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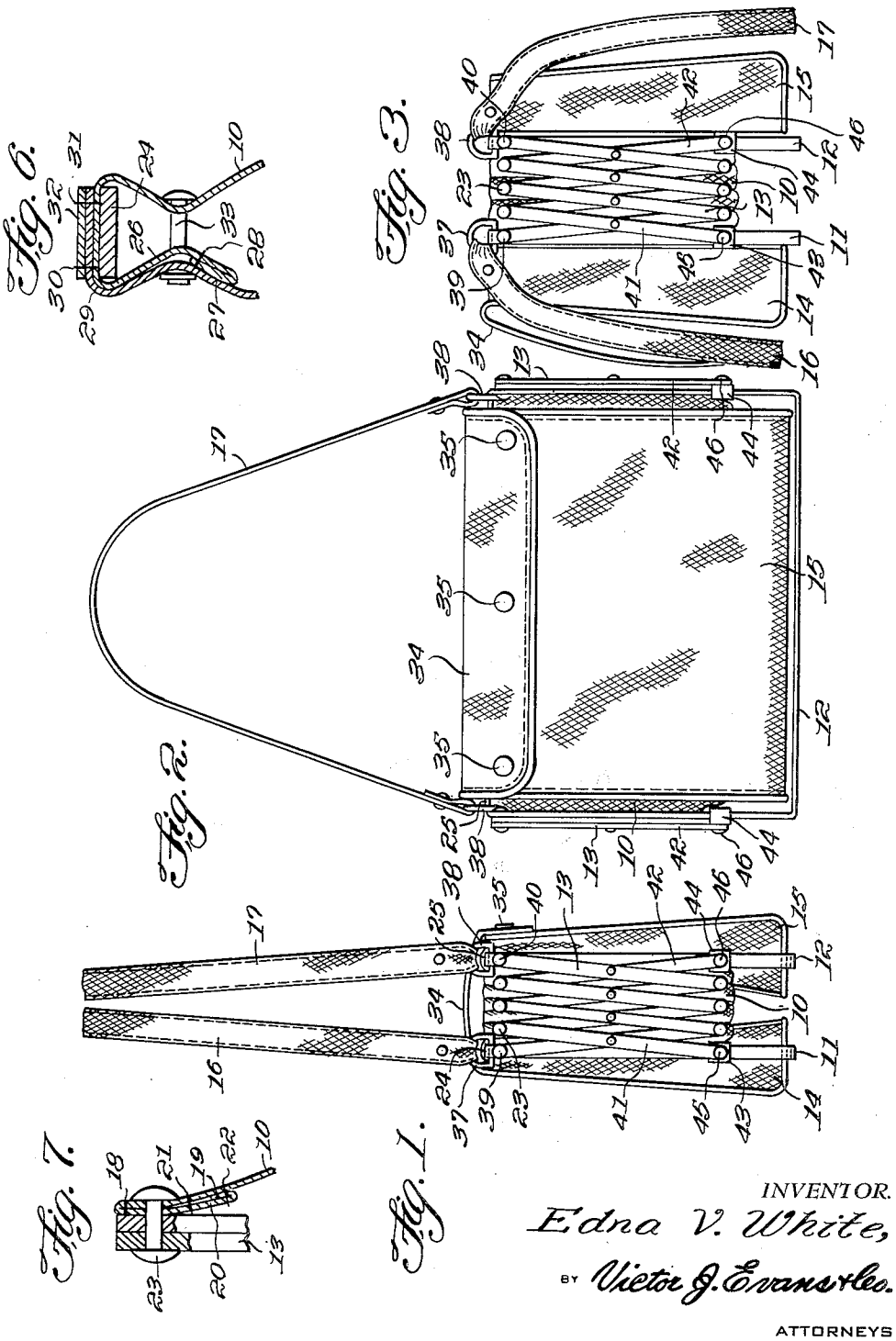


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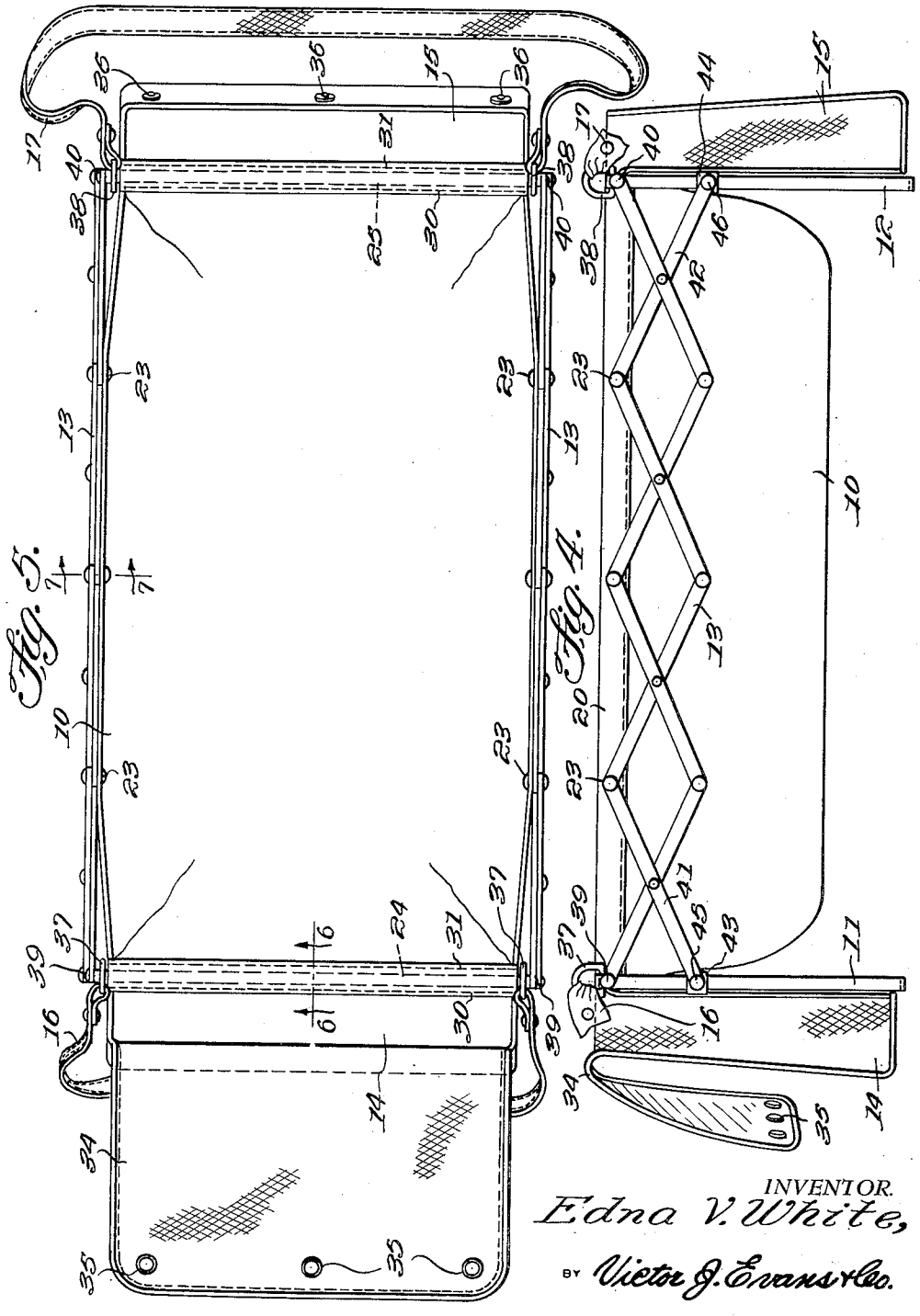


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This invention relates to folding or collapsible bath tub in which a fabric bathtub is provided in a folding supporting frame and the frame is provided with pouches and straps wherein the folded device may readily be carried over the shoulder of a nurse, mother, or the like.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a bath tub for bathing infants that may readily be folded and carried from one place to another.

The usual collapsible bath tub for infants is folded or collapsed for storage when not in use but even with bath tubs that fold completely they are awkward to carry from one place to another. For some uses and particularly for an emergency such as a flood, cyclone, fire or war where it is necessary for nurses to go from place to place to bathe infants it is desirable to provide a bath tub that may readily be folded to a comparatively small size and to combine therewith pouches or compartments in which first aid equipment or soap, towels and the like may be carried. With this thought in mind this invention contemplates a fabric tub suspended between supports with collapsible end members, shoulder straps, and pouches on the supports.

The object of this invention is, therefore, to provide means for constructing a supporting stand for a bath tub wherein the parts thereof may readily be folded to provide a comparatively small package that may be conveniently carried over the shoulder of a nurse or the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a collapsible bath tub in which the supporting elements are of comparatively light weight material.

A further object of the invention is to provide a collapsible bath tub that may be folded for carrying over the shoulder which is of a comparatively simple and economical construction.

Other features and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description taken in connection with the drawings: wherein:

Figure 1 is an end elevational view of a collapsible combination bath tub with the parts folded and with the shoulder straps extended upwardly.

Figure 2 is a view showing an end elevation of the device as illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is an end elevational view similar to that shown in Figure 1 showing the parts partly opened and with the shoulder straps extended downwardly.

Figure 4 is a view showing a side elevation of the bath tub with the parts extended wherein the fabric bathtub is suspended between the supports as it appears in use.

Figure 5 is a plan view of the device with the parts extended as illustrated in Figure 4.

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Figure 6 is a detail showing a cross section through the rail at the upper end at one of the supports taken on line 6—6 of Figure 5 with the material of the adjoining sides of the bath tub and pouch positioned over the rail.

Figure 7 is a similar detail taken on line 7—7 of Figure 5 showing a cross section through the upper part of one of the side rails of the device.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts the collapsible combination bath tub of this invention includes a fabric tub 10 of rubberized flexible material or other material impervious to moisture, rectangular-shaped end support frames 11 and 12, lazy tongs 13, pouches 14 and 15 and shoulder straps 16 and 17.

The upper edges of the sides of the tub 10 are folded over as illustrated in Figure 7 with stitches 18 spaced from the upper edge and with ends 19 of the folded over strips 20 folded under and stitched through the sides of the tub by rows of stitching 21 and 22. The sides of the tub are secured to the lazy tongs 13 by rivets 23.

The ends of the tub extend over upper rails 24 and 25 of the end support frames as illustrated in Figure 6, and the edges 26 extend downwardly on the opposite sides of the rails with the lower edges 27 thereof turned under and secured by stitches 28. The inner walls of the pouches 14 and 15 are also secured to the end rails 24 and 25 with the upper edges 29 of the inner walls of the pouches extended across corresponding parts of the tub 10 and held thereto by rows of stitching 30 and 31 with the stitching securing a binding strip 32 over the overlapping section of the tub and pouches. These parts of the tub and pouches are also secured under the rails 24 and 25 by rivets 33 also as shown in Figure 6.

The outer wall of the pouch 14 is provided with a cover or flap 34 which, with the parts collapsed as illustrated in Figure 1 folds over the upper end of the pouch 15 covering the collapsed tub 10 positioned between the pouches. The flap 34 is provided with snap fasteners 35 that coact with corresponding fasteners 36 on the outer wall of the pouch 15 to secure the parts in the collapsed position.

The shoulder strap 16 is secured to the upper part of the end support frame 11 by rings 37 and the strap 17 is secured to the upper part of the frame 12 by rings 38. The straps 16 and 17 may be formed of any suitable flexible material.

The upper end of the end sections of the lazy tongs 13 are pivotally mounted on the upper ends of the end support frames 11 and 12 by pins 39 and 40, respectively and the lower ends of the end

sections, which are indicated by the numerals **41** and **42** are pivotally connected to sliders **43** and **44**, respectively by pins **45** and **46**. The sliders and links of the lazy tongs are similar on both sides of the bath tub and as the bath tub is collapsed the sliders **43** and **44** slide downwardly on the sides of the end support frames and when the device is fully collapsed these sliders are in the positions illustrated in Figure 1.

With the parts arranged in this manner the combination device may readily be collapsed to the position illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3 and when it is desired to use the bath tub the end support frames are spread apart to the positions illustrated in Figures 4 and 5 and by this means the tub **10** will be stretched with the body part thereof suspended between the end support frames. With the parts in this position the pouches **14** and **15** are opened so that materials may be used therefrom as desired.

The parts are comparatively small and of light weight material whereby when folded the combination bath tub and hand bag is of substantially the same size and weight as some ladies' hand bags.

It will be understood that modifications may be made in the design and arrangement of the parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A collapsible combination bath tub and hand bag comprising spaced vertically disposed end frames, a fabric bath tub suspended between the said end frames, lazy tongs positioned between and connecting the said end support frames, shoulder straps extended upwardly from the said

frames, pouches carried on the outer surface of the said end support frames, a flap extended from the outer wall of one of the pouches over the pouches, tub and frames with the device in the collapsed position, and means securing the edge of the said flap to the outer wall of the other pouch for retaining the said parts in the said collapsed position.

2. In a collapsible bath tub and hand bag, the combination which comprises spaced vertically disposed end support frames, a rubberized fabric bath tub suspended between the said end frames, lazy tongs positioned between and connecting the said end frames, shoulder straps extended upwardly from said frames, pouches carried on the outer surfaces of said frames, a flap extended from one of the pouches over the end support frames, bath tub and other pouch with the parts collapsed providing a cover, and means securing the flap to the other pouch for holding the parts in the collapsed position.

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