

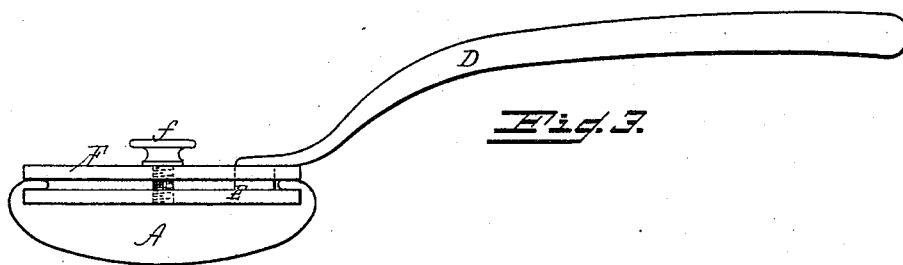
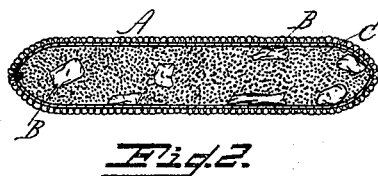
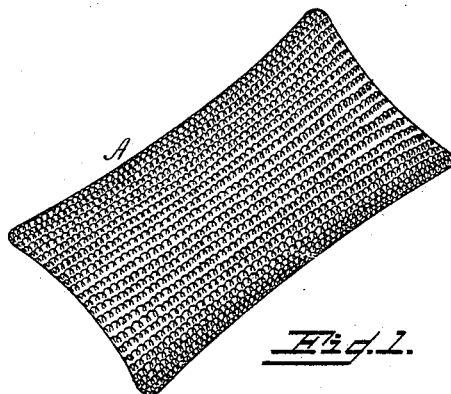
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## BATH-PAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. REES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Bath-Pad; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective, and Fig. 2 a transverse section, of pad. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of pad and holder.

My invention has for its object to provide a device in the form of a pad for use for bathing and cleansing purposes.

My invention consists of a pad composed of a closed bag or sack containing material having detergent and hygienic properties. The sack or bag is composed of Turkish toweling or equivalent material, and the inclosed substances are soap, common salt, (chloride of sodium,) bran, and oatmeal. The soap is cut or divided into small pieces or shredded, and by preference I employ soap having tallow for its base. The proportions which I prefer are as follows: soap, one-quarter of a pound; salt, one ounce; bran, two ounces; oatmeal, one ounce. These materials are mechanically mixed together and inclosed in a sack or bag of such capacity that it will be filled by them. Said sack or bag is then closed by stitching. Instead of using both bran and oatmeal, I may use either alone, and in such case the quantity of the single material would be equal to the quantities of the two materials when both are used—that is to say, three ounces. If desired, sulphur or other material may be used to “medicate,” and any desired perfume may be added at will.

In use the pad is dipped in water and then applied to the person in the manner of a wash-rag or flesh-brush. The soap produces a lather, and the bran and oatmeal impart emollient

properties or produce a softening action upon the skin, while the salt operates to produce the invigorating effects of a sea-bath.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A represents the sack or bag, which is preferably formed in the shape of a pillow-casing, and of such dimensions as will be convenient to permit grasping in one hand and ready application thereby to the person of the bather.

B represents the soap in small particles, and C the salt, bran, and oatmeal.

For convenience of application to the back, the pad may be used in conjunction with a clamping device somewhat similar to a mop-holder, and composed of a back with curved handle, and corner clamps which catch over the corners of the pad and allow one of its sides to be exposed for application and contact. Such a device is illustrated in Fig. 3, where D represents the curved handle secured to a back, E. F is a clamping-plate, fastened to the back by means of a set-screw, f. The pad is laid on this back and its corners turned over in such manner that they will come between the plate and said back, and be clamped there when the screw is turned down or in.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bath or wash pad composed of a sack or bag with soap, salt, and oatmeal or bran (either or both) inclosed therein, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with a bath or wash pad consisting of a sack or bag inclosing soap, of a device for holding the same, consisting of a clamp with a handle attached thereto, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of June, 1885.

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