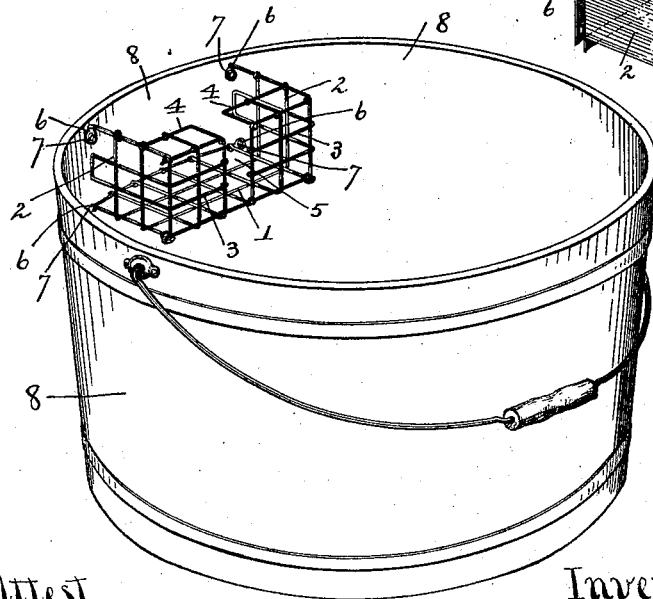
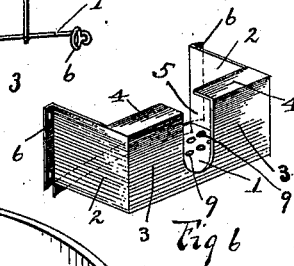
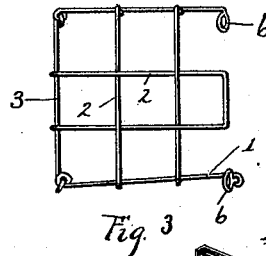
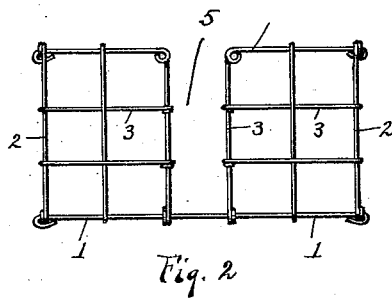
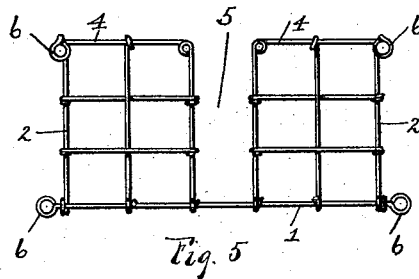
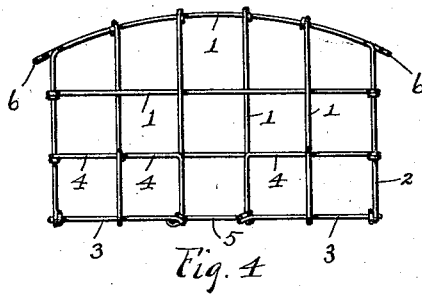


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## SOAP-RECEPTACLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARIAN L. ROUECH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bay City, in the county of Bay and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soap-Receptacles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to improvements in soap boxes or receptacles of the class intended for attachment to a scrubbing pail or wash-tub, for use to receive and retain a cake or bar of soap during the scrubbing or washing operation.

15 The invention consists in the combination, arrangement and construction of the parts as I shall hereinafter more fully describe, and which will also be particularly defined and 20 pointed out in the claim of this specification.

The object of the invention is to provide a receptacle for containing soap in a convenient and handy position during washing and scrubbing operations.

25 Another object of the invention is to provide a receptacle for soap which may be attached to an ordinary pail or tub, and which will retain the soap while the pail is being used for scrubbing and also when the pail is 30 being emptied of its contents.

35 My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which the figures of reference used in the description following, will be found indicating the same parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1, is a view in perspective of a scrubbing pail with my invention attached thereto. Fig. 2, is a front view in elevation of my improved soap receptacle detached. Fig. 3, is a side view of the same. Fig. 4, is a plan view of the same. Fig. 5, is a rear side view of the same. Fig. 6, represents a view in perspective of my improved soap receptacle in a modified form.

45 1, represents the bottom of a soap box, 2, are the end portions, and 3, is the front side of the same, the end edges of the sides 3, being secured to the edges of the end portions while the upper edge of the front side is 50 turned inwardly at a right angle to form a flange 4, which over hangs the inner portion

of the receptacle, the front side 3, is provided with a vertical slot 5, which also extends through the flange 4, and may extend to the bottom of the side 3, or may be stopped at a short distance above the bottom. The back edges of the sides 2, are provided with outwardly turned lugs 6, through which to pass screws or nails 7, for securing the receptacle to the inner side of the pail 8, so that all drippings from the soap within the receptacle will fall within the pail, the receptacle being secured in this position and provided with the inwardly turned flange 4, allows the contents of the pail to be emptied by tipping the pail so that its contents will run out on the side opposite, the receptacle and the soap will then fall upon the front side and be retained by the flange 4, against falling or being thrown from the receptacle.

70 I prefer to form the receptacle as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, of wires interwoven and bent into a suitable form as being best adapted for the purpose and for cheapness as the wires being so arranged provide openings in the bottom and sides which, while the wires retain the soap, the openings or meshes between allows the water retained by the soap to drip into the pail so that should the soap remain for a short time in the receptacle without use it dries out and retains its solidity without waste and loss. But as shown in Fig. 6, the receptacle may be made of sheet metal cut and bent to form, and in that case the bottom 1, of the receptacle may be provided with a series of openings 9, which allows a perfect drainage of the receptacle to obtain.

85 It will be seen that by the use of my improvement, a great saving of soap is effected as the soap is always in a position to drain off and harden, and to allow the dripping therefrom to fall directly into the pail while the pail can be emptied without liability of ejecting the soap from the receptacle, the flange 4, being so arranged as to catch and retain the soap, while at the same time the soap is easily removed from the receptacle when required by passing the thumb into the slot 5, and the fingers into the top of the receptacle to grasp and lift the soap from the receptacle in a position ready for use without changing hands or other manipulation. 95 100

It will be seen also a saving of time is gained especially when the device is used for house-cleaning purposes, and when users are working on a step ladder, this receptacle obviating  
5 the falling of the soap to the floor, as is often the case when a soap holder not attached to pail is used.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters-  
10 Patent is:—

As an improved article of manufacture, the receptacle for soap composed of a bottom 1, having a series of perforations, the sides 2,

provided with outwardly turned lugs 6, having screw openings, the front 3, provided as 15 described, on its upper edge with an inwardly turned flange 4, and with a centrally located vertical slot 5, extending through the flange, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in 20 presence of two witnesses.

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