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Soap Dish.

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

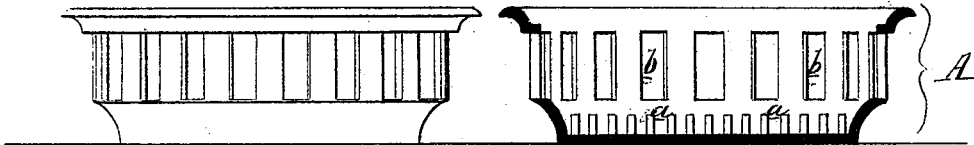


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

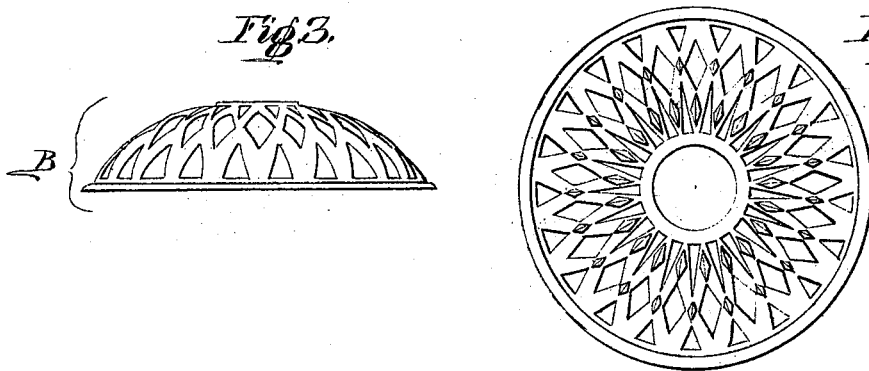
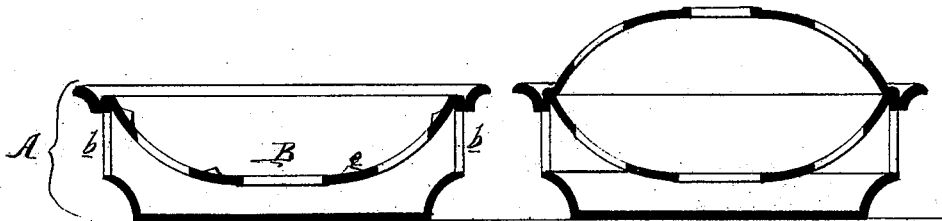


Fig. 5.

Fig. 6.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SOAP-DISHES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, JOHN MERRITT THATCHER, of Bergen, county of Hudson, State of New Jersey, have invented an Improved Soap-Dish, of which the following is a specification.

Nature and Object of the Invention.

My invention consists of a soap-dish constructed in a manner too fully explained hereafter to need preliminary description, with a view of draining the water from the soap and rapidly drying the same, so that it may be maintained in the best condition for use, and so as to prevent waste.

Description of the Accompanying Drawing.

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved soap-dish;

Figure 2, a vertical section of the same;

Figure 3, a side view of a cover or receptacle adapted to the dish;

Figure 4, a plan view of the same;

Figure 5, a vertical section of the dish, showing how the cover may be used as a detachable receptacle for the soap; and

Figure 6, a section of the dish, showing both detachable receptacle and cover.

General Description.

Figs 1 and 2 represent, in its simplest form, my improved soap-dish, consisting, in the present instance, of a circular vessel, A, of cast-iron, with lateral openings, *b*, for the admission of air, and internal projections, *a*, for maintaining the soap free from contact with the bottom of the dish, and at a sufficient height above the bottom to insure a circulation of air between the latter and the soap.

It is desirable that a cake of soap should be placed in such a position, after being used, that the water may be thoroughly drained from it, and that it should become dry as soon as possible, so that it may not be deteriorated or wasted.

It will be observed that, while the soap is supported on the projections *a*, the air entering the lateral openings *b* is free to circulate beneath it and to cause that rapid drying which insures the maintenance of the soap in a proper condition.

A modification of the soap-dish is shown in fig. 5, where the soap is supported on a detachable open-work receptacle, B, resting with its upper flanged edge on a ledge in the dish, the receptacle having small projections, *c*, for supporting the soap above its fretted surface.

These projections *c* are, however, not essential, and may, if desired, be dispensed with.

In this case, as in the former, the under side of the cake of soap is exposed to the air admitted through the lateral openings *b*. This receptacle B may be used as an ornamental cover, (see fig. 3,) in connection with the dish, fig. 2; or two of these castings, fig. 3, may be used in connection with the dish A, one as a receptacle for the soap, and the other as an ornamental cover, (see fig. 6.)

I prefer to form the cover or receptacle B with a central opening, *f*, both for purposes of ventilation and as a means for enabling the said cover or receptacle to be readily detached from the dish by inserting a finger into the opening.

I prefer to make my improved soap-dish of cast-iron, enameled or japanned, or coated with any anti-corrosive material; but the dish may be made of earthenware or of sheet metal, or other material, without detracting from the main features of my invention.

Claims.

1. A soap-dish formed either with or without projections on the bottom, and having lateral openings *b*, as set forth.
2. An open cover, B, constructed substantially as described, so as to serve as a cover, or cover and receptacle, to the soap-dish A, as specified.

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

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