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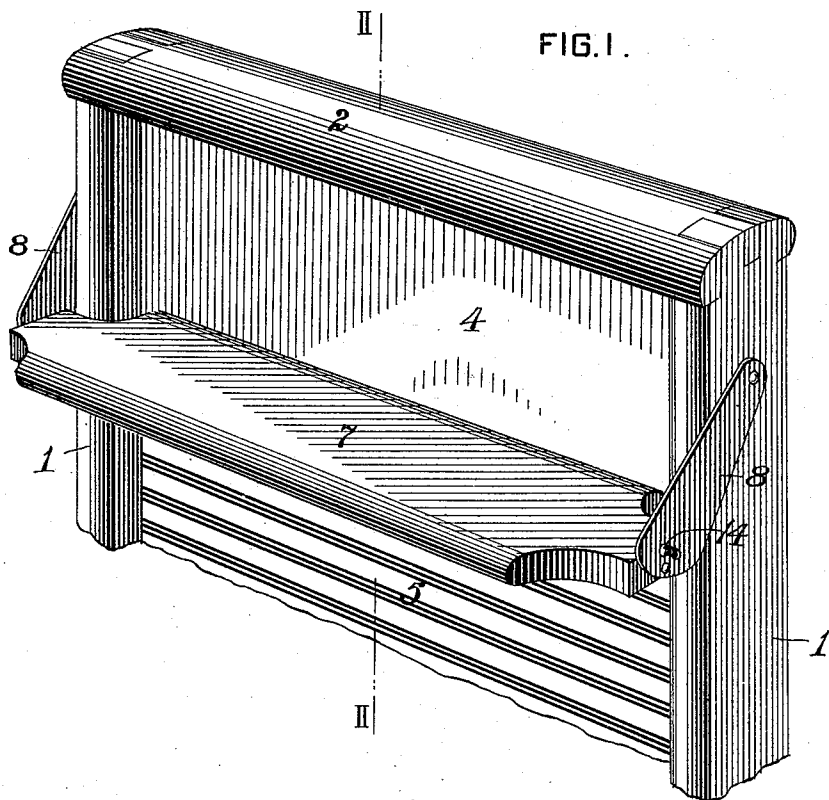
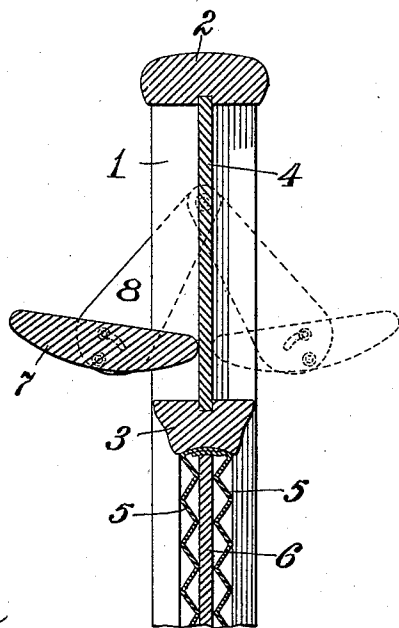


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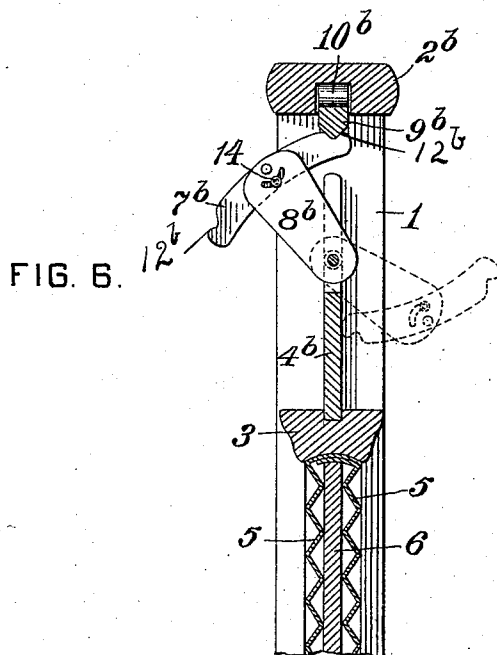
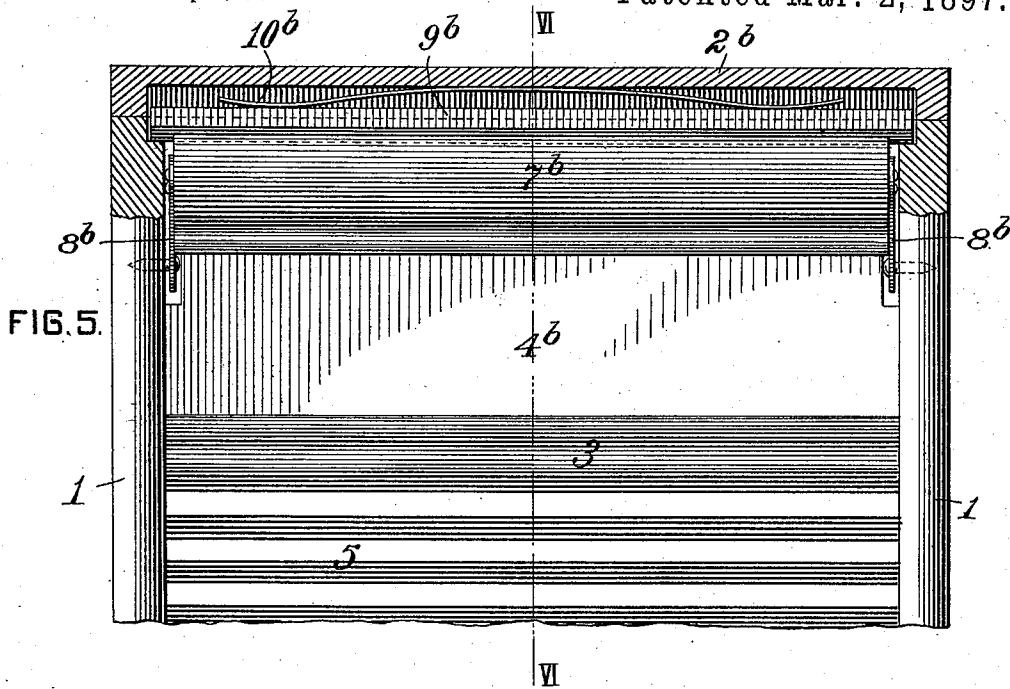
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES T. SARGENT and JOHN H. REIMERS, citizens of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Washboards, of which improvements the following is a specification.

The invention described herein has for its object a construction and arrangement of protector for double-faced washboards whereby the protector is rendered capable of being reversed from one side of the washboard to the other, and is also adapted to be adjusted on each side of the board to a position of clothes-protector use adjacent to the head-piece and to a position adjacent to the cross-bar where it will operate as a soap support or receptacle and also as a protector for soap and the clothes of the operator.

The invention is hereinafter more fully described and particularly claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a washboard having our improvement applied thereto, the protector being reversible over the head-piece. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same, the plane of section being indicated by the line II II, Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a washboard, showing a protector reversible from one side of the board to the other over the head-piece and adjustable to positions of use adjacent to the head-piece and to the cross-bar. Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation of the same, the plane of section being indicated by the line IV IV, Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a view of a washboard, partly in elevation and partly in section, showing the protector reversible from side to side under the head-piece; and Fig. 6 is a sectional elevation of the same, the plane of section being indicated by the line VI VI, Fig. 5.

In the practice of our invention the washboard is constructed in the usual manner, and consists of side bars 1, head-piece 2, cross-bar 3, brand-board 4, rubbing-faces 5, and back-board 6.

In the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2 the protector 7 is attached to one end of arms 8, which have their opposite ends pivotally attached on the outside of the side bar 1 and in such relation to the head-piece 2 and cross-bar

3 as to permit of the protector being shifted from one side of the washboard to the other over the head-piece, and also of its adjustment on each side of the washboard to position of protector use adjacent to the cross-bar. When in position adjacent to the cross-bar, the protector will form a support or receptacle for the soap and will also protect the soap and clothes of the operator from water splashed up in washing.

In the construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4 provision is made, by means of a suitable catch or stop, for holding the protector 7^a in such position adjacent to the head-piece that it will serve as a clothes-protector, but not as a soap support or protector. A suitable form of stop or catch for holding the protector in operative position adjacent to the head-piece consists of a V-shaped strip 9, arranged on a spring 10 in a slot 11 in the head-piece 2^a, so as to engage ribs 12 along the edges of the protector. The strip and spring are held in the slot with a freedom of movement by staples 13, with which projections on the ends of the strip engage.

In the construction shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the arms 8^b on the ends of the protector 7^b are pivoted inside the side bars 1 and in such relation to the head-piece 2^b and the cross-bar that the protector may be shifted from side to side of the washboard under the head-piece, the brand-board 4^b being cut away under the head-piece and adjacent to the side bars to permit of such reversal of the protector. In this construction, as in that shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the protector is capable of adjustment to positions adjacent to the cross-bar and head-piece on each side of the washboard. The protector is held in its positions adjacent to the head-piece by any suitable form of catch, as, for example, a construction similar to that hereinbefore described, consisting of a V-shaped strip 9^b and a spring 10^b, arranged in a slot in the under side of the head-piece and adapted to engage ribs 12^b along the edges of the protector.

If desired, the protector may be pivotally connected to its supporting-arms, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 5, and 6, so as to permit of its being adjusted when adjacent to the cross-bar, so as to project at a greater angle to the washboard. The protector is prevented from

too great movement on its pivots by means of pins 14 on the ends of the protector projecting into curved slots in the supporting-arms.

5 We claim herein as our invention—

1. A double-faced washboard having in combination therewith a fixed brand-board, arms pivotally mounted in the frame of the washboard, and a protector attached to the
10 outer ends of the arms, the construction and arrangement of the parts being such that the protector may be swung on its pivotal support from one side to the other of the washboard to a position near the cross-bar, there
15 to serve both as a protector and soap-holder, substantially as set forth.

2. A double-faced washboard having in combination therewith a fixed brand-board, a protector, arms attached to the protector
20 and pivotally mounted on the frame of the washboard, the construction and arrangement of the parts being such that the protector may be swung on its pivotal support from one side to the other of the washboard to a
25 position of protector use adjacent to the head-piece or to the cross-bar, and in the latter position to also serve as a soap-box, substantially as set forth.

3. A double-faced washboard having in

combination therewith a brand-board, arms 30 pivotally mounted on the washboard-frame, and a protector adjustably mounted on said arms whereby the protector may be reversed from one side of the washboard to the other and adjusted to a position of protector use 35 adjacent to the head-piece, or to a position of protector and soap-box use adjacent to the cross-bar, substantially as set forth.

4. A double-faced washboard having in combination therewith a brand-board, arms 40 pivotally mounted on the washboard-frame, a protector adjustably mounted on said arms, whereby the protector may be reversed from one side of the washboard to the other, and adjusted to a position of protector and soap- 45 box use adjacent to the cross-bar, or to a position of protector use adjacent to the head-piece, and a catch for holding the protector in the latter position, substantially as set forth. 50

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands.

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