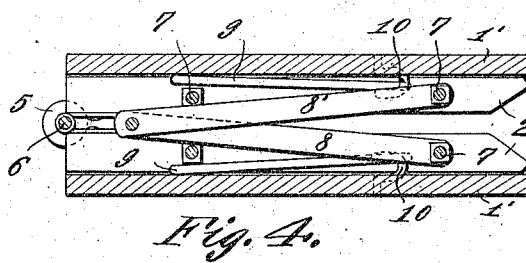
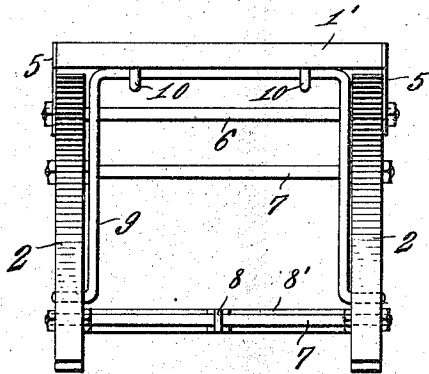
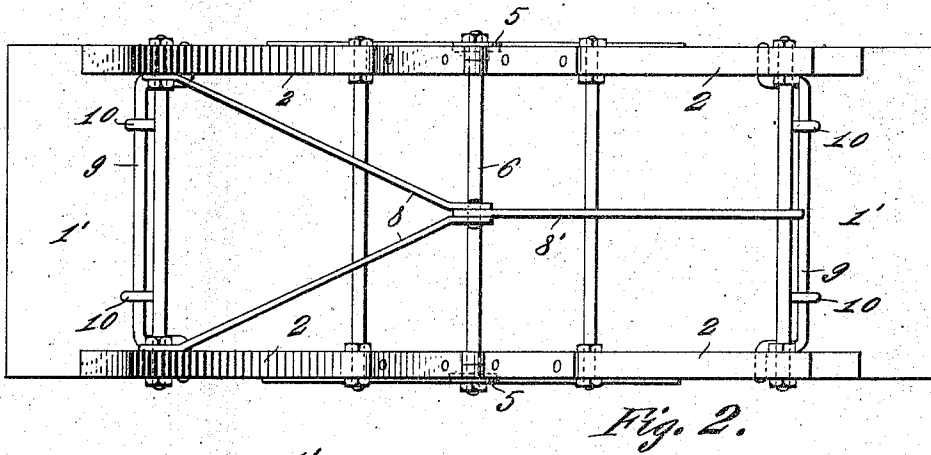
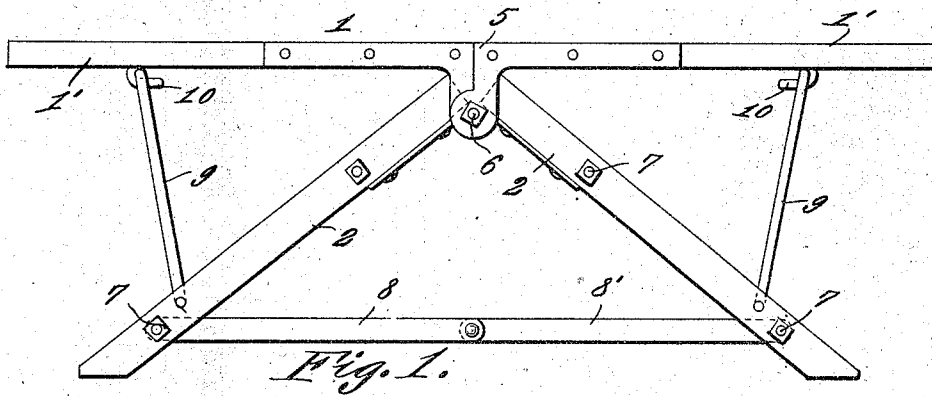


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GRANT L. DARROW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ogdensburg, in the county of St. Lawrence and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Benches, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a novel construction of wash-bench, or similar support, for house use, the aim of the invention being to provide a structure of above type possessed of extreme simplicity with reference to number of parts, and which is collapsible or foldable so that it may be readily reduced in size when not in use and in order to economize space to be occupied thereby.

For a full comprehension of the details of construction of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description, and to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a bench constructed in accordance with the invention; Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view; Fig. 3 is an end view; and Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view of the bench folded.

Throughout the following detail description and on the several figures of the drawings, similar parts are referred to by like reference characters.

Specifically describing the invention and referring particularly to the drawings, it will be observed that the wash-bench illustrated consists of a top 1, legs 2 and braces. The top 1 is composed of sections 1', said sections being connected at their adjacent ends by means of strap hinges 5 composed of side plates connected together by a pintle rod 6. The sections of the top 1 are therefore adapted to be folded together as shown in Fig. 4, and when the top 1 is folded the other parts of the invention are received between the sections. Not only does the pintle rod 6 afford a hinge connection between the sections of the top 1, but the legs 2 which consist of spaced sides are pivoted at their upper ends to said rod 6. Transverse brace rods 7 connect the opposite sides of the legs 2 and the lowermost brace rods 7 of the legs 2 are connected together by a foldable hori-

zontal brace 8. The brace 8 consists of a V-shaped member, the sides of which are pivotally connected with the transverse rod 7 of one leg 2, and a single member of straight form which is pivotally connected at one end with the V-shaped member denoted 8', the other end being pivotally attached to the other of the legs 2.

In order to hold the sections of the top in operative or horizontal positions to provide a continuous surface for the top of the bench, as shown in Fig. 1, other pivoted braces 9 are employed, said braces being of U-form and having the sides thereof provided with lateral lugs pivoted to the inside portions of the legs 2. The cross-piece of the braces 9 is adapted to engage the under sides of the sections 1' of the top and interlock with hooks 10 applied to the under sides of said sections, whereby to firmly hold the top in its extended operative position.

In order to collapse the bench the braces 9 are moved inwardly out of engagement with the hooks 10 until they rest against the uppermost of the transverse rods 7. This action causes the top sections 1' to rest upon the outer portions of the legs 2. The brace 8 is then folded upwardly between the legs 2 and this permits the legs to move together in the manner shown in Fig. 4.

Having thus described this invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A wash-bench comprising a top composed of pivotally connected sections, legs pivotally connected together at their upper ends and pivotally connected with the top so as to fold together between the top sections, brace means for the top sections, and a folding brace connecting the lower ends of the legs.

2. A wash-bench comprising pivotally connected top sections, pivotally connected legs, the pivot of the top sections being coaxial with the pivot connecting the legs, folding braces interposed between the legs and top sections, and a folding brace connecting the lower portion of the legs.

3. A wash-bench comprising top sections pivotally connected at adjacent ends, a pair of supporting legs pivotally connected at ad-

5 adjacent ends with the pivot of the top sections, a brace interposed between the lower end of each leg and the adjacent top section, hooks on the under side of each top section to interlock with the adjacent brace, transverse brace rods connecting the side portions of the legs, and a brace consisting of pivotally connected sections the remote ends of which are pivotally connected with the lower

ends of the legs and foldable between the top 10 sections of the bench.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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