

How the Bath-Tub May Be Transplanted or Concealed

OF the many queer devices that have recently been patented to make the most of the limited amount of space in modern apartments, the concealed bath-tub of a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of the queerest. The ambitious invention provides for "transplanting" the bath-tub to any room in the house, without, so the inventor intimates, detracting from the general appearance of the rooms. This seems to be especially possible in the bedroom, for here the tub may be easily concealed at the bottom of the dresser or of the chiffonier.

The dresser is made up into a rather unusual model. It is divided into one stationary part bolted to the bedroom wall, and another movable part mounted upon casters. The stationary part contains a mirror and a compartment for soap and other articles. But the movable part consists only of two rows of drawers and a wash-basin, for the space under these must be used to cover up the tub. When this part is in place against the wall, a pipe leading from the water-outlet of the basin comes directly over a catch-basin attached to the bath-tub, so that, by opening the faucets, the water will be directed into the tub. When the tub is sufficiently full, the dresser part is rolled away, and the splashing of the bedroom wallpaper may commence!

A "Preparedness" Sleeping Outfit for the Camp

MORE and more attractive grows the idea of spending the night under the diamond-studded canopy of sky with the untainted ozone saturating the lungs. The principal argument against it is that one is likely to be saturated with a less pleasant product of the out-of-doors than fresh air. Rain is the chief foe of the sleeping porch and of the camp, though mosquitoes are a close second.

The latest improvement in sleeping bags, however, is designed to rout these foes. It is in use by the United States Marine Service, and it is waterproof, weather-proof and mosquito-proof. C. W. Sirch, of Alhambra, California, is the inventor. The bag is roomy and comfortable, being seven feet six inches in length and four feet three inches wide. A hood protects the head, and a netting is attached by special fasteners to keep out the mosquitoes.

To prepare the bag for use it must be spread out and a rattan bow adjusted to hold the hood in place. A woolen blanket may be wrapped around the body if extra warmth is needed. There is a pad inside and a bolster, besides pockets in which valuables may be kept. The bag is of felt and is adaptable for use in warm weather or cold.



The disrobing may be done inside the bag where there are pockets for clothing and valuables



At left, the bathtub is shown in use, the concealing cover having been moved aside leaving the tub under the faucets, which are attached to a water-pipe through the stationary dresser-top. At right, the three parts of the device are united and an ordinary piece of furniture is the result