To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Tomo Tanaka, a subject of the Mikado of Japan, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Bath-Tub Seat, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in bath tub seats, and has for an object to provide an improved construction which may be readily applied and removed, and which is simple, strong and effective when in operation.

Another object of the invention is to provide a seat of the character mentioned which is flexible when in use, and which may be readily adjusted for presenting a seat of different heights as occasion may demand.

In the accompanying drawings—Figure 1 is a detailed fragmentary perspective view of a bath tub with an embodiment of the invention applied thereto; Fig. 2 is an enlarged detailed fragmentary sectional view through the seat shown in Fig. 1, the same being taken approximately on line 2—2; Fig. 3 is a detailed fragmentary sectional view showing a slightly modified form of supporting hook. Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 indicates a tub of any desired kind, which tub is provided with the usual roll edges 2 and 3. Hooked over the edges 2 and 3 are hooks 4, which hooks are covered with a rubber covering 5 so as not to injure the enamel or porcelain on the tub. The hooks 4 may be screwed into the strip of wood 5 as shown in Fig. 2, or may extend entirely through the strip of wood, as shown in Fig. 3, and receive a washer or other retaining member, or be turned over and form a retaining hook 4. The strip of wood 5 has wrapped thereover a strip of canvas 7 or other suitable fabric which is provided with an extension 8 shown along lines 9 and 10.

A row of eyelets 11 are provided in the extension 8, said eyelets being metal as shown in Fig. 2, or thread, as preferred. These eyelets are designed to receive the lacing cord 12, which lacing cord is passed through eyelets 13 formed similar to eyelets 11. Eyelets 13 are arranged in the body 14 of the seat, the same, however, being positioned near the edge of the seat, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In order to prevent the puckering or gathering of the edge of the seat the same is provided with a strip 15 preferably of wood over which the material of the seat 14 is folded or wrapped. The opposite edge of body 14 to that carrying eyelets 13 is looped and provided with a row of stitches 16, whereby the reversing and bracing strip 17 may be properly arranged in place for receiving the hooks 4 at that end of the seat.

By providing eyelets 11 and 13 as just described, and the lacing member 12, the body 14 may be adjusted so as to present a high seat or a low seat, as preferred. When the lacing cord 12 is arranged for providing a low seat the body 14 sags downwardly as shown at dotted line 18. This sagging of the body 14 may be carried to any desired extent for providing the height of seat desired. Preferably, the strips 5, 15 and 17 are made from wood, but of course they may be made from other material without departing from the spirit of the invention, and the body 14 may be made from canvas or other suitable material without departing from the spirit of the invention. However, it is preferable to make body 14 of flexible material so that the seat when not in use may be easily rolled up and stored in a minimum space. The length of the seat is preferably greater than the width of the tub so that the same may be applied and removed at any time without molesting the lacing. It is of course evident that the lacing can be adjusted to provide a seat of any height, but if it was necessary to adjust the lacing to remove the seat considerable time would be necessary in carrying out such operation. For this reason the seat is preferably arranged at all times so as to be longer than the device is wide which would necessarily cause the same to bow downwardly some what into the tub but would allow the hooks to be easily removed without loosening the lacing. What I claim is:

In a bath tub seat of the character described, a flexible body having loops at each end, means for connecting the ends of said loops to said body so as to provide passageways, reinforcing members arranged in each of said loops for stiffening the edges of the body, said body being provided along the edge of one of said loops with a row of apertures, hook members connected with the reinforcing member of the opposite loop, a retaining strip having apertures therein.
complementary to the apertures in said body, said retaining strip having a loop, a reinforcing bar arranged in said loop, hooks connected with said reinforcing bar adapted to fit over the tub, and a lacing threaded through said apertures for adjustably connecting said body with said retaining strip.

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

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