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W. C. Kniffin,

Washing Machine,

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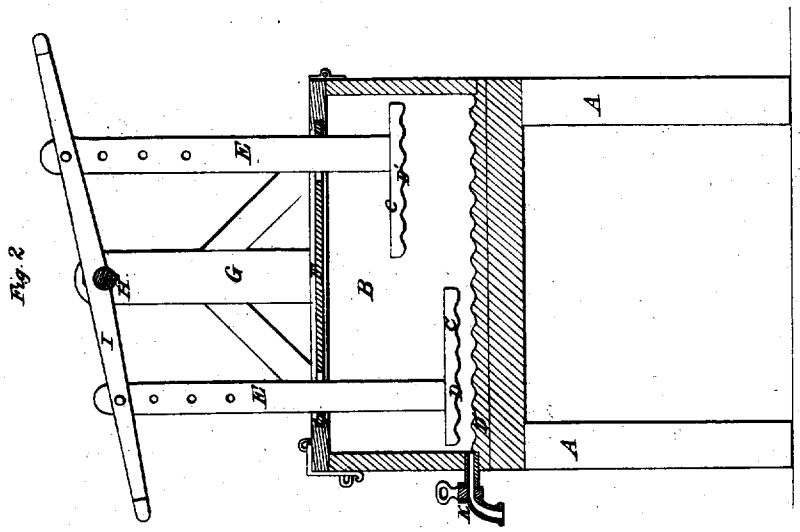


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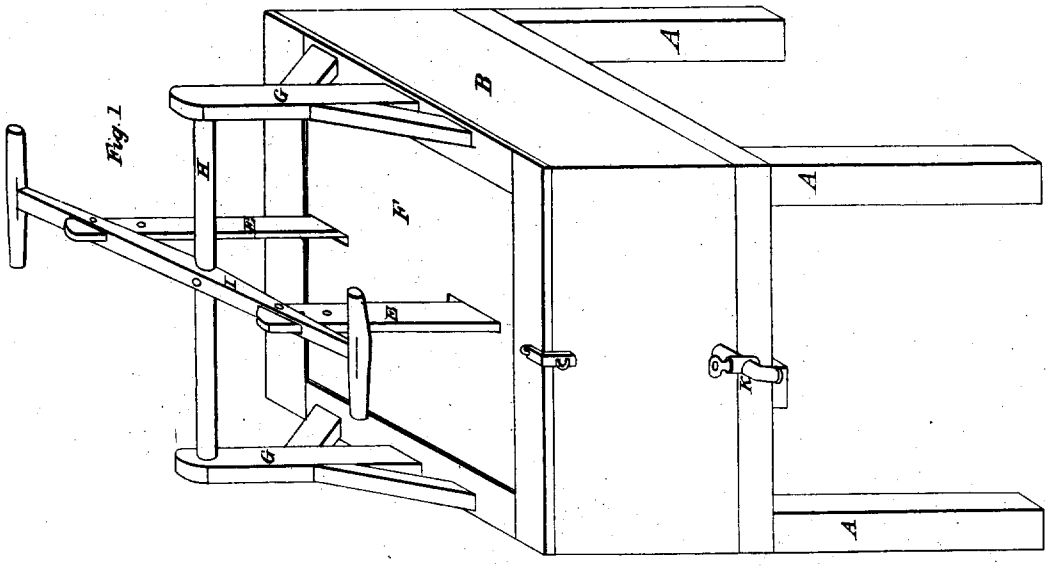


Fig. 1

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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same Containing a description in the words of the said William C. McKiffin himself of his improvement in the application of Lever Power to a Machine for washing Clothes or Cloths.

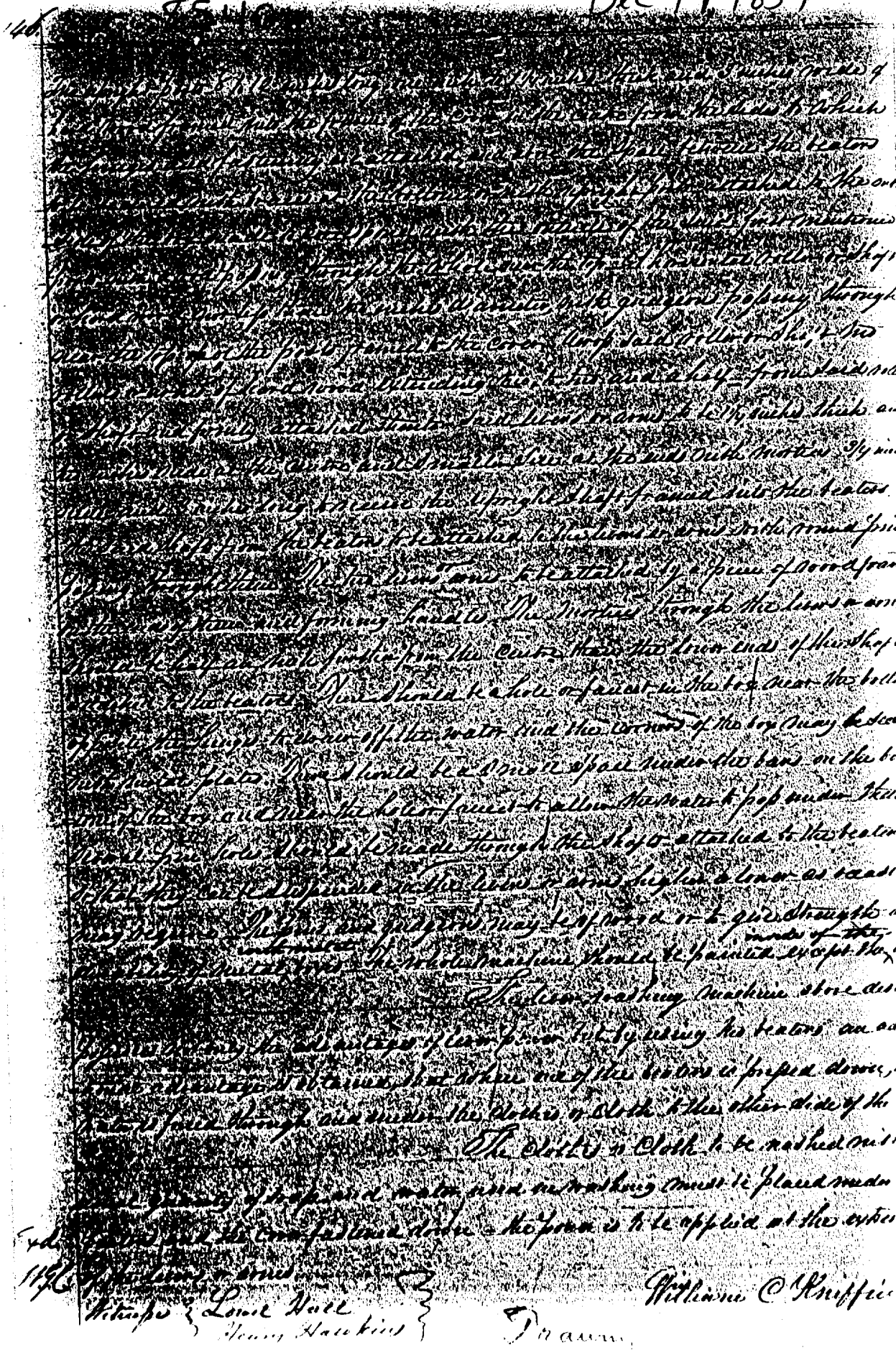
To all to whom these presents shall come Be it known that I William C. McKiffin of Alexander in the County of Genesee and State of New York have invented a new and useful Improvement in the application of Lever Power to a Machine for washing Clothes or Clothes. and that the following is a full & exact description of the Construction & operation of said Machine as invented by me.

The Machine consists of a Square frame 12 & 18 inches high & 18 Inches Square the Posts of hard wood of not less than two inches diameter, and the horizontal pieces & connections of hard wood and sufficient size to render the frame strong and durable. Upon the frame and firmly attached thereto a box made tight of Plank not less than 1/4 inch thick of wood proper for such purpose 18 & 24 inches Square and 10 & 12 inches deep the box and frame to be made of an equal size. Two beaters of equal size of Plank of not less than 1/4 inch thick of a size to cover the bottom of the box inside & within half an inch on each side and allowing the beaters to be one inch apart. Wooden bars to be attached across the beaters

The bars to be 1/2 inches deep 1/2 inches wide & one attached to the bottom of the beaters, and bevelled to half an inch wide on the bottom calculated when the beaters are pressed down to fit closely between similar bars fastened on the bottom of the box inside. Two upright shafts 18 & 24 inches long 2 inches thick and two inches wide to be framed into each beater near the ends. The Cover to the box to be made of a panneal one inch thick surrounded with a frame of hard wood composed of pieces 1/2 & 2 inches square with mortices 2/4 inches wide and 2 inches long made to correspond with the position of the upright shafts framed to the beaters and allowing said shafts to pass through. The cover to be made to fit tight to the top of the box and to be attached thereto with substantial hinges on one side and proper fastenings on the other side to keep the same shut

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