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Clothes Rubber.

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Fig. 1.

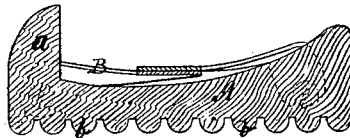


Fig. 2.

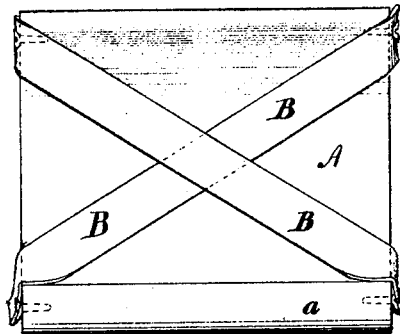
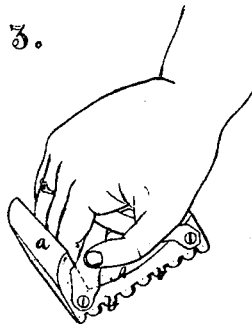


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CLOTHES-RUBBERS.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SEYMOUR FOSTER, of Lansing, county of Ingham and State of Michigan, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in "Clothes-Rubbers;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing making a part of this specification and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawing is a representation of a central vertical section of my rubber;

Figure 2 is a top view; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view, showing the application to the hand.

My invention has relation to an improvement in "clothes-rubbers," and consists in the novel arrangement and construction of a corrugated block of wood, gutta-percha, rubber, or other material with elastic straps, which is intended to serve as an efficient implement to assist in rubbing clothes by hand.

A of the drawing represents the finger-block, of any suitable material, made in such shape as to conform to the back of the fingers of the hand to the second joint, at which point it projects upward in a shoulder in front of the second joint of the fingers, as seen at *a*, when the hand is shut.

The under side of this block is corrugated, as in a common wash-board, as shown at *b*.

B B represent the rubber straps by which the block is held to the hand. The straps are secured to the block at each of its four corners in a suitable manner. The fingers pass under these straps, as shown in fig. 3.

When the block is attached to the hand and the hand shut, it is operated as one would use his or her knuckles in rubbing clothes either upon a common wash-board, or by rubbing the two blocks together, one upon either hand, the clothes being between the block and wash-board, or between the two blocks.

The object of the shoulder *a* is to keep the block in position under the hand while rubbing, and to push against in rubbing.

This device, for its simplicity, usefulness, and cheapness, renders it a practical device, and serves to protect the knuckles.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

The rubbing-block A herein described, having recessed upper surface to fit the knuckles of the hand, and corrugated under surface *b*, in combination with the elastic straps B B, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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