

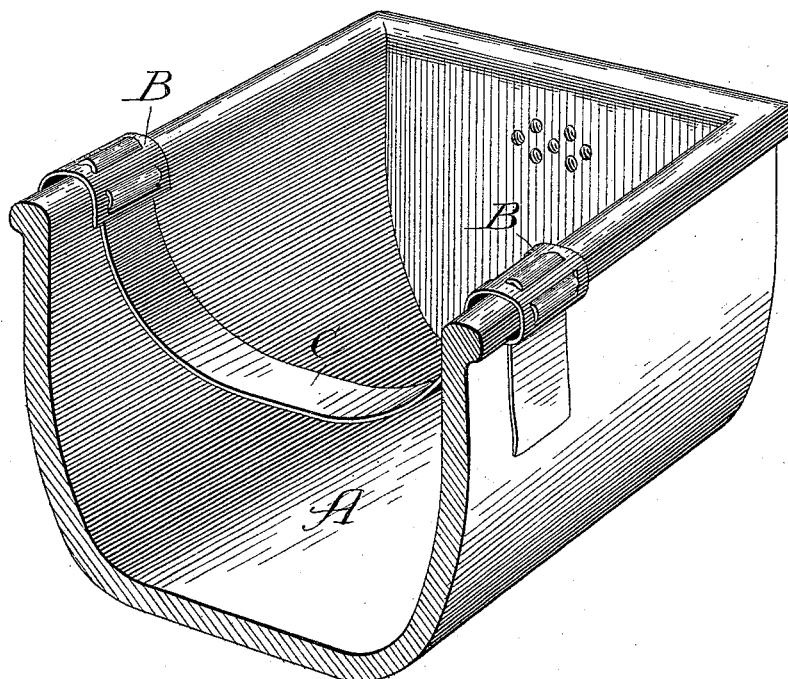
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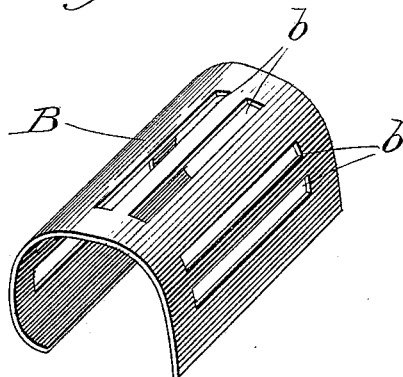
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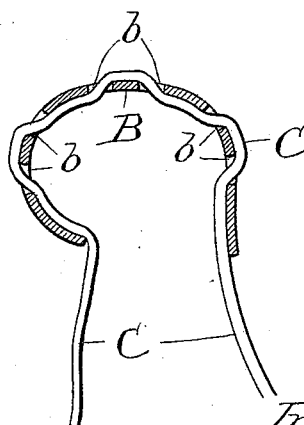
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## ATTACHMENT FOR BATH-TUBS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THEODORE R. TREIBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Attachment for Bath-Tubs, of which the following is a specification.

Persons are frequently desirous of using the ordinary long bath tub as a foot tub. For this purpose such tubs are not adapted, being generally so high that the occupant sitting upon the side thereof is not in proper position for the desired purpose. Again, when such tubs are made of porcelain or are porcelain lined—as is now frequently the case—any one sitting upon the side is exposed to be chilled by the material, which of course is objectionable.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple device, capable of ready attachment to and detachment from the tub, and intended to support the occupant at various heights, to accomplish which it is preferably made adjustable, as hereinafter to be pointed out. This attachment, while capable of performing the functions of a seat, may also be used as a rest to support the head or shoulders of the occupant, when extended at full length in the tub, such a support being particularly desirable when a person using the tub is compelled to remain therein for a considerable length of time.

The device is also adapted for use in the ordinary sitz or foot tub, as a seat, or as a back or head rest, and may of course be used in any place or for any purpose to which it is suited; and my invention consists in the features, details and combinations hereinafter pointed out and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective sectional view of a portion of a tub, with my attachment in place; Fig. 2 a perspective view of one of the hooks; and Fig. 3 a sectional view thereof, the latter illustrating the method of securing the band, strap or other support to such hook.

The tub, A, in connection with which my invention is used, is shown in the drawings as porcelain lined, and of the ordinary construction, but it should be understood that inasmuch as the attachment is capable of use in connection with any kind of a tub, I

have shown this form merely for the purposes of illustration, and not to limit myself thereto.

First I make hooks B, preferably of the shape shown in the drawings, but which shape should always be such as to adapt the hook to fit over and engage with the upper edge or rim of the tub with which it is to be used, as shown in Fig. 2. The shape of the hook should accordingly be varied as the rim varies, the manner of doing this being obvious to any one skilled in the art. This hook is preferably, though not necessarily, made of metal; and may be provided with any desired number of slots or openings *b*. A flexible strap or band C, of any suitable dimensions and material, is passed through the openings in the hook, preferably in the manner more particularly shown in Fig. 3, so that a comparatively small amount of the under surface of the hook is brought into contact with the rim of the tub, the material of the band acting as a cushion or pad to prevent the hook from scratching or defacing the tub. The band may be drawn through the openings in either direction, for the purpose of adjusting the height of the seat or rest within the tub, and the number, size and shape of these openings or slots may be varied as desired, so long as sufficient engagement is maintained between the band and the hooks to hold the band firmly and prevent slipping when in use.

The device having been constructed as above described is used in the following manner: The hooks are placed upon, and brought into engagement with, the edge of the tub, as shown in Fig. 1, with a portion of the band extending across and hanging down into the tub at any desired height, depending upon the position of the hooks upon the band; this height being changed as desired by drawing the band through one or both of the hooks in either direction as already pointed out.

In this way, I provide a support for the occupant of the tub, which is capable of being quickly applied to the tub and moved therefrom as occasion may require, and which when so applied is yielding and comfortable by reason of its flexibility. It may also be attached to the tub at any desired point, in accordance with the wishes of the user, and depending

somewhat upon the purpose for which it is to be employed. For example, if it is to be used as a seat, it may be put at any point on the tub that will permit the occupant to conveniently use the same; while if it is to be used as a back or head rest, it should be put upon or slid to that part of the tub which will bring it in the proper position to support the head or back. This attachment is easily and cheaply made, and when not in use may be rolled up so as to occupy but little space.

While I have described a particular form, I do not intend to limit myself thereto, but contemplate changes in form and proportion, and the substitution of equivalents as may be desirable or necessary, and as already indi-

cated, to a greater or less extent, in the above description.

I claim—

In a device of the class described, the combination of slotted hooks adapted to fit over and engage with the edges of the tub, and a band passing through the slots in such hooks adapted to support the user, such band being drawn back and forth through the hooks to adjust the same at any desired height, substantially as described.

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