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(54) **Bath system**

(57) According to the invention, a seat (125) is provided for use in a shower or a bath. The seat (125) has a base for supporting a user, a support, such as a pair

of legs (150), for supporting the weight of a user, and a bracket (140) for removeably attaching to a grab bar (35). The seat (125) is dimensioned so that the grab bar (35) does not support the load of the user.

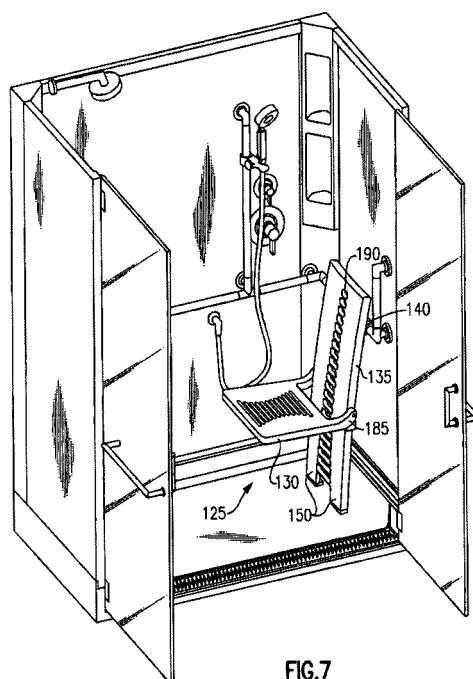
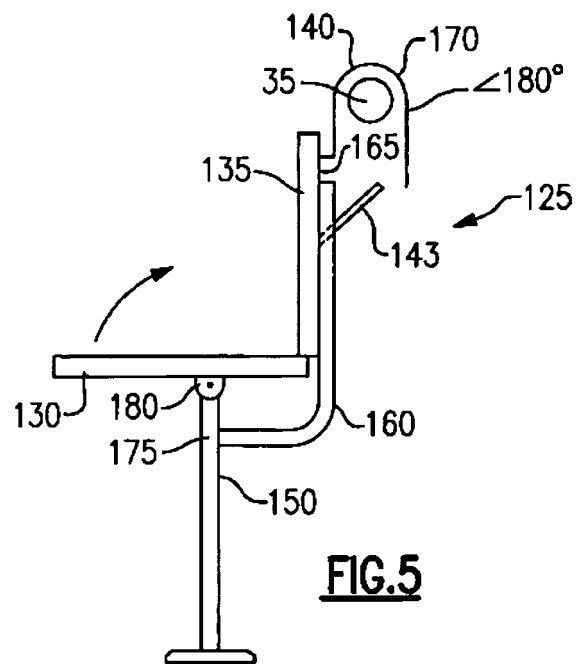


FIG. 7





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1. claims: 1-19

An apparatus comprising: a seat portion for supporting a user; a load portion attaching to said seat portion for supporting a load of the user; and a bracket for attaching to a grab bar such that the bracket is removeably attached to said grab bar so that said apparatus may be easily removed from said bathing environment.

1.1. claims: 5, 7-19

An apparatus comprising: a seat portion; a load portion attaching to said seat portion for supporting a load of the user; a back portion attaching to either of said seat portion or said load portion; and a bracket attached to said back portion for easily removably attaching to a grab bar.

2. claims: 20, 21

An apparatus for washing a user on a seat in a bathing environment comprising: a seat bottom; and a plurality of slots disposed in said seat bottom wherein said slots allow access therethrough to a related position of a user's undersides when sitting on said seat bottom whereby said user may clean said user's undersides by directing a spray through said slots that coordinates with said related position.

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