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(54) **Bath with a side access opening equipped with a watertight flap**

(57) To facilitate access, the bath is equipped either with a single door hinged horizontally or vertically, or a double door hinged horizontally, or a horizontally or vertically sliding door.

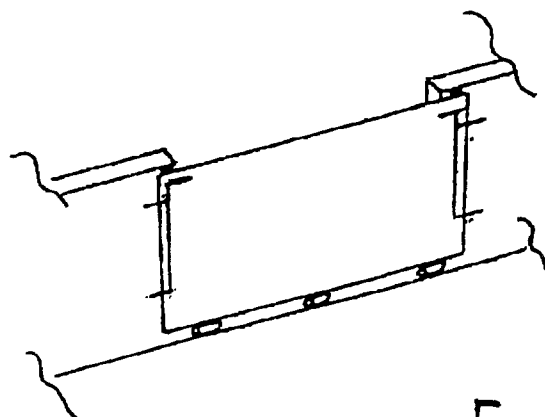


Fig. 4

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Description

[0001] Description of the industrial invention which is called "bath with a side access opening equipped with a watertight flap" of Mr LANDI Antonio resident in via Duca degli Abruzzi, 115 Ladispoli (RM) ITALY and of Mr SECHI Giuseppe resident in via XX Settembre, 83 Monte Argentario (GR) ITALY. 5

[0002] The present invention has substantially modified the structure of a simple bath, giving opportunity to people with physical problems (handicap, obese and elderly people) to easily access the bath. 10

[0003] A prime characteristic of the invention consists of an access flap which has an opening of 180° max using appropriate hinges. 15

[0004] A second characteristic of the invention consists of a double shutter with a single handle to facilitate the closing of the flap of entrance.

[0005] A third characteristic of the invention is to have a gasket between the flap and the structure of the bath to keep it watertight. 20

[0006] The opening flap can be positioned in any one of the four sides of the bath depending on the necessity of the room where the bath is installed.

[0007] The bath can be equipped with a shower stall or reclining seat so that it can be used in double function (bath-shower) in practice the details of execution, the dimensions, the materials, the shape and similar of the bath can, however, be changed without changing the original invention or exiting the property of the present industrial monopoly. 25 30

[0008] The bath can therefore have either an opening of a door horizontally accessible by 180° or by 180° vertically or two horizontal opening doors of 180° or an horizontal side sliding door and last of all a vertically (break water) sliding door like the one in the enclosed designs. 35

Claims

1. Access door 40
2. Aperture hinged of 180°
3. Single handle with double shutter 45
4. Watertight gasket
5. Non slip base 50
6. Internal handrip

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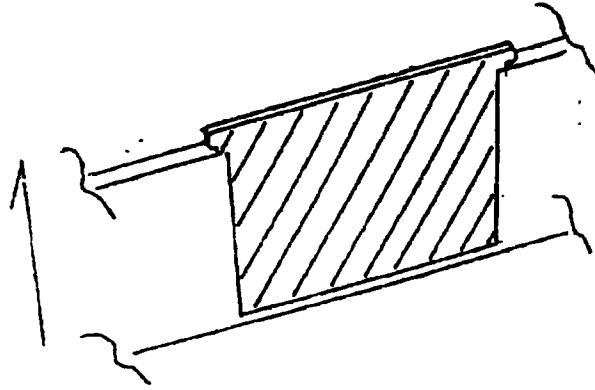


Fig. 1

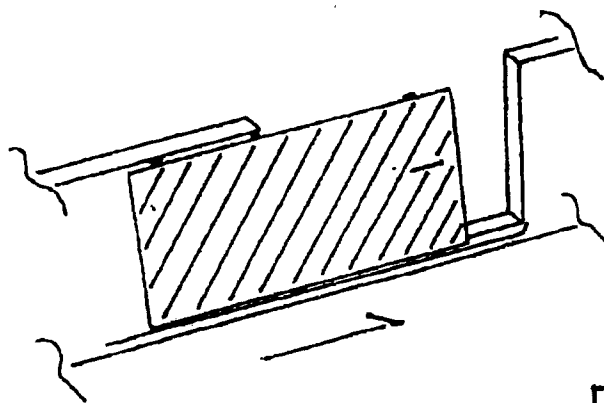


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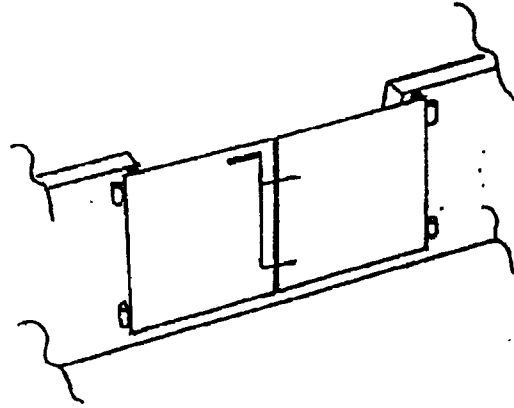


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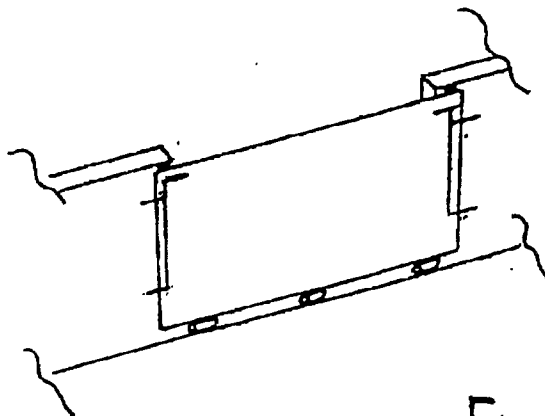


Fig. 4



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