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Wash Bench.

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Fig. 1

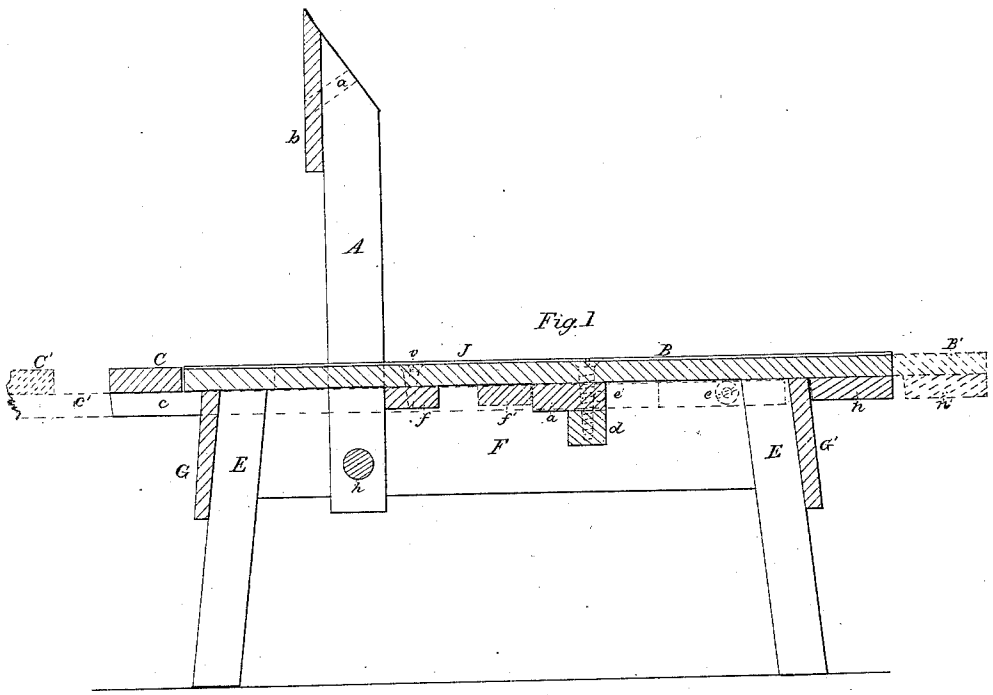
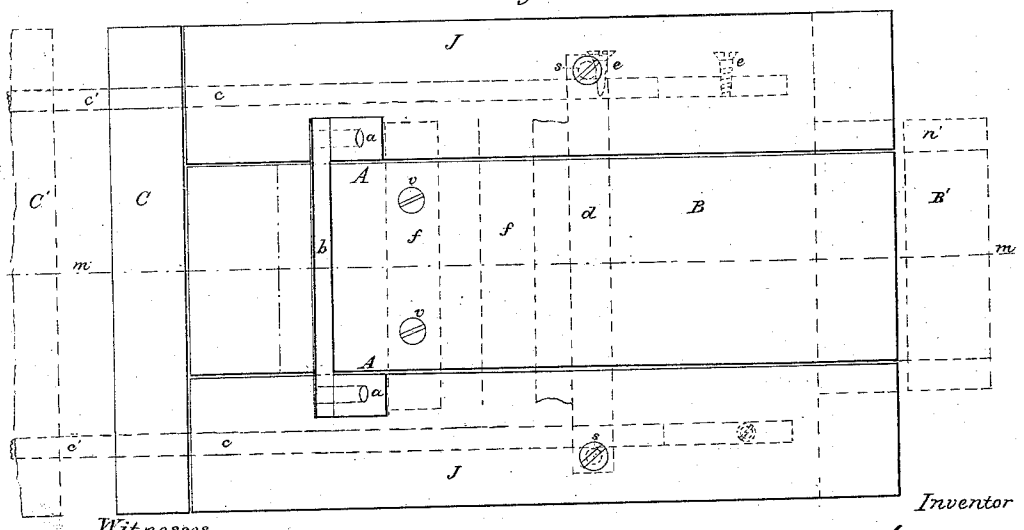


Fig. 2



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EXTENSION-WASHBENCH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL WISWALL, of Hyde Park, in the county of Lamoille and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Extension-Washbench; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section taken in the plane indicated by the line *m*, *m*, of Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a plan or top view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

The object of this invention is to provide a convenient wash-bench upon which may be placed a wash-tub, a soap-dish, a clothes-wringer and a clothes-basket; the relative position of the tub the wringer and the basket being such that the clothes, after being washed, may be passed from the tub through the wringer, and will be deposited into the basket without any re-handling after being fed into the wringer; and the two extension shelves for the soap-dish, and clothes basket may be slid in when the bench is to be set away, rendering it much less cumbersome than it otherwise would be.

The invention consists in the combination of two extension shelves and an elevated frame with the ordinary wash-bench.

I use the ordinary wash-bench, the frame of which is composed of four posts E, two of which are seen in Fig. 1, the two end boards G and G′, and the two sides F. The top of the bench is composed of the two boards J, Fig. 1, which are nailed to the end boards G and G′. The center board or shelf B, is a trifle thinner than the other two, and is made adjustable by fixing the cross-piece *f*, to the under side by the screws *v*. The ends of the said cross-piece project under the edge of the boards J. The cross-piece *n*, is similarly arranged, but is nailed to the board or shelf B. This shelf rests on the upper edge of the board G′, and upon the cross-bar *a*′, and may be drawn out until the cross-bar *f* strikes the bar *a*′, as shown at *f*′. The bar *a*′, rests upon the bar *d*, which is mortised through the side boards F, where it is fastened by the screws *s*, passing down through the boards J, and into the said bar *d*. The screws *s*, also help to secure the top J.

The shelf C, is nailed to the upper side of one end of the arms *c*, and they are notched into the end board G, and slid under the top boards J, outside of the side boards F, and their other end rests on the bar *d*. The ends of this bar project far enough beyond the sides F, to receive the arms *c*, between the said sides F, and the screws *s*.

The screws *e*, answer as stops to prevent the shelf C, from being drawn clear out by striking against the screws *s*, as shown by the red dotted lines at *e*′, Fig. 2.

The posts A, are notched into the edge of the top boards J, pass down inside of the side boards F, and are attached to them by the rod *h*, passing through said side boards F, and posts A. The board *b*, is nailed across the top of the posts as a brace.

A clothes wringer may be attached to the top of these posts A, by bolts passing through the holes *a*. The top of the said posts are beveled, as seen in Fig. 1, in order to throw the bottom of the wringer out over the edge of the wash tub, which should be placed on the right hand side of, and close to the posts A, and this brings one side of it under the wringer.

The shelf B, is drawn out, as shown by the red lines at B′, and a soap-dish is placed upon that end. The shelf C, is drawn out, as shown by the red lines at C′, and a clothes-basket is placed thereon to receive the clothes as they are discharged through the wringer.

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

The combination of two extension shelves B, and C, and an elevated frame or posts A, with the ordinary wash bench; all the parts being constructed and arranged as and for the purposes set forth.

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