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(54) **BASE FOR BATHING AREA**

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Undated Hytec catalog ad showing shower enclosure.

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- (57) **CLAIM**
- The ornamental design for a base for bathing area, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

In a preferred embodiment, the nature of this product is as a plumbing fixture primarily useful for bathing the body of humans.

FIG. 1 is a left, top, front perspective view of a base for bathing area embodying my new design;

FIG. 2 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 3 is a front elevational view thereof;

FIG. 4 is a left side elevational view thereof, the right side elevational view being a mirror image of the left side shown; FIG. 5 is a left, top, front perspective view of a second embodiment;

FIG. 6 is a top plan view thereof;

FIG. 7 is a front elevational view thereof; and,

FIG. 8 is a left elevational view thereof, the right side elevational view being a mirror image of the left side shown. The broken line representations of holes in FIGS. 1, 2, 5, and 6 and for the purpose of illustration only, and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 4 Drawing Sheets



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FIG. 2



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FIG. 3





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FIG. 6



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FIG. 7



FIG. 8



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