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COMBINED TUB-SUPPORT, CLOTHES-HORSE, AND IRONING-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN L. BERGSTRESSER, residing at Hublersburg, in the county of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Combined Tub-Support, Clothes-Horse, and Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has, primarily, for its object to provide a very simple economically-constructed and easily-manipulated combined tub-rest, clothes-horse, and ironing-board.

It has also for its object to provide a laundry appliance of this kind in which the parts are so arranged and combined that the same can be almost instantly adjusted to form a support for several washtubs or a combined clothes-horse and ironing-board.

With other objects in view, which will hereinafter be referred to, my invention consists in a laundry appliance comprising the peculiar combination and novel arrangement of parts, which will be first described in detail and then specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved appliance, the same being arranged as a tub-support. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same arranged as a combined clothes-horse and ironing-board. Fig. 3 is a side view, the ironing-board being detached and the combined tub-support and clothes-horse being folded. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the slotted bar, the connecting-rung, and a part of one of the long bars. Fig. 5 is a detail section taken on the line 5 5 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 6 is a detail view of a portion of the ironing-board.

In its practical construction my invention comprises a double pair of cross-braced bars A A, which are cut of a proper size, as to length and thickness, to form strong brace or supporting members. Both pairs of bars A are made to cross each other and joined at a point about two-thirds from their lower end by a main or center rung C, on which such bars are pivotally secured, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The upper ends *a a* of the bars A are pivotally joined to rungs D D, the ends of which are reduced and project into the top bars E E, arranged in pairs at each side, each pair being joined to form a hinge or pivot

connection *f* by the rung F, such top bars E E being so joined with each other and the upper ends of the bars A A that they are capable of being bent down to a horizontal position to form practically continuous side members of the tub-support, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1. The outer ends of the bars E E are fixedly connected with the reduced ends of rung G, the ends *g g* of which are loosely passed through the upper ends *h* of the four corner leg-bars H, which have their lower ends slotted, as at *h' h'*, for the passage of the reduced ends *i i* of the rungs I, which ends are also secured to the lower ends *a' a'* of the bars A A.

So far as described it will be readily apparent that by connecting the several bars and rungs in the manner shown and described the several parts can be quickly adjusted to the position shown in Fig. 1 to serve as a double tub-rest.

By providing the bars H with slots, as shown, the appliance can be quickly folded up to form a clothes-horse, as shown in Fig. 2, the several rungs before referred to, as well as the supplemental rungs K, serving as hangers for the clothes.

One or both sets of bars E E have recesses or openings L, which openings, when the parts are in the position shown in Fig. 2, are in the same horizontal plane, such recesses or openings L forming sockets for the rest-pins M on the rear end of the ironing-board M', which board has at such rear end on the under side an eye *m* to receive the securing-hook N, secured to one of the bars A, as shown, such ironing-board also having a folding leg or support O, provided with an eye P to receive the lock-hook R, as shown.

The ironing-board, when in position, serves to support the clothes-horse and prevent the same from collapsing, as the rest-pins M will hold the bars E against outward, inward, or downward movement, and the hook N and eye *m* will prevent the said pins from leaving the openings L.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is thought the advantages of my invention will readily appear. The same, while capable of use as a tub-rest, clothes-horse, and ironing-board combined, has the several parts

so arranged that the ironing-board can be quickly detached and folded up with the stand or rest portion, so as to place all in a very compact form for storing or shipping, as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A combined tub-support and clothes-horse, comprising the crossed members A, the bars E pivoted together at their inner ends and similarly connected at points intermediate of their ends to the upper ends of the members A, and the bars H pivotally connected at their upper ends to the outer ends of the bars E, and having their lower ends adjustably connected to the lower ends of the member A, substantially as described.

2. The combination with the cross-bars A, and the bars E pivotally connected at their inner ends with each other, and at points near such connections pivotally joined to the upper ends of the bars A, and the rungs F and D, of the bars H pivotally joined at their upper ends to the outer ends of the bars E, said bars H having elongated slots *h'* in their

lower ends, the rungs G, and the rungs I, said rungs I having reduced ends adapted to pass through the slots *h'* and be secured to the lower ends of the bars A, substantially as shown and for the purposes described.

3. A combined tub-support, clothes-horse and ironing-board comprising a series of jointed bars A, E and H, and connecting-rungs G, F and I, so arranged that the bars E are adapted to be adjusted to a horizontal position to form a rest for the tubs, or at an angle, said bars E having an opening L arranged to be in the same horizontal plane when the bars are adjusted at an angle, and the board M' having pins N at the rear end adapted to fit the openings L, said board M' preventing the parts forming the clothes-horse from collapsing, and having a hinged support O, and locking means for securely holding the board in position, all arranged substantially as shown and for the purposes described.

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