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Fig. 1.

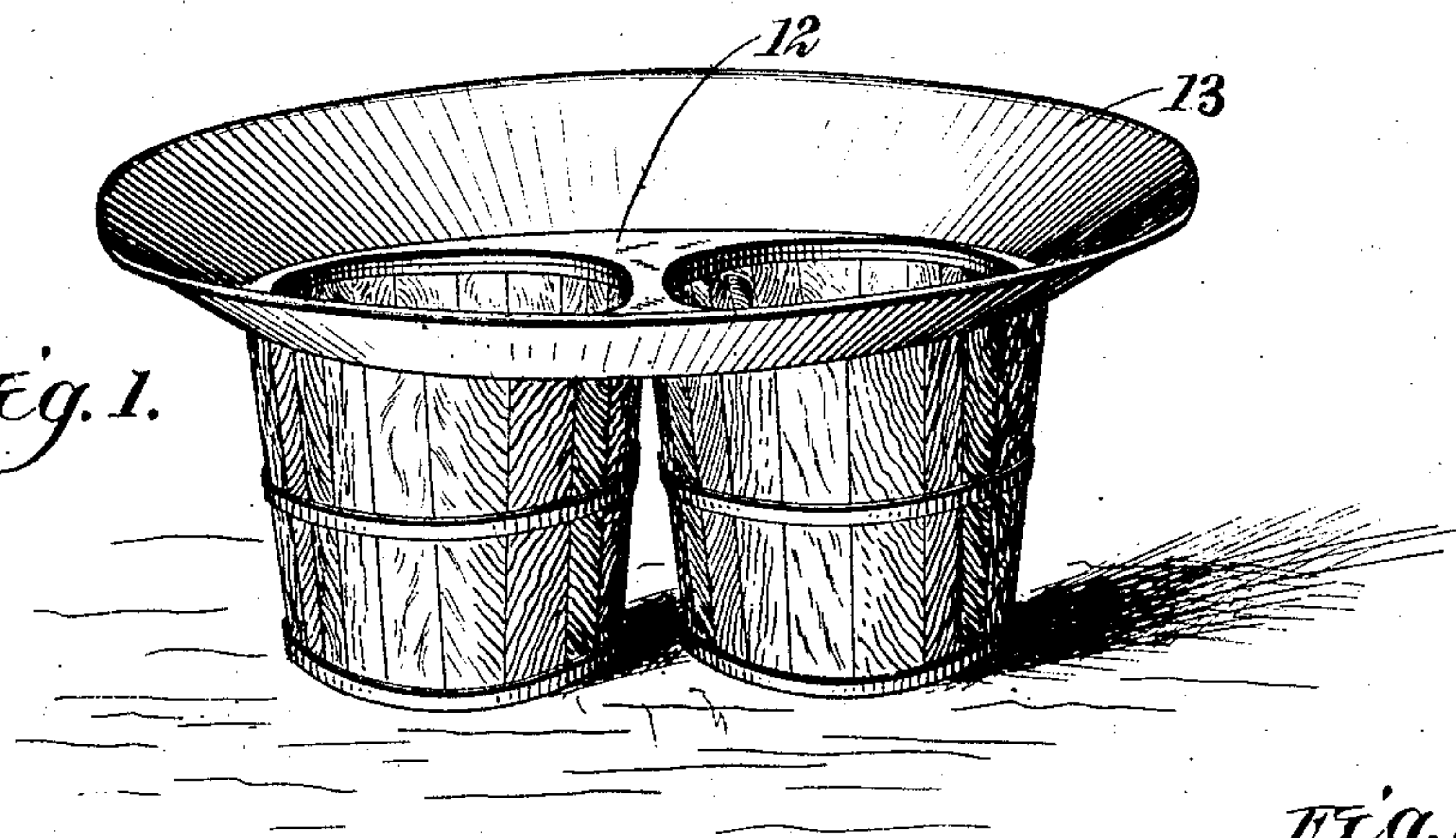


Fig. 2.

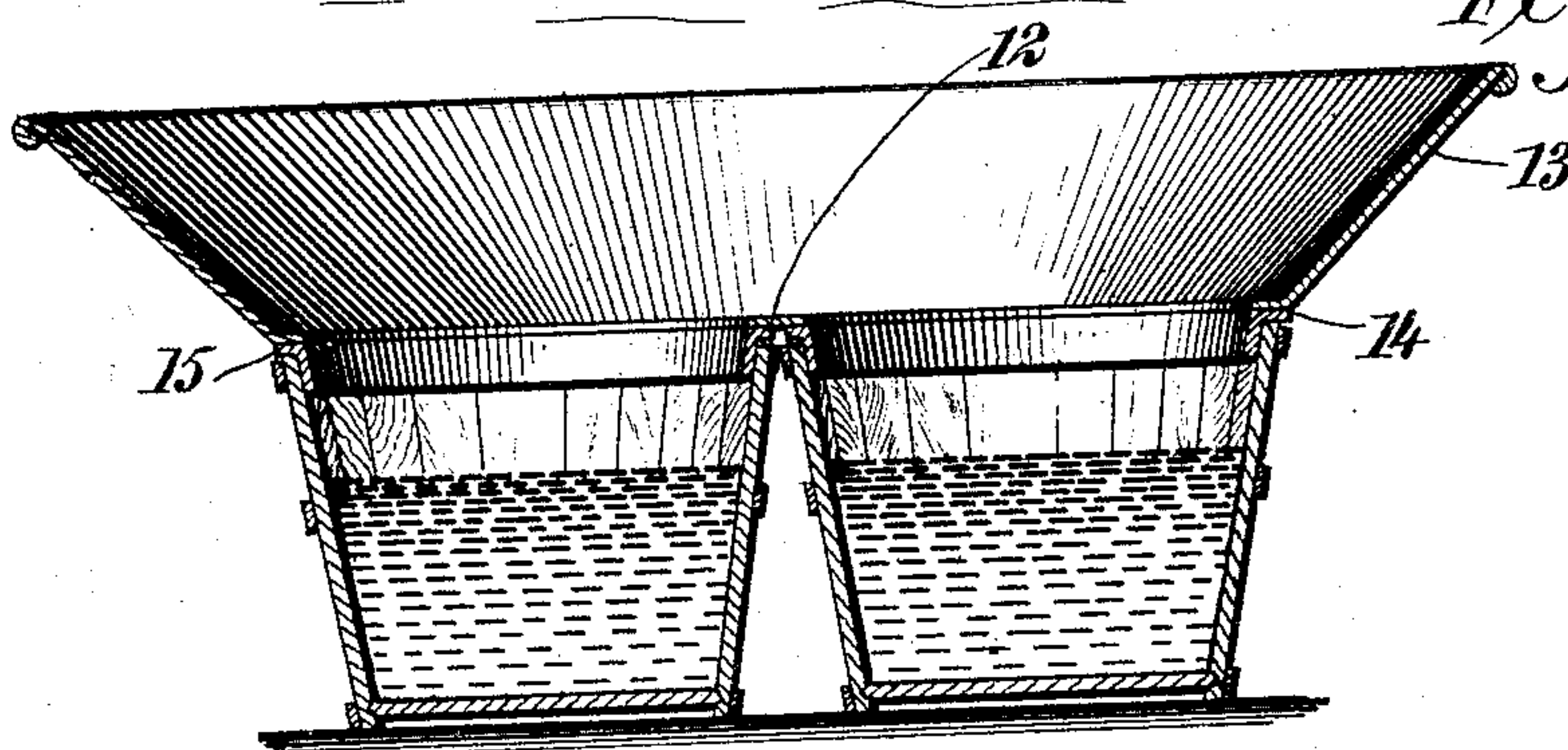
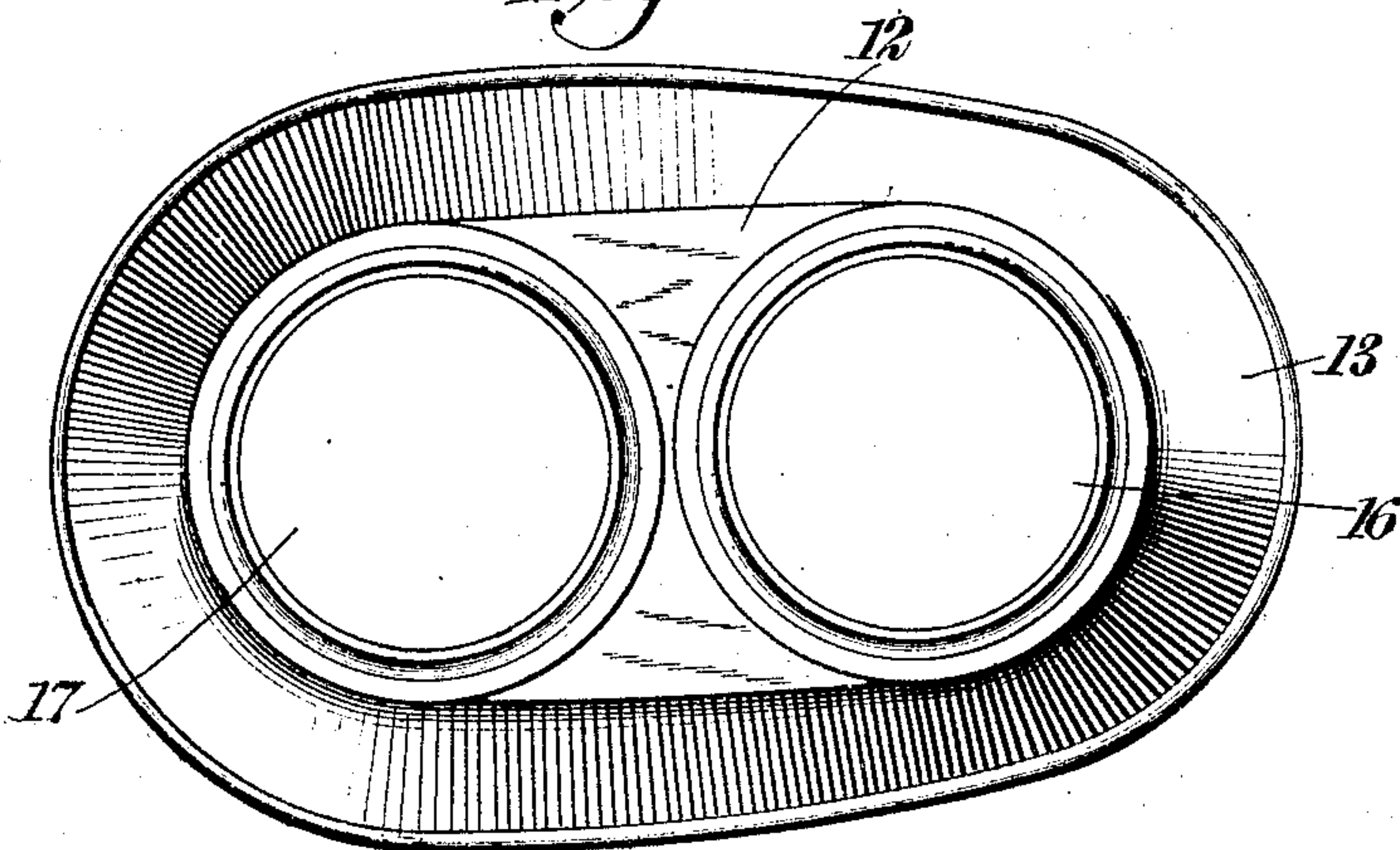


Fig. 3.

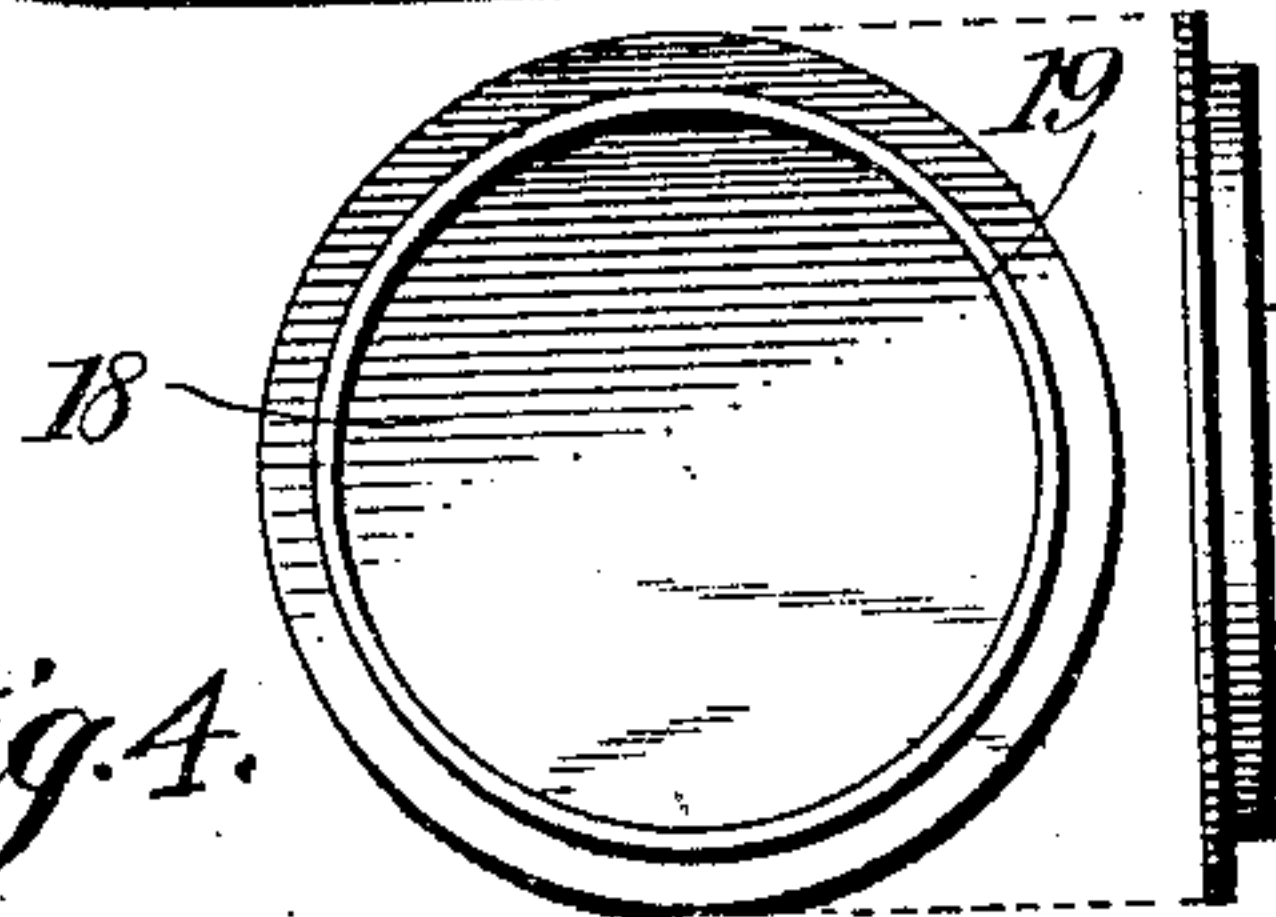


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## SPLASH-GUARD FOR BATHING APPARATUS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDGAR J. BISSELL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bartold, in the county of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Splash-Guard for Bathing Apparatus, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a convenient and economical splash-guard which may be conveniently attached to an ordinary washtub or to one or two pails.

Broadly stated, my invention comprises a splash-guard arranged to be placed on top of one or two vessels, with an opening provided in the bottom of the basin opposite either one or both of the vessels.

With these objects in view and others my invention comprises the novel construction and arrangement of parts, substantially as hereinafter described and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention as in use with two pails. Fig. 2 is a vertical middle section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view, and Fig. 4 shows in plan and side elevation a cover for one of the openings in the bottom of the splash-guard.

Referring now to Figs. 1, 2, and 3 of the drawings, the splash-guard, which is preferably constructed of strong sheet metal, comprises a flat bottom 12, preferably substantially elliptical in outline, to which is secured the flaring wall 13. On the bottom of the splash-guard—that is, on the lower side of the bottom 12—are secured or formed two annular flanges 14 15, preferably circular in outline. The bottom 12 is removed inside of these flanges, forming openings 16 17, that register with the inner walls of the flanges.

In the use of the device it is simply placed upon two pails whose diameter at the top is such that they snugly fit outside of the flanges 14 15, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2; but the device could be used with pails slightly larger,

thus overhanging at the outside of the splash-guard a short distance, although this would leave a space in which the water might be splashed out of the pails, which is undesirable.

I also provide a cover 18, having a collar 19 and of a size to snugly fit either opening 16 or 17 in the bottom 12.

Warm water may be placed in one of the vessels and cold water in the other. Then the cover 18 is placed on the cold-water vessel, which will form a convenient seat for the bather, so that he may sit down with his feet in the vessel containing the warm water. Then when it is desired to use the vessel containing the cold water the bather rises and transfers the cover from the cold-water vessel to the other vessel, which may be used as a seat, with the feet now in the cold-water vessel; but, if desired, the bottom 12 may have one of the openings—say 16—omitted, in which case that portion of the bottom will serve as a seat without the necessity of using the cover 18; but this will necessitate raising the splash-guard and turning it end for end, so as to bring the single opening to register with the other vessel when it is desired to make this change, or, if preferred, one of the flanges 14 or 15 may also be omitted and water be placed in but one of the vessels, the other merely serving as a support for the portion of the pan above it on which the bather is seated.

While I have shown the flanges 14 and 15 as secured to the splash-guard, it is to be understood that, if found desirable, in practice said flanges may be formed integral with the splash-guard in any suitable way.

From the foregoing it will be seen that my device is very simple and economical of construction and that with the small addition of one or two pails or tubs a very convenient bathing device or bath-tub is provided. In fact, but one of the pails, where two are used, need be water-tight, the other one serving merely as a support for that portion of the tub. Consequently when this pail becomes worn out and leaky it is simply necessary to substitute a cheap pail instead of the much more expensive renewal of a whole bathing apparatus of this size and character.

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

1. In a bathing device an elongated splash-guard having flaring sides, and a flat bottom  
5 with an opening in the bottom at one end thereof.

2. In a bathing device, a splash-guard having a pair of flanges on the under side of the bottom, the bottom having an opening therein  
10 registering with the inner periphery of one of said flanges.

3. In a bathing device, a splash-guard having a pair of flanges on the under side of the bottom thereof, said bottom having an opening that registers with the inner periphery of  
15 each of said flanges.

4. In a bathing device, a splash-guard having a pair of flanges on the under side of the

bottom thereof, said bottom having an opening that registers with the inner periphery of 20 each of said flanges, and a cover arranged to close one of said openings in the bottom.

5. In a bathing device, a splash-guard comprising a flat bottom of substantially elliptical outline, and side portions that flare outwardly, 25 the bottom having a pair of flanges secured to the under side thereof, said bottom having an opening therein that registers with the inner periphery of each of said flanges.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name 30 to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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