

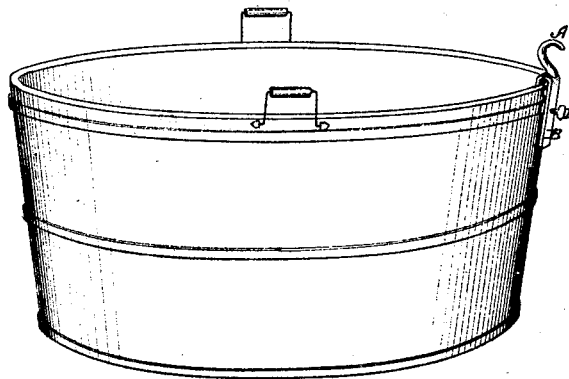
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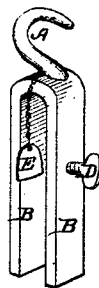
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-WRINGING HOOKS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, JAMES H. PRATT, of Lynn, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Clothes-Wringing Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention attached to a wash-tub, and

Figure 2, a similar view of the same detached.

The object of this invention is to provide a cheap and simple attachment for a wash-tub, to assist the washer in wringing out the fabrics by hand; and

It consists of a simple hook provided with two projections and a set-screw, by means of which it is attached to a wash-tub, as will hereinafter more fully appear.

In the drawing—

A represents a hook rigidly attached to the bifurcations or projections B B, all of which are constructed of galvanized iron.

D represents a thumb-screw, which passes through one of the projections B.

The hook A is attached to a tub, &c., by placing the projections B over the edge of the same, as shown in fig. 1, and turning the screw D, which bears against the side of the tub, until the whole is secured firmly.

E represents a metallic plate or shield, attached by

a chain or otherwise to the hook A, the object of which plate is to provide a rigid bearing for the end of screw D, thereby protecting the side of the tub.

In wringing fabrics they are engaged with the hook A and twisted over the tub, thereby enabling the use of both hands in wringing, the hook acting as a third hand in holding one end of the twist.

By this means much more power can be exerted with less effort than when one hand is used at each end of the twisted fabric, and the wringing operation is much facilitated.

The hook A may be rigidly attached to the tub if desired, and can be cheaply made.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secured by Letters Patent, is—

The hook A, provided with projections B, set-screw D, and shield E, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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