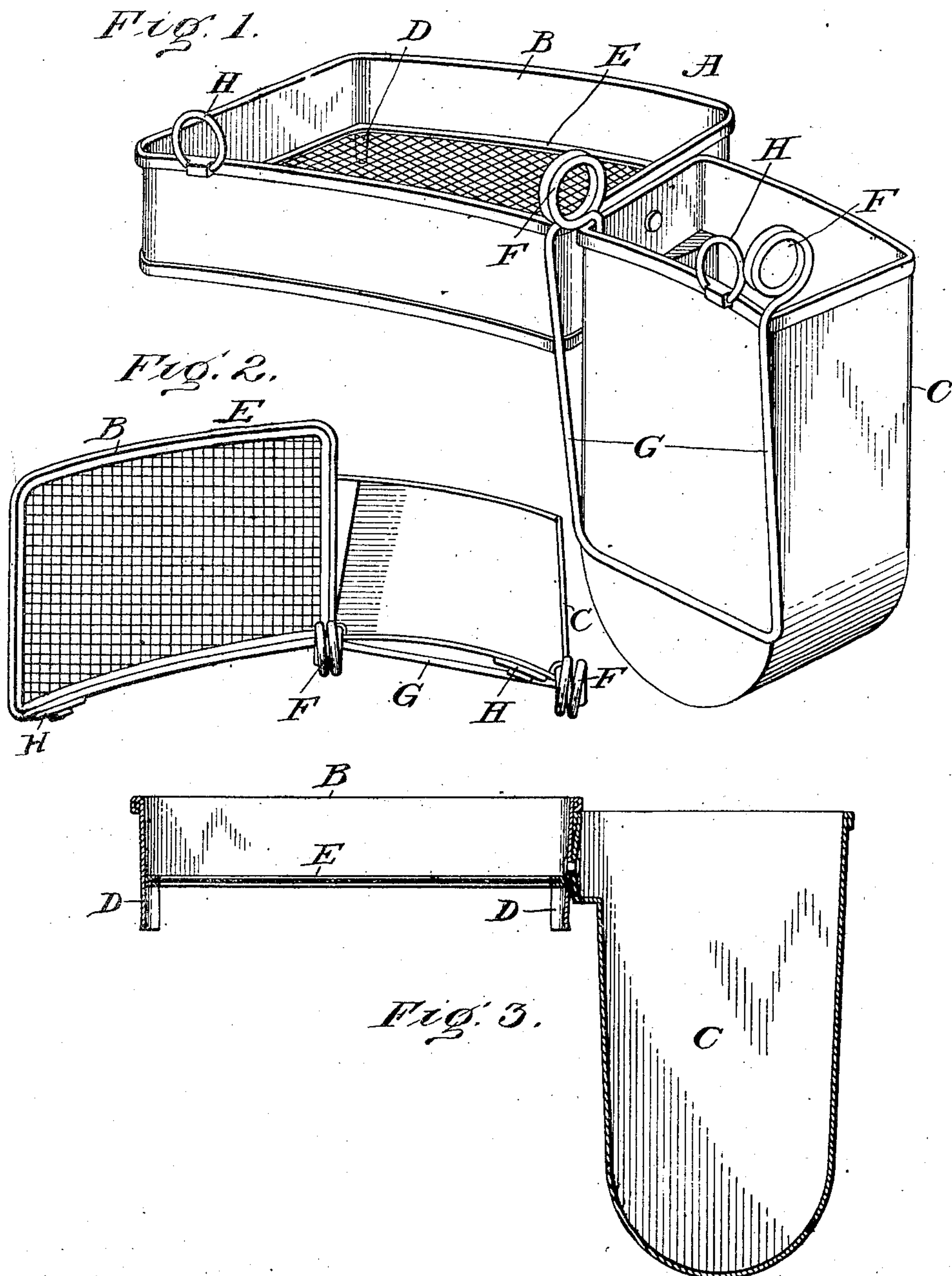


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY E. HEARTTAGEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Allentown, in the county of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soap and Brush Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a soap and brush holder, and has for its more prominent object an article of the character stated peculiarly presented in the form of a simple and efficient attachment comprising two compartments—one for containing the soap and the other for holding a brush, wash-rag, or sponge.

With the above and other purposes in view the invention consists in the novel construction of soap and brush holder and also certain improved details thereof hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a holder embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of said holder, and Fig. 3 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same.

Similar reference characters are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings wherein they occur.

The attachment A comprises generally the shallow soap-holding dish B and the deeper receptacle C, the latter being secured to the former by soldering or riveting, or it may be made in one piece therewith, these two receptacles being made of a suitable material, such as tin, aluminium, papier-mâché, or satisfactory fibrous composition. The soap-holder B is provided with legs D at each corner, above which is a perforated plate or wire screen E for the purpose of supporting the soap above the draining-space provided below, the receptacle C, which is secured to the soap-holder, being of sufficient depth to hold an ordinary scrubbing-brush or, if desired, a wash-rag or sponge. This receptacle is secured to the soap-holder so as to make the two virtually one, and when so secured the rear face of both receptacles will be curved, so as to snugly fit against the outside of a pail or tub.

F is a spring, which is preferably made of one piece of wire, the ends of the wire being secured upon the inside of the receptacle C in each rear corner of the same and then extended upward from said receptacle and coiled two or three times, and the loop G, formed by said spring, extending downward, the tendency of the spring-coils being to force the loop against the rear face of the receptacle C, so that when it is desired to attach my invention to a pail, tub, or other object the upper edge of the pail or tub is forced between the receptacle C and the loop, and the tension of the spring will hold the attachment securely in place.

H represents rings, one of which is secured to the receptacle C and the other to the soap-holder A. These rings are for the purpose of hanging up the attachment when not in use upon a pail or tub, and may be utilized for serving with its contained articles, while the device is hanging upon the wall.

The advantage of my invention is that by having a device of this description attached to a pail or tub it will not be necessary to allow the brush or soap to remain in the water, and thus saving in the cost of the soap or brush will pay for the article in a very short time, and a further advantage of my invention is that the novel article may be manufactured and put upon the market so cheap that it will be within the reach of almost every person, and when the attachment is not in use upon a pail it may be hung upon the wall and there serve its purpose equally as well.

It will be observed by reference to Fig. 3 that the upper portion of the receptacle C contiguous to where it is connected to the dish partakes of an offset character. By this means the upper part of a sponge or wash-rag inserted in the receptacle will be somewhat more loose than that part which is within the lower contracted portion of the receptacle, and consequently said upper part of the sponge or rag can be more conveniently seized by the fingers when it is desired to remove the sponge or rag. Another important advantage ensuing by reason of such offset portion is that ample clearance is afforded for the employment of a clamping-loop of adequate dimensions.



sions with respect to the receptacle-back and which will serve for the efficient clamping of the tub portion and receptacle-wall firmly together.

5 When the device is placed with its legs D bearing on a basin-slab or table-top, it can be so positioned that the soap-dish will be positively supported on said slab or top, while the receptacle by reason of its offset portion  
10 will overhang clear of the slab or top and permit the loop to be utilized for clamping a sponge or cloth externally against the receptacle.

Having thus fully described my invention,  
15 what I claim as new and useful is—

A device of the character described, comprising a shallow horizontal soap-dish with depending corner-legs for providing a lower drain-space, a screen-support above said legs,  
20 a screen on said support, a distinct deeper receptacle laterally at one end of the dish and having its upper portion in the same horizon-

tal plane therewith, said deeper receptacle non-communicating with the soap-dish and including an upper offset portion in direct re- 25 lation with and positively connected to the adjacent parallel wall of the dish, the rear walls of both the dish and receptacle being contiguously disposed and curved to mutually conform to the corresponding surface of the tub, 30 and a wire having its ends secured at the rear upper corners of the deeper receptacle providing upper elevated coils disposed transversely to the receptacle-back, and an externally-depending loop normally held by the 35 coils spring-yielding against said deeper receptacle.

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