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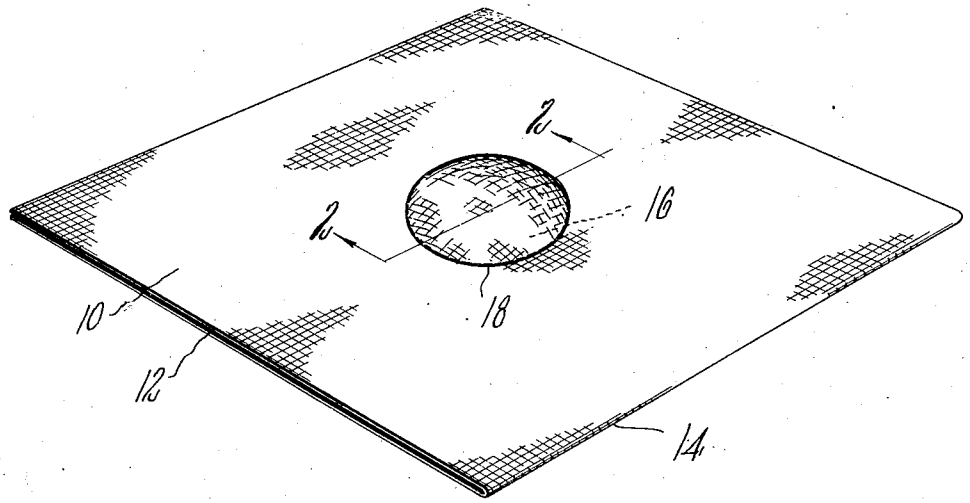


Fig. 1.

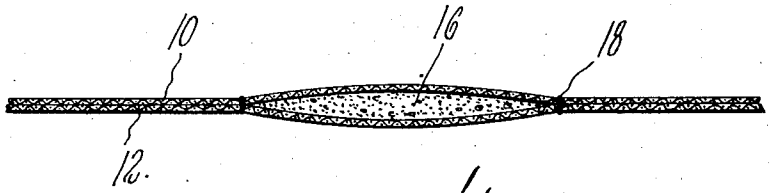


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This invention relates to a sanitary wash cloth.

The principal object of the invention is the production of a sanitary wash cloth which may be thrown away after one use.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a wash cloth provided with a pocket for carrying a supply of soap in granulated or powdered form sufficient for one use.

Further objects of the invention will be in part obvious and in part hereinafter described.

My invention contemplates a wash cloth of any material suitable for that purpose, but preferably of textile material, having a small closed pocket formed therein by stitching or otherwise, said pocket being filled with a detergent material preferably in granulated or powdered form. It is desirable that the material used for the wash cloth be of cheap but suitable material so that it may be made at a low cost to justify throwing the wash cloth away after a single use.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a wash cloth made in accordance with the invention and Figure 2 is a sectional view on an enlarged scale on line 2—2 in Figure 1.

In the preferred form of the invention illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawing, the wash cloth comprises two superposed layers 10 and 12 of any material suitable for that purpose. Preferably a textile material is used and in the form shown, a rectangular sheet of material is folded upon itself on line 14 to form an approximately square body portion of double thickness. The edges of the two layers, other than the folded edge 14, are left free and unattached to each other but it is obvious that they may be stitched together if so desired.

In order to form a closed pocket in the wash cloth the two layers 10 and 12 are fastened together in any suitable manner such as by a circle of stitching 18. The pocket is of a size adapted to hold a supply of detergent 16 adequate for a single use of the wash cloth. The detergent may be of any form but preferably is in granulated or powdered form and is placed in position between the layers just before the pocket is formed by the stitching 18.

The pocket is shown as centrally located in the wash cloth but it is obvious that it may be formed in any portion of the article. The sizes and shapes of the wash cloth and the pocket may be varied to suit the requirements of use or to conform to particular purposes.

My invention has many advantages. Wash cloths made in accordance therewith can be made and sold in sealed packages at a very low cost and when so packed are maintained in a perfect sanitary condition up to the time of use. Since each wash cloth contains a supply of detergent material entirely adequate for one use, which material is protected from contamination, it is unnecessary to resort to detergents which have been used by others or which have been exposed to possible contamination.

A wash cloth of this description is especially adapted for use on the tender skin of infants and children which is very susceptible to impurities either on the wash cloth or in the detergent. It is also especially adapted for use in travelling because of its sanitary qualities and because it can be thrown away after one use which avoids the disadvantages of packing a wet wash rag. It will be obvious that there are many other uses to which a wash cloth of this description can be applied with advantage.

It is to be understood that my invention may be embodied in various other forms than that herein shown and described all within the purview of the following claims.

What I claim is:

A sanitary wash cloth adapted to be discarded after a single use and comprising a rectangular piece of suitable cheap textile material folded upon itself to form two superposed layers of the same area, said layers being stitched together at or adjacent the center of said cloth to form an approximately circular closed pocket, said pocket containing detergent material in granulated or powdered form sufficient for one use only, the remaining portions of said two layers being unattached to each other except at said fold.

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