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BATH TUB ATTACHMENT.

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FIG. 1.

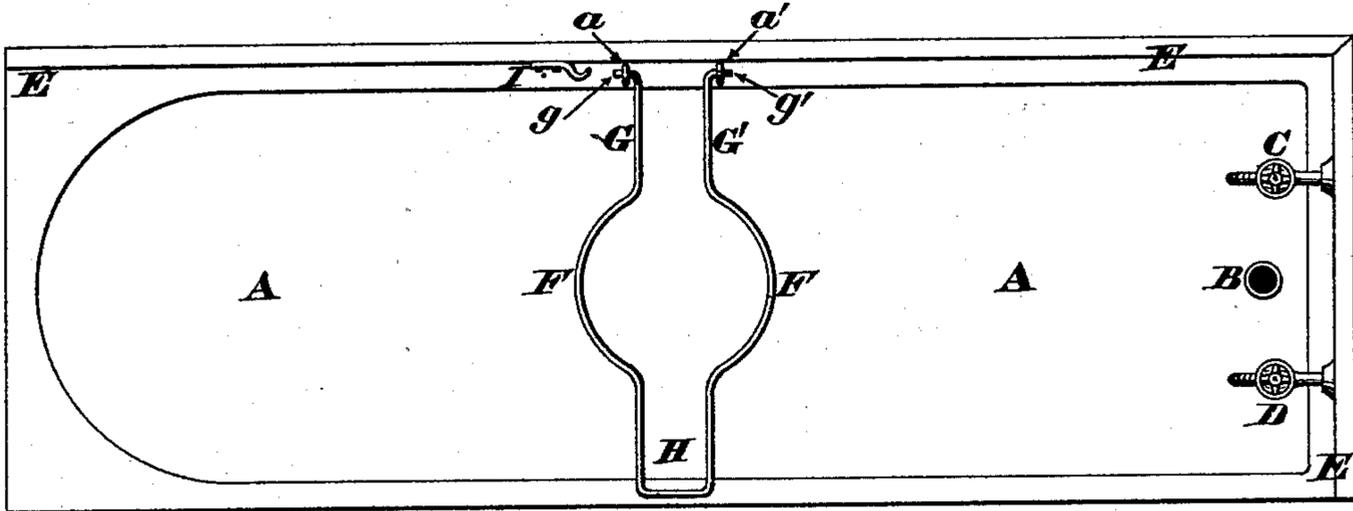


FIG. 2.

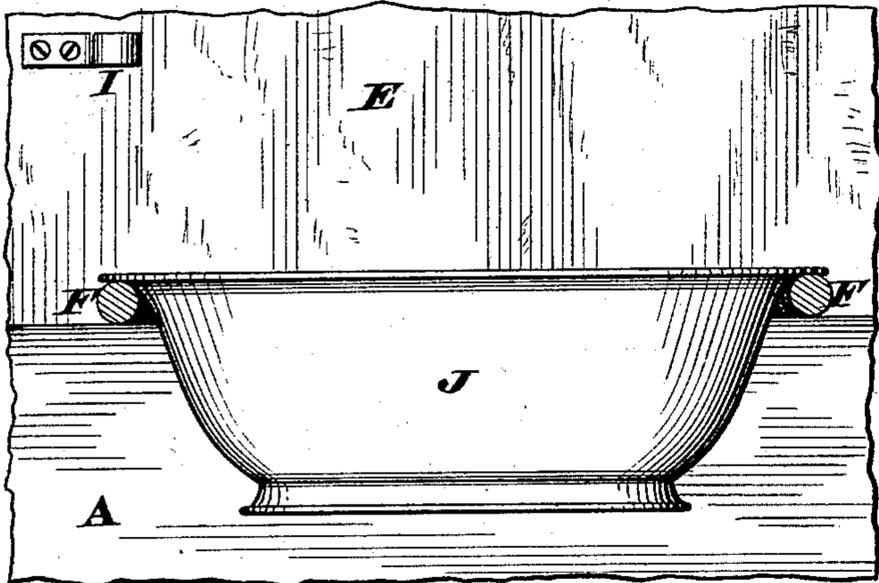


FIG. 3.

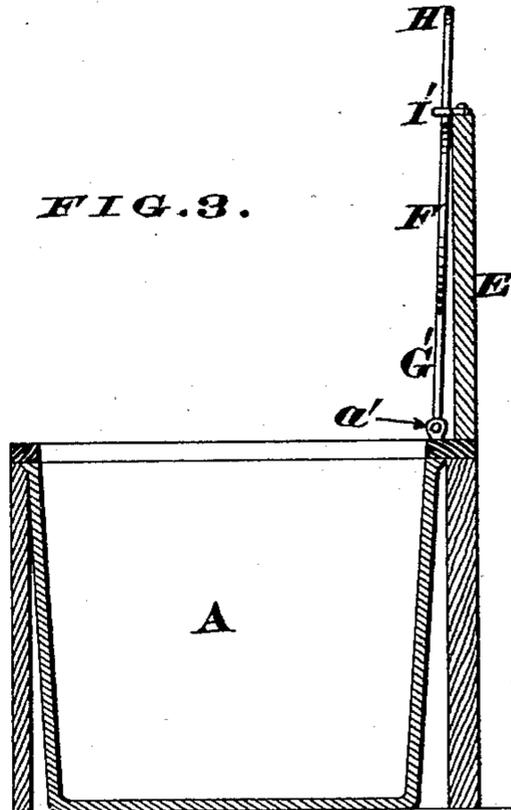
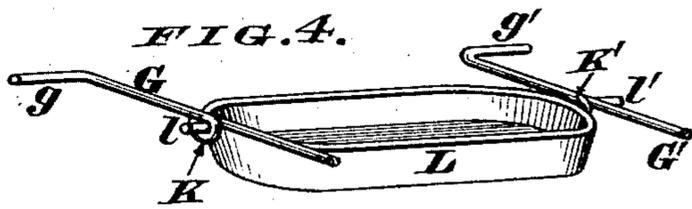


FIG. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE P. BASSETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bath-Tub Attachments, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 The object of my invention is to provide a cheap and handy device wherewith an ordinary wash basin or bowl can be readily applied to a bath-tub, in order that the latter may catch the slops and drippings from said
15 basin. The device consists of a single piece of wire bent or bowed in the center, so as to form a ring or segment of a ring of such diameter as to receive the basin, the rear ends of said wire being provided with lateral terminations, that engage either with ring-eyes or
20 staples inserted in the splash-board or other surrounding of the tub. Furthermore, this wire frame or support has a looped portion or handle, that rests on the front edge of the bath-tub. When the device is in its normal or
25 horizontal position, a wash basin or bowl can be readily applied to the ring portion of the frame; but as soon as it is desired to use the bath-tub the basin is lifted out of the ring, and
30 said frame is then turned up to a vertical position and locked with catches, hooks, or other convenient retaining devices, as hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

35 Another feature of my invention consists in providing the frame with suitable bearings for the pivots of a swinging soap dish or basket, by which arrangement said receptacle will be maintained in a horizontal position
40 when said frame is raised and lowered, as hereinafter more fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

45 In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of a bath-tub provided with my basin-support, the latter being shown in its normal or horizontal position. Fig. 2 is an enlarged section of the frame, taken longitudinally of the bath-tub, a wash-basin being shown inserted in said
50 frame. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the bath-tub, the wire frame being shown locked in an erect position. Fig. 4 is a perspective

view of that portion of the frame which supports the soap dish or basket.

Referring to Fig. 1, A represents a bath-tub, of any suitable size, shape, and material, said
55 tub being provided with the customary overflow-pipe, B, and cocks C D for hot and cold water. Extending along the back and foot of the tub, and carried up to any suitable distance, is a splash-board, E. The basin-support consists of a frame made of wire bent in
60 the center, so as to form an annulus or ring, F, of any desired diameter, the wire being then carried rearwardly at G G', which members have lateral terminations g g', that engage
65 with ring-eyes, staples, or other similar devices located at the rear side of the tub A. These ring-eyes a a' may be inserted either in the rear edge of the tub, or in a molding surrounding the same, or in the base of the splash-board
70 E. That portion of the frame opposite the extensions G G' is formed into a loop, H, which rests on the front edge of the bath-tub.

I is a spring-clip attached to splash-board E, and adapted to grasp the ring F, and thereby
75 lock the wire frame in an erect position.

J is an ordinary wash-basin, the rim of which rests on said ring F, as seen in Fig. 2. In constructing this basin-support its rearward prolongations, G G', are left perfectly straight, and
80 of such length as to insure the frame extending across the widest bath-tubs in common use. Consequently when the device is to be applied the ring eyes or staples a a' are first
85 inserted in their appropriate places, and the lateral terminations g g' are then bent so as to cause the frame to be sufficiently long to enable the loop or handle H to rest on the front edge of the bath-tub. After being thus bent
90 the surplus portions of terminations g g' are cut off, and said terminations being now snapped into the ring-eyes a a', the device is at once ready for use. When the frame is in the horizontal position seen in Fig. 1, the ring
95 F is practically in the center of the bath-tub A, and therefore when the wash basin or bowl J is seated in this ring there is considerable clear space all around said basin or bowl; hence it follows that any water or suds that may be slopped or splashed over from the basin
100 must fall directly into tub A, and then be drained off in the usual manner.

It will be seen that this simple device serves all the purposes of a stationary wash-stand, and effectually prevents the floor or carpet being wet by sloppings from the basin. As soon, however, as it is desired to use the bath-tub, basin J is lifted out of ring F, and the hinged frame is now swung up to the erect position seen in Fig. 3, thereby affording unobstructed access to said tub. When in this position the frame may be locked by engaging it either with the spring-clip seen in Fig. 2, or with the hook I', represented in Fig. 3 as being applied to the upper edge of splash-board E.

In Fig. 4 the parallel extensions G G' of the frame are shown as provided with two eyes or bearings, K K', that receive the pivots l l' of a swinging dish, basket, or other soap-receptacle, L. By this arrangement said receptacle will be preserved in a horizontal position, no matter whether the basin-frame be turned either up or down.

I am aware it is not new to apply a swinging frame to a bath-tub for the purpose of supporting a wash-basin therein, as such a device is seen in the patent granted to F. Schutte, June 27, 1882, No. 260,054. Such being the state of the art, my claims are not to be construed as an attempt to cover any and every

kind of swinging frame for this purpose; but the invention is limited to the specific construction and combination of devices herein described.

I claim as my invention—

1. A wash-basin support for bath-tubs, which support consists of a wire frame having a bowed portion or ring, F, to admit the basin, an extension, H, to bear on the front edge of the tub, and prolongations G G', to rest on the rear edge of the latter, said prolongations having lateral terminations g g', that engage with the ring-eyes a a', or their equivalents, for the purpose specified.

2. In combination with a bath-tub, the basin-supporting frame F G G' g g' H, ring-eyes a a', or their equivalents, and locking device I, for the purpose herein described.

3. In combination with the basin-supporting frame F G G' g g' H, the swinging soap-receptacle L, whose pivots l l' are hung in the eyes K K' of said frame, as and for the purpose specified.

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

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