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BATHING MAT.

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Fig. 1.

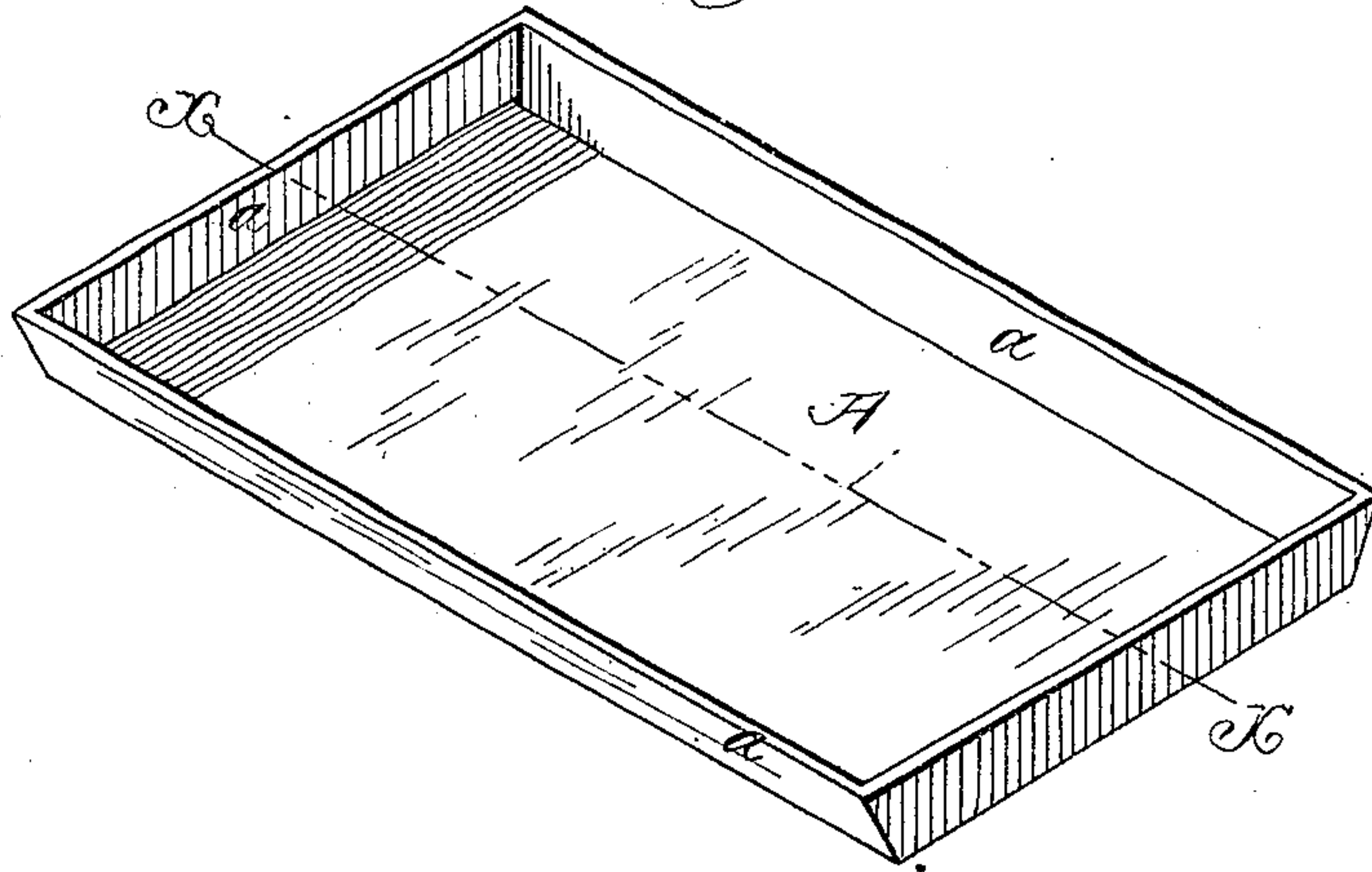
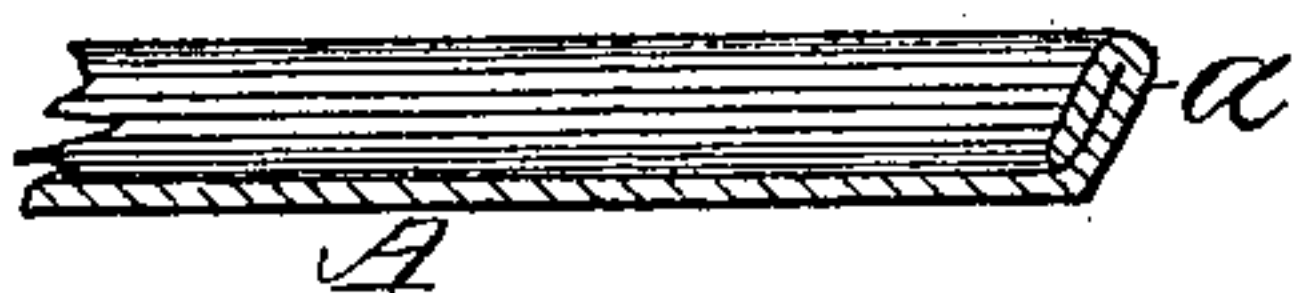


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE H. MANSFIELD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathing-Mats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This improved bathing-mat is made of india-rubber, enameled cloth, or other flexible material which is water-proof, and is provided with an edge entirely surrounding it and sufficiently raised to prevent the water which drips from the body of the person who is standing upon it from escaping or running from the mat at its edges.

In the accompanying plate of drawings my improved bathing-mat is illustrated, Figure 1 being a perspective view; Fig. 2, a section on line *x x*, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows a modification of the construction of the edge.

In the drawings, A represents a mat, preferably made of a sheet of vulcanized india-rubber, having its upper surface made flat and smooth, and *a* the edge surrounding the same and rising slightly above the mat, and sufficiently to prevent the water which drips from a person standing upon it, in bathing, from running or passing off at the edges of the mat.

The edge may be produced by molding the

rubber directly into the shape shown in Figs. 1 and 2, or by molding and doubling over the edge, as shown in Fig. 3.

The mat, although described as made of india-rubber, may be made of other flexible material, such as enameled cloth, which is water-proof.

This bathing-mat is to be large enough to extend over quite a surface of the floor in use, to prevent spattering of the water, in bathing, on the floor or carpet, and to be made of quite thin material, so that when not in use it can be folded or rolled up into a small and compact bundle to be put away.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a bather's mat made of thin water-proof material, having its upper surface made flat and smooth, and provided with a raised edge, *a*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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