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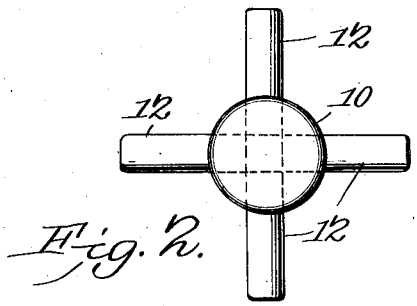


Fig. 2.

Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AGNES THUESON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Anaconda, in the county of Deerlodge and State of Montana, have invented a new and useful Clothes Stick and Catcher, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to implements employed in handling clothes in wash boilers and other laundry apparatus, and in removing the clothes therefrom, and commonly known as "clothes sticks."

A necessary adjunct of the laundry is a rod having a rounded end with which to force the clothes beneath the water in the boiler and to change their position therein, and also employed in removing the clothes from the boiler, but the smooth round ended rod is a very inconvenient implement for this purpose owing to the condition and position of the clothes, and to produce an implement of simple construction which may be employed with equal facility for forcing the clothes beneath the water, changing the position of the clothes in the boiler, and removing the clothes from the boiler.

With these and other objects in view which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention within the scope of the appended claims.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved implement. Fig. 2 is a plan view, enlarged, of the same.

The improved implement comprises a stock or rod 10 of the usual length of a clothes "stick" and preferably of wood, and with one end also preferably of elongated tapering or conical shape as at 11. As thus constructed the implement is adapted for use as a means for forcing the clothes beneath the water and also for changing the position within the boiler.

To enable the implement to be employed with equal facility for removing the clothes from the boiler and at the same time not interfering with its use as an ordinary "clothes stick," a plurality of pins 12 are inserted transversely of the stock and extending radially thereof and spaced apart and also spaced from the inclined end of the stock, to prevent interference thereby of the ordinary use of the "stick."

With an implement thus constructed when the clothes are to be removed from the boiler, the rod is thrust among the clothes and rotated sufficiently to entangle the pins 12 therewith and cause the clothes to adhere thereto when the rod is withdrawn.

The clothes may thus be readily lifted from the boiler and deposited in a suitable receptacle, and the rod released by reversing the motion as will be obvious.

The clothes may thus be handled to any required extent without the necessity for the hands of the operator coming in contact therewith, and without damage to the clothes.

The stock 10 and the pins 12 are preferably of wood, and will not therefore be injurious to the clothes even of the most fragile kind.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed is:—

As a new article of manufacture, a clothes stick consisting of a straight cylindrical wooden stick with a relatively long tapered end finished with a rounded point and having a plurality of radially disposed pins projecting from said stock above the tapered end, said pins being disposed in different parallel planes perpendicular to the axis of said stock.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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