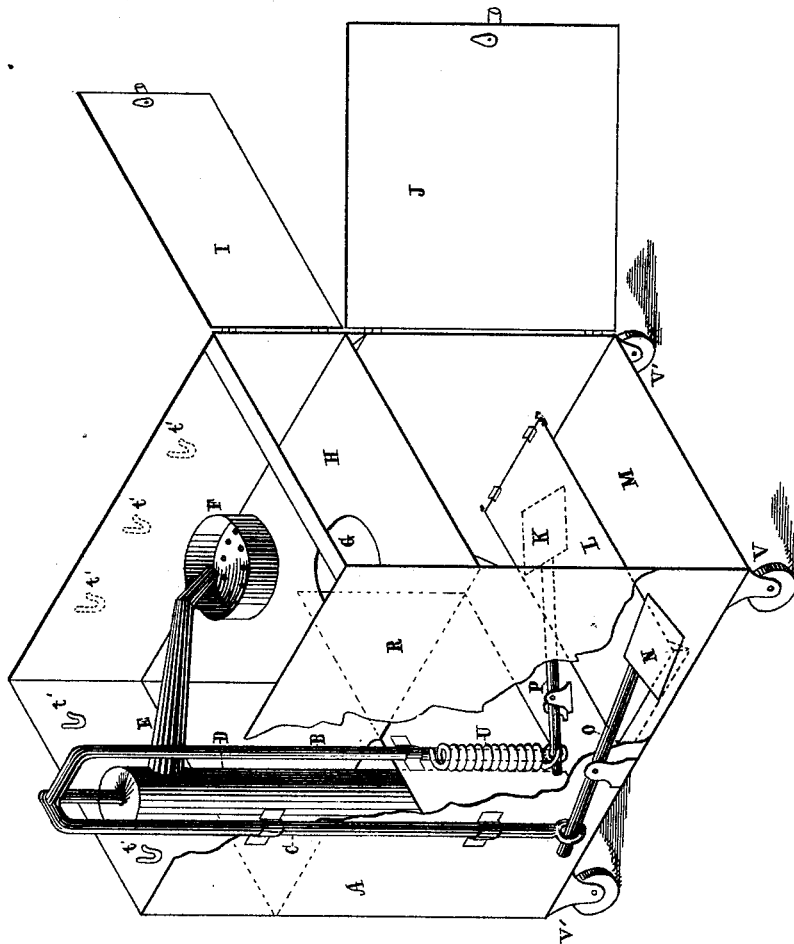


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IMPROVEMENT IN PORTABLE BATHING-CLOSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUCIUS WIGHT FISKE, of Darien, in the county of Walworth and State of Wisconsin, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Portable Bathing-Closets for Steam, Hot-Air, or Water Baths, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to portable bathing-closets provided with a pump and sprinkler and compartment for steam or hot-air baths and a separate compartment for the water.

Heretofore such closets have been stationary, and the means of providing the water and producing the shower-bath have been imperfect and inconvenient. Such closets, being stationary, have been confined mostly to central and expensive establishments, so that the masses of the people have been deprived in a great measure of the benefits to be derived from a free and general use of such baths.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient portable bathing-closet with a suitable pump and shower-bath and a compartment for steam or hot-air baths.

The invention consists of a portable bathing-closet provided with a water-compartment, a pump, and foot-lever outside, and an additional foot-lever inside the closet, for working the pump either from the inside or outside of the closet.

It also consists in a spring in connection with the foot-levers and pump, to be used in connection with the portable closet.

It also consists in a portable bathing-closet provided with a pump and two foot-levers, one to be placed inside the closet and one outside, for working the pump.

In the accompanying drawing, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts, the figure is a perspective of the device embodying my invention.

The portable closet M is mounted on suitable rollers or caster-wheels V V, for convenience in moving from place to place. It is also provided with a water-tight partition, R, which makes a reservoir for water, and also a hinged platform, L, for standing on while bathing.

The pump D is worked by the foot-lever K,

which is pivoted at P, and connected with the pump D by means of the upright rod B, and is provided with a spring, U, which serves to draw the pump-rod down after being raised by the action of the foot upon the lever K or N. The foot-lever N is placed on the outside of the closet M, in order that the pump may be worked by some one outside while an invalid may be taking a bath.

A movable horizontal partition, H, is provided with an opening, G, and is designed to be used in taking or giving hot-air or steam baths, which is done by placing the patient with his neck in the opening G and closing the door J, thus inclosing the body in an air-tight compartment and leaving the head free in the open air.

The sprinkler F is attached to the pump-spout E for the purpose of producing the shower-bath.

The closet M is provided with suitable wardrobe-hooks *t' t' t'*. Part of them may be on the inside and part of them on the outside of the closet M. The closet M should be high enough to screen a grown person from view while bathing, and low and narrow enough to admit of being moved through ordinary doorways. The closet M is also provided with two doors, I and J, for convenience in entering and leaving the closet.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letter Patent, is—

1. The combination of a portable bathing-closet with a pump, a foot-lever outside the closet, and an additional foot-lever inside the closet, and the water-compartment, R, substantially as described.

2. The combination of a portable bathing-closet with the pump D, foot-levers K and N, and spring U, substantially as described.

3. The combination of a portable bathing-closet with a pump, a foot-lever inside the closet, and an additional foot-lever outside the closet for working the pump, substantially as described.

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