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Folding Wash Benches or Stands.  
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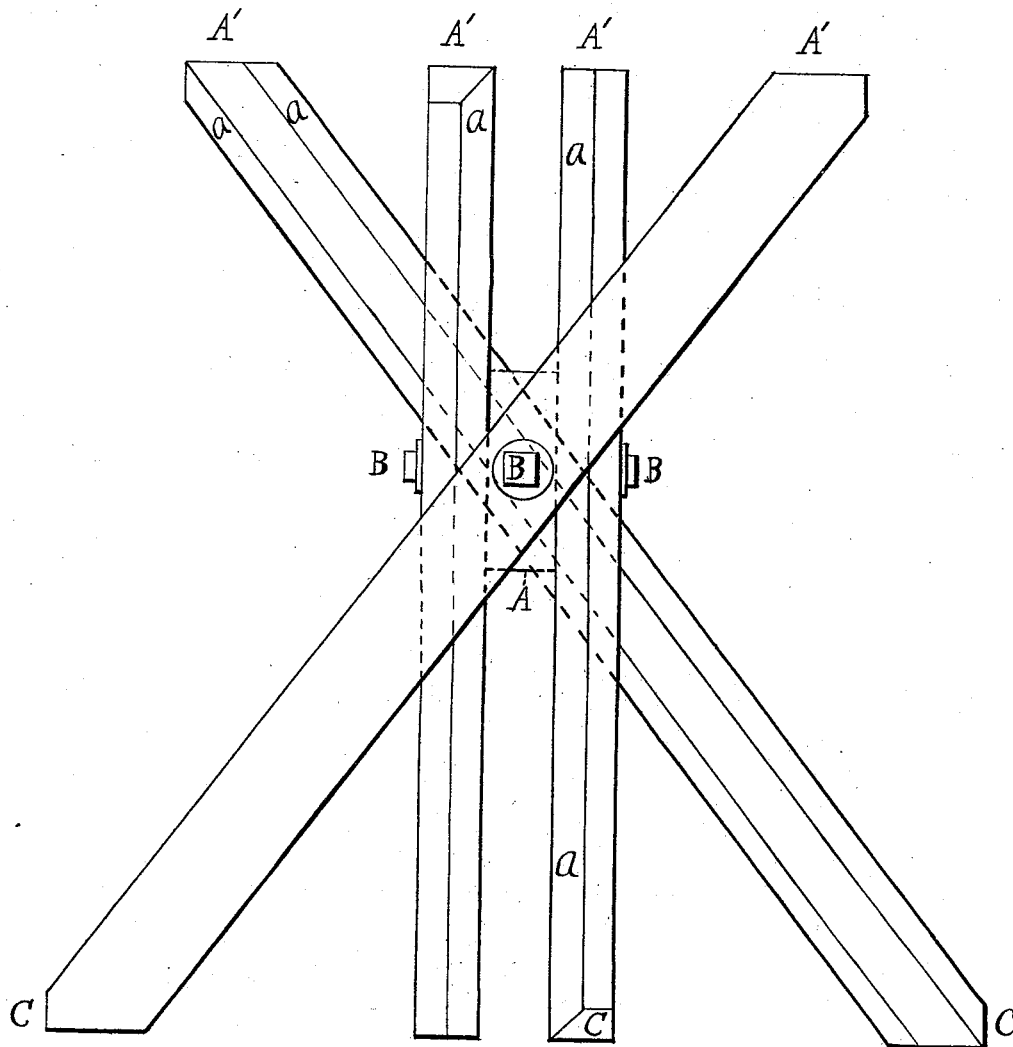


FIG. 1.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING WASH BENCHES OR STANDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MANLY S. RAWSON, of Jamaica, in the county of Windham, in the State of Vermont, have invented an Improved Folding Wash Bench or Stand, of which the following is a specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a view of a folding bench or stand embodying my invention, in which A is a block of wood or metal, upon the four vertical sides of which I fasten the bars or legs A' A' A' A' by means of the bolts B B B, so that the legs A' A' A' A' may turn loosely upon the bolts B B B and still be firmly fastened to the block A. The bolts B B B are inserted in the center of the sides of the block A, and in the same horizontal plane, and they also pass through the legs midway between the sides, so as to allow the legs to turn in either direction.

The inner corners of the legs A' A' A' A' are beveled as at *a a a*, so that whenever the stand is opened for use, as shown in Fig. 1, the beveled surface of one leg will rest against the beveled surface of the next adjoining, so that while each of the legs is firmly held

against the block A the several legs are made to mutually support each other.

The upper and lower ends of the legs A' A' A' A' are beveled, as shown in the drawings, to cause the upper and lower ends to present a horizontal surface.

If the legs are turned in the opposite direction upon the bolts B B B the lower ends will then rest upon the surface C C, thus making the stand higher. Upon the top I place a wash-tub or such other article as I desire to support.

When not in use I fold the legs together, thereby rendering the stand compact and portable.

I claim as my invention—

The four legs A' A', having beveled inner corners, *a a*, and ends beveled at two different angles, as shown at C, in combination with the center block, A, and bolts B B, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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