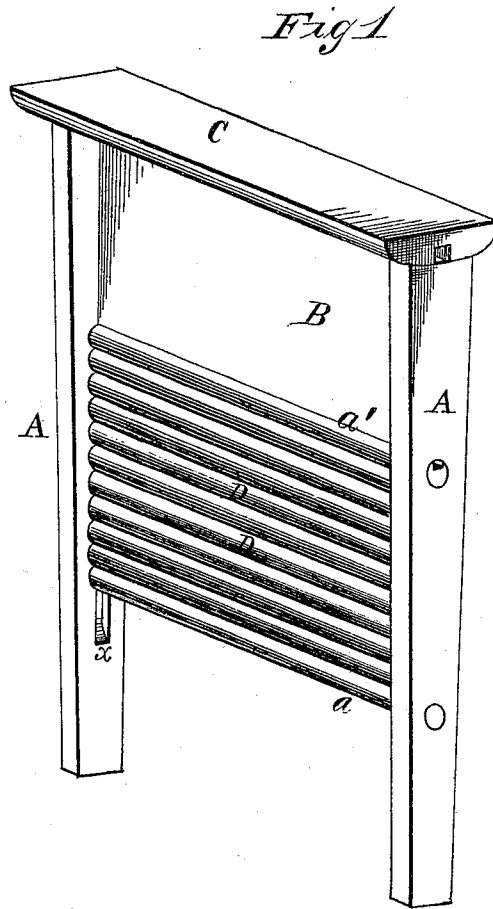
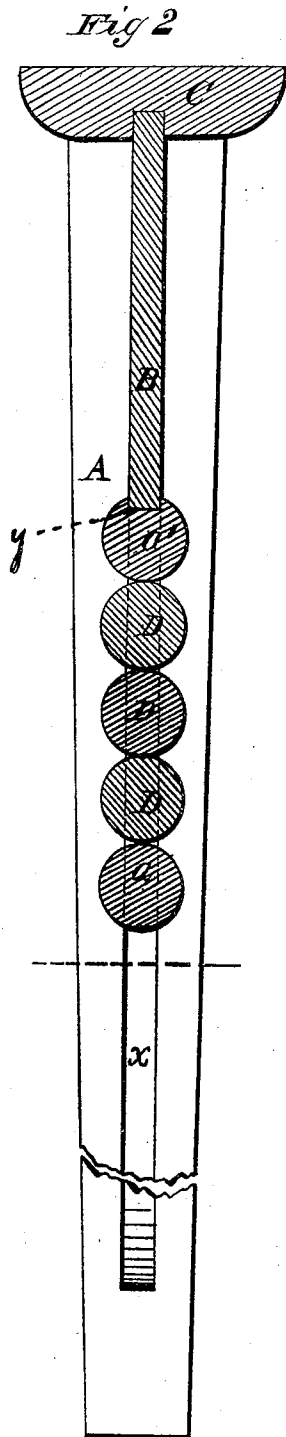


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IMPROVEMENT IN WASH-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEWIS M. CROSBY, of Ashtabula, in the county of Ashtabula and in the State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Boards; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the mode of constructing the sides and rounds of a wash-board, as also in the mode of putting the several parts together, as will be hereinafter more particularly set forth.

In the annexed drawings making part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 a view of one of the rounds.

In the figures, A A represent the two side pieces of the wash-board, which are grooved longitudinally on their inner faces, as seen at *x x*. *a a'* and D D represent the rounds of the board. The rounds *a a* pass through the side pieces, and are keyed or wedged in, so as to be permanent. The rounds D are provided at their ends with tenons *e e*. These tenons pass into the grooves *x x*, and thus prevent the rounds from turning, and at the same time form a cheap and convenient mode of connecting the parts of the wash-board together. B represents the board above the rounds, which is connected to the top piece C, and which slides in the grooves *x x*, its lower

end fitting in a groove, *y*, in the upper roller *a'*. When the rounds *a a* are wedged in place, and the top C is nailed to the side pieces A, the wash-board is formed solid, and is ready for use.

By thus constructing the wash-board the rounds are held firmly in place by the board B and cap C. The parts can be easily put together and easily detached when required.

I am aware that it is not new in wash-boards to connect the rounds in longitudinal grooves in the side pieces; hence I do not claim such, broadly, as being my invention.

In my wash-board no nails or screws are used in connecting the parts excepting those used for securing the cap C to the frame.

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

The combination of the side pieces A, having longitudinal grooves *x*, the lower stationary round *a*, the movable rounds D, having tenons *e*, the upper stationary round *a'*, having groove *y*, and the board B, all constructed and arranged substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of November, 1875.

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