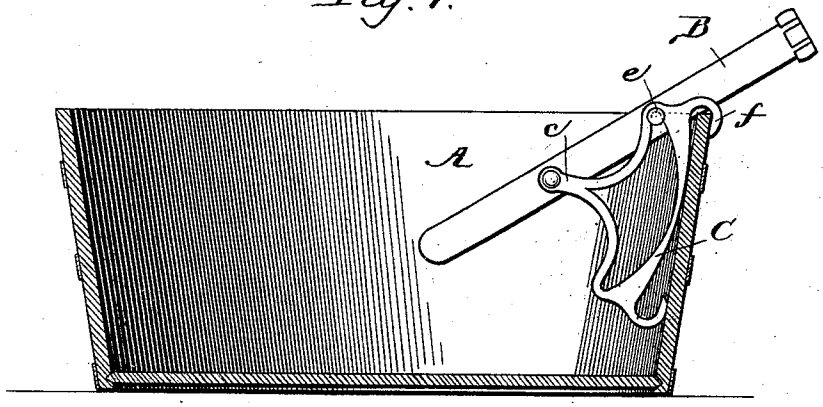
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Fig. 1.



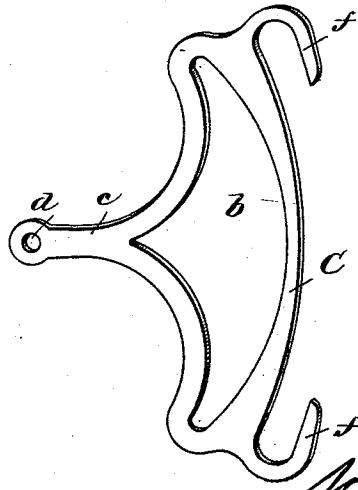


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELSON B. LITTLE, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, and a citizen of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Boards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a tub showing the method of adjustment of my improved wash-board, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the brackets.

Wash-boards as heretofore constructed have consisted of a board provided at its lower end with legs, by means of which it was supported in place in the tub, the legs resting upon the bottom of the tub at one side and the board resting upon the upper edge of the tub at the other end. This method of construction renders it difficult to obtain access to the contents of the tub under the board, as the legs take up a great deal of space in the tub.

The object of my invention is to provide a wash-board which will be supported upon the edge of the tub in such manner that the lower end of the board will not extend to the bottom of the tub, so that the contents of the tub may be easily reached. I accomplish this object as hereinafter specified, and as illustrated in the drawings.

That which I deem to be new will be pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, A represents the tub.

B represents the wash-board. The wash-board B is provided with the ordinary rubbing-surface, which may be constructed after any approved pattern, and extends to about the lower edge of the board. The board is made similar on both sides, so that either side may be used for rubbing purposes.

C indicates a bracket, one of which is pivoted to each side of the wash-board in the manner shown in Fig. 1. Each bracket C is provided with a projection or pivotal arm *c*, which is provided with a suitable hole *d*, by means of which it may be pivoted to the side of the board. Each bracket C is also provided with a segmental slot *b*, which is struck on a curve, which is the arc of a circle of which the hole *d* is the center. As here shown, that portion of the bracket inside of the slot is cut away in order to make the bracket lighter; but, if desired, the slot may be made much narrower and with parallel sides.

e indicates a pin, one of which is secured to each side of the wash-board in such manner that it will act as a guide for the bracket C, being at such a distance from the pivotal point of the bracket that it will fit in the angles of the bracket and thereby form a stop to limit its action.

Each bracket is provided on its outer edge with hooks *f*, which are adapted to fit over the edge of the tub, as shown in Fig. 1.

The operation of my device is as follows: After the brackets have been put in position on the boards, the hooks *f* at one end of the brackets are hooked over the edge of the tub, when the upper part of the wash-board will rest upon the edge of the tub and the lower part will be supported by the lower ends of the bracket, which will then bear against the inside of the side of the tub. When pressure is brought to bear upon the board, as in rubbing the clothes or material to be washed, the pins *e* in the brackets will firmly hold the board in position. When it is desired to use the other side of the board, it may be turned over, when the brackets will fall to the other side, the slots *b* moving on the pins *e*. The operation of the board will then be as before. This construction permits of ready access to all parts of the tub, as the use of legs is dispensed with and the lower end of the board does not extend to the bottom of the tub.

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

The combination, with a reversible wash-board, of brackets C, having projecting arms *c*, pivoted to the sides of the wash-board, segmental slots *b*, hooks *f*, and pins *e*, adapted to limit the motion of the brackets, substantially as described.

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