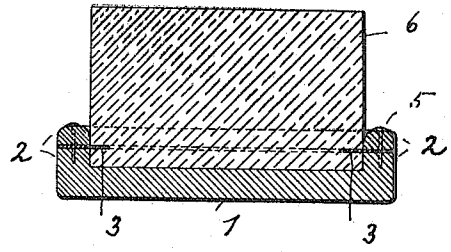


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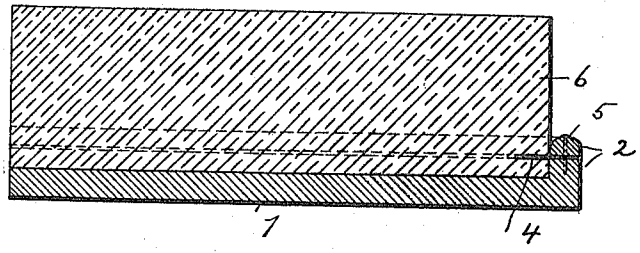


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN WIRTH, a citizen of Hungary, and a resident of New York city, in the county of New York, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soap-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a soap holder of novel construction, which is more particularly adapted to be used during laundrying. The holder may be readily attached to the cake of soap, obtains a firm grip thereon, and effectively protects the hand from injurious contact therewith.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a soap holder embodying my invention;

Fig. 2, a cross section showing the soap attached thereto, and

Fig. 3, a longitudinal section.

The device comprises essentially, a plate 1 constituting a handle, and made preferably of oblong form, so as to conform to the shape of a conventional cake of laundry soap. On three of its sides there extends from the face of plate 1, a fixed rim 2, while the fourth side of the plate is rimless, or open. Rim 2 is made in the form of a bead, which is rounded in cross section, by which configuration any sharp edges that would be liable to tear the wash are avoided.

From rim 2 there extend inwardly, soap gripping means or blades, the two blades 3 projecting inwardly from the two longitudinal members of the rim being shown to be made with a straight inner edge, while the blade 4 projecting inwardly from the transverse member of the rim is shown to be serrated. The blades 3, 4 should extend from the rim, in a plane intermediate the surface of plate 1, and the upper side of the rim, the drawing showing the rim to be composed of a lower section (integral with the plate) and of an upper section, between which sections the blades are held, the upper section being secured to the lower section by brads 5. This construction may however, obviously be changed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

In use, the cake of soap 6, is slipped through the open side of the rim, over the face of plate 1, so as to become engaged by the longitudinal blades 3, which will cut corresponding longitudinal grooves into the sides of the soap. As the latter is eventually pushed against the transverse member of the rim, the points of the serrated blade 4 will readily enter the end of the soap so as to here likewise insure a firm hold.

In use, the holder charged as described, is grasped, and manipulated, as would be a cake of soap during laundrying. The handle permits a firm grasp to be obtained, protects the hand from objectionable contact with the partly dissolved soap, stiffens the soap when partly used up and permits it to be worn down to a thin sliver.

I claim:

A soap holder comprising an oblong plate, a fixed rim extending along three sides of the plate while the fourth side is open, a pair of blades projecting inwardly from the two longitudinal members of the rim, and a serrated blade extending inwardly from the transverse member of the rim.

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