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Wash-Board.

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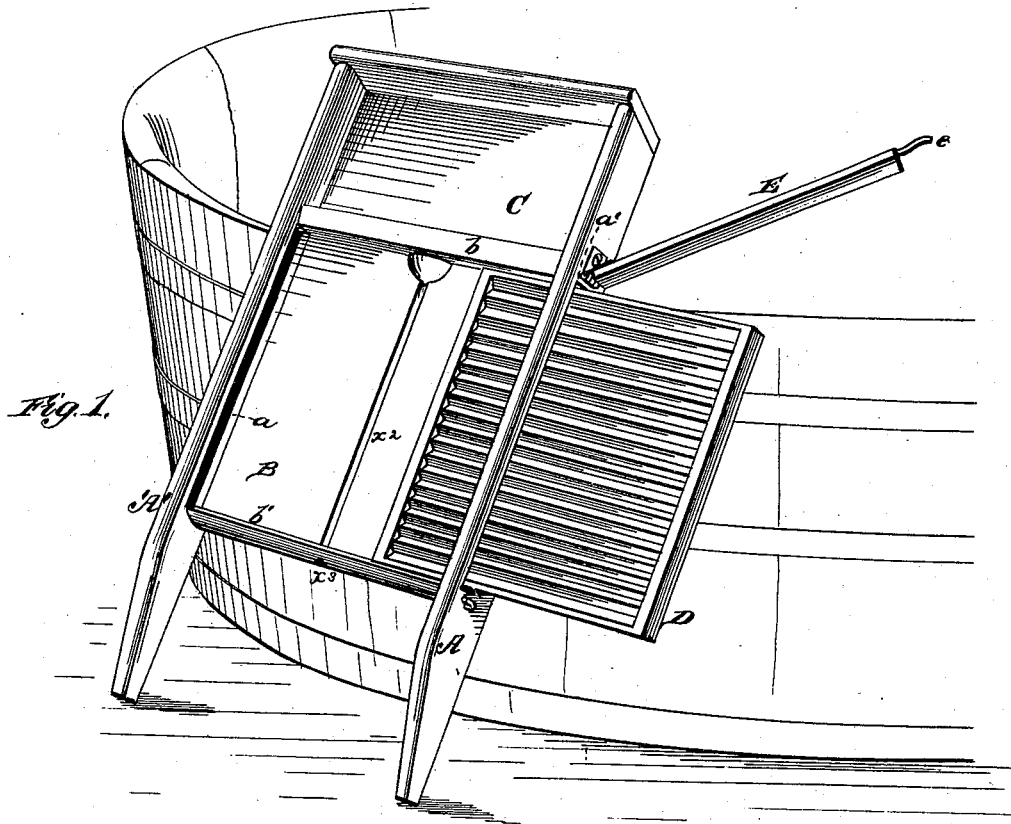
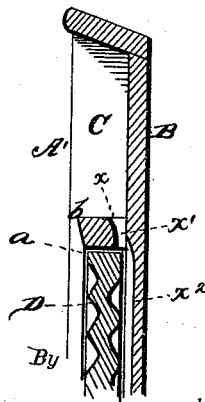


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WASH-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS KEHOE, of Owensborough, in the county of Daviess and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective of my wash-board; and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, partly broken away.

This invention has relation to wash-boards; and consists in the improvements in the construction of the same, hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In carrying out my invention, I employ the ordinary frame, with the sides, back, and soap-box. In one side I provide a recess to receive the inner edge of the board, and in the other side a mortise or slot, covered by a hinged door with spring-catch, allows the insertion and retention of the said board. The inner lower corner of the soap-box is beveled toward the center, and a channel is provided, which leads to a groove in the back of the frame, to carry off the drippings from the soap-box.

This latter feature is not novel, as substantially the same means for the escape of the drippings from the soap-box is shown in Patent No. 193,570, July 24, 1877.

Each board is provided with two differentially-roughened faces, and any required number of boards may be used with one frame.

Referring to the drawings, A A' represent the sides; B, the back; *b*, the cross-bar which forms the lower portion of the soap-box C, and *b'* the lower cross-bar.

In the inner surface of the side A', I provide a mortise or recess, *a*, which receives the inner edge of the board D; and in the side A is a slot, *a'*, through which is inserted the board D, the same being held in place by a hinged door, E, having a spring-catch, *e*. The boards D are interchangeable, and have each two rubbing-faces of different degrees of roughness.

The bar *b* is beveled at *x* and grooved at *x'*, to lead the drippings from the soap-box C through the groove *x'* in the back, and through the aperture *x''* in the cross-bar *b'* into the tub.

The operation of my invention is obvious.

I do not broadly claim removable interchangeable rubber boards, or those having two roughened faces, as they are well known to the trade.

I claim as my invention—

The frame herein described, consisting of the side A', having recess *a*, side A, having slot *a'*, back B, soap-box C, and hinged door E, having spring-catch *e*, constructed and adapted to serve with interchangeable boards with differentially-roughened rubbing-surfaces, as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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