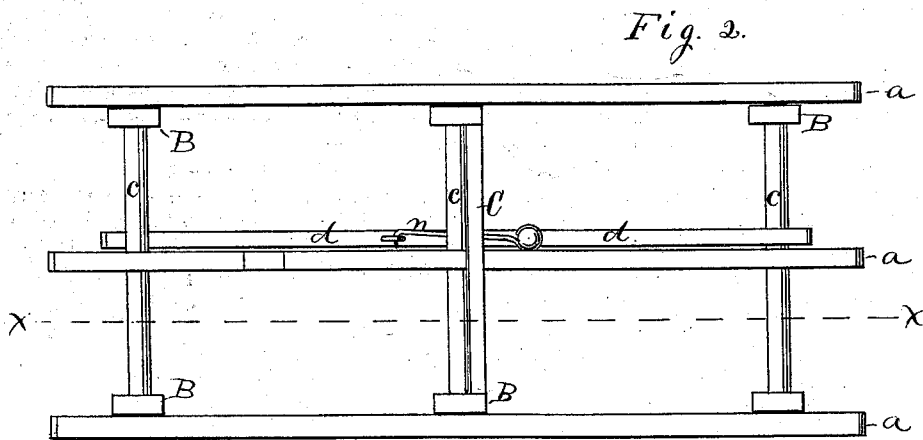
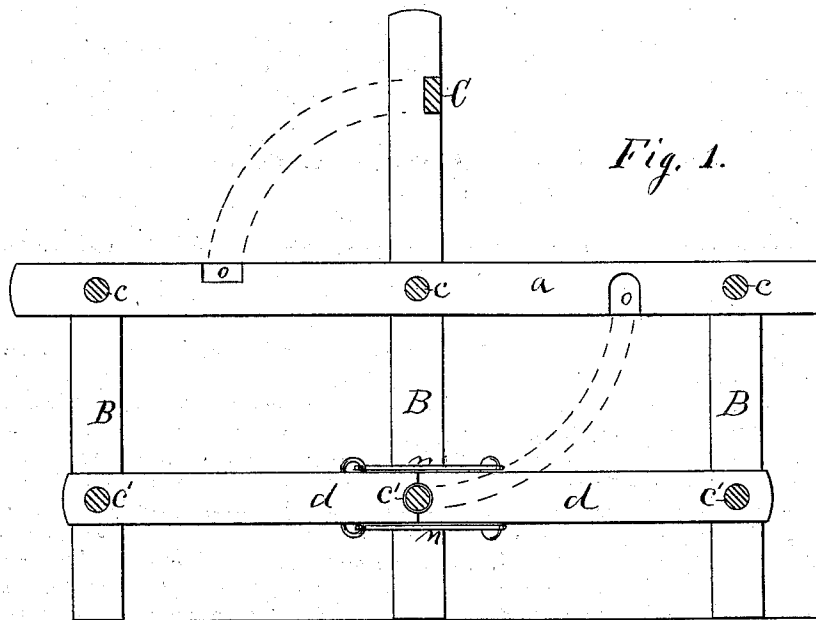


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN ASTLEY, of New Britain, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Benches, of which the following is a specification:

In my improved folding bench there are three pairs of legs, the center one of which extends upward above the table to form a support for a wringer, and they are all hung upon transverse rounds, so that they may be folded, as hereafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a vertical section, on line *x x* of Fig. 1, of a wash-bench which embodies my invention; and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

The platform or table of the bench is composed of three rails, *a a a*, secured together by means of transverse rounds or rods *c c c*. These rods pass through the uprights which form the legs *B B B*, said uprights being placed just within the two outer rails. The lower ends of each pair of legs *B B B* are connected together by rounds *c' c' c'*. A divided rail, *d d*, is hung upon the round *c'* of the legs at each end of the bench, the meeting portions each being provided with a semicircular recess, which, when the parts *d d* are brought together, embraces the round *c'* of the middle legs, as shown in Fig. 1. Hooks or other fastenings *n* may be employed to hold the rail *d d*

together. The uprights of the center pair of legs *B* extend upward above the rails *a a a*, and are connected by a cross-bar, *C*, at the top. If desired, suitable braces or hooks may be added to increase the rigidity of the bench. The rails *a a a* are designed to receive and hold a pair of wash-tubs or other vessels, while the bar *C* is designed as a support, to which a wringer may be attached. The parts are so connected to the rounds that the legs *B B B* and rail *d d* can be folded. Notches *o o* are formed in the center one of the rails *a a a* to receive the bar *C* and round *c'* when the middle pair of legs are folded, as indicated by broken lines in Fig. 1. The other legs can be folded over in a similar manner, so that the complete device can be made to occupy less space when not wanted for use. By causing the rail *d d* to embrace the round *c'* of the center pair of legs, the wringer-support *C* is held firmly in place.

I claim as my invention—

The bench *a a a*, provided with folding legs *B B B*, folding wringer-support *C*, and its fastening mechanism *d d n n*, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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