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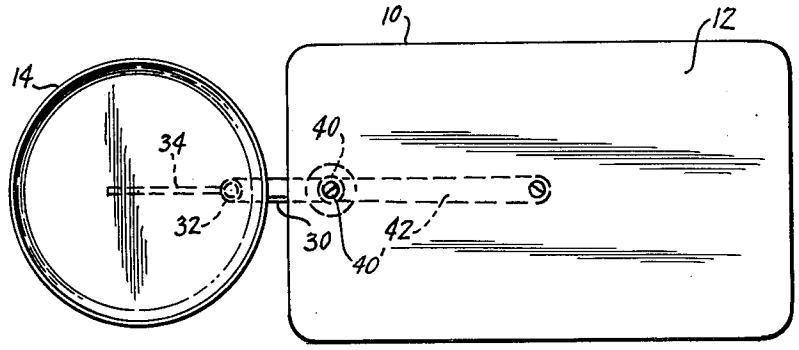


FIG. 1

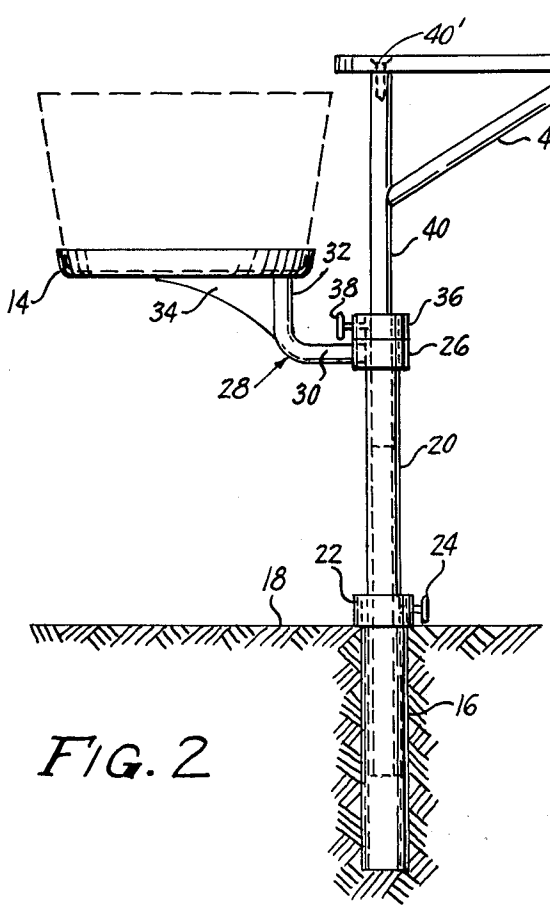


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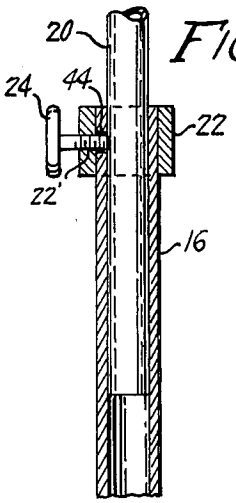


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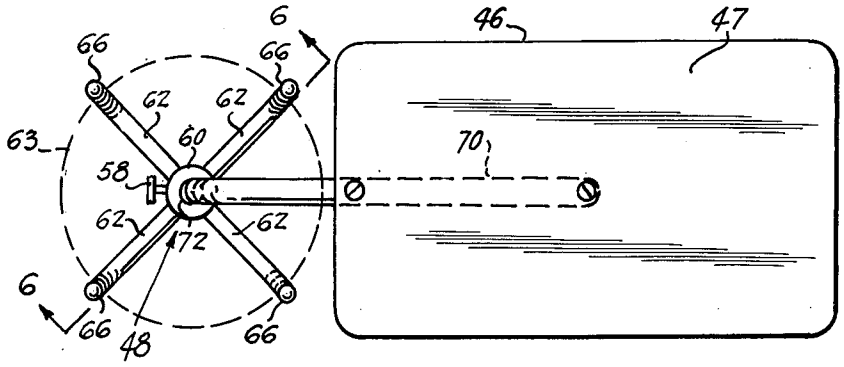


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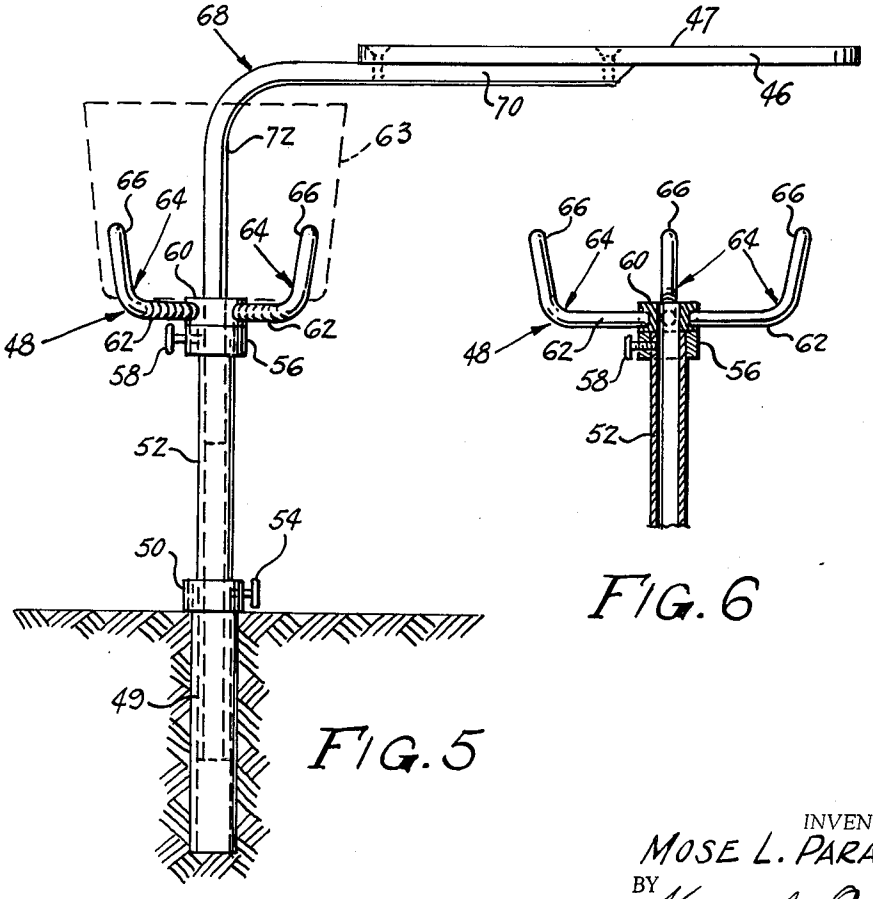


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This invention relates to a laundry table and more specifically to a laundry table positioned adjacent a clothes line to provide a support for laundry when the same is removed from the clothes line. The laundry table also includes means for supporting a receptacle in which wet laundry is contained when carried outdoors to be hung.

Women who prefer to hang laundry outdoors are aware of the inconvenience involved. First, when a basket of wet laundry is carried outdoors, it is usually set on the ground alongside the clothes line and the woman must bend or stoop to remove the laundry from the basket. Secondly, when the laundry is dry, the same must be removed from the line and placed in the basket to be carried into the house. If the clothes are the least bit damp when they are removed from the line and placed in the basket, they will become badly wrinkled and make pressing the same quite difficult. In most instances, it is more desirable to fold the clothes as they are removed from the line to avoid the above inconvenience. However, certain articles of clothing are large and rather awkward to fold unless they can be placed on a support of some kind.

One of the objects of the invention, therefore, is a laundry table adapted to be positioned adjacent a clothes line to provide a support for laundry being removed therefrom and folded.

Another object of the invention is a laundry table which can be adjusted vertically to any selected position within the range of its adjustability.

Another object of the invention is a laundry table which includes a support for a laundry receptacle.

Another object of the invention is a laundry table of simple construction and being simple in its operation.

Further objects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent by referring to the following detailed description when taken with the accompanying drawings wherein:

FIGURE 1 is a top plan view of the laundry table and the laundry receptacle support.

FIGURE 2 is a side elevational view of the laundry table receptacle support, and the adjustable supporting means therefor.

FIGURE 3 is a fragmentary sectional view illustrating the locking collar arrangement used to secure the sections in the selected position.

FIGURE 4 is a top plan view of the laundry table illustrating a modified form.

FIGURE 5 is a side elevational view of the modified laundry table shown in FIG. 4.

FIGURE 6 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on lines 6—6 of FIG. 4 showing details of the receptacle support and locking collar for table adjustment in the modified form of the invention.

Referring now to the drawing, there is shown in FIG. 1 the laundry table **10** having a generally rectangular configuration and a planar upper surface **12** upon which clothes can be placed when removed from a clothes line. The planar surface **12** also serves as a support for large awkward pieces which are to be folded. Also shown is a generally circular tray **14** which provides a support for a receptacle (not shown) holding wet laundry which is to be hung to dry. The tray **14** supports the laundry receptacle in any selected position so that the user does

not have to continually bend or stoop to remove articles from the receptacle.

In FIG. 2 there is shown the means which support the laundry table **10** and the tray **14**. As illustrated, a first tubular member **16** is inserted into the ground **18** and provides a stable base member for the assembly. A second tubular member **20** has one end thereof in telescoping engagement with the first tubular member **16**. Secured to the above ground end of the first tubular member **16** is a locking collar **22** which has a radial threaded bore therein. A locking screw **24** extends through the bore and engages the telescoping end portion of the second tubular member **20** whereby the same can be secured in any selected position. Adjacent the free end of the second tubular member **20** is a collar **26** fixed thereto by any suitable means such as welding or swaging. A generally L-shaped arm **28** has one leg **30** fixed to the collar **26**. The other leg **32** of the L-shaped arm **28** is in parallel spaced relation to the second tubular member **20** and has secured thereto the tray **14** which, as previously mentioned, provides a support for a laundry receptacle (shown in dotted lines). It is well known that wet laundry is quite heavy and in order to strengthen the supporting ability of the tray **14** a web **34** is secured to the bottom thereof and to the leg **32** of the L-shaped arm **28**. Secured to the end of the second tubular member **20** is a locking collar **36** having a radial threaded bore therein. A locking screw **38** extends through the bore and engages one end of a downwardly projecting member **40** secured to the underside of the table **10** at right angles thereto by means of a stud or rivet **40'** and in telescoping engagement with the second tubular member **20**. In order to lend strength to the table **10** an angularly disposed brace **42** is secured at one end to the downwardly projecting member **40** and at its other end to the underside of the table **10** at substantially the center thereof.

The locking collars **22** and **36** are the same and the details of the structure of one is shown in FIG. 3. As previously indicated, the first tubular member **16** has a locking collar **22** secured to the above ground end thereof. The collar **22** can be secured to the tubular member **16** by welding, swaging or other suitable means. A radial threaded bore **22'** in the collar **22** is in alignment with an opening **44** in the wall of the tubular member **16**. A locking screw **24** extends through the threaded bore and aligned opening **44** to engage the side wall of the tubular member **20** to secure the same in a selected position within the range of its adjustability.

The modified form of the invention as shown in FIG. 4 also provides a laundry table **46** of rectangular configuration and having a planar surface **47** and a support **48** for a laundry receptacle.

The modified structure shown in FIG. 5, as in the form of the invention shown in FIG. 2, includes a first ground inserted tubular member **49** having a locking collar **50** secured to the above ground end thereof. A second tubular member **52** is telescopically engaged in the tubular member **49** and secured in a selected position by a locking screw **54** extending through a threaded bore in locking collar **50** in the same manner described with respect to the structure shown in FIG. 2.

Adjacent the free end of the tubular member **52** is secured a locking collar **56** having an associated locking screw **58**, the purpose of which will be later described. Fixed to the free end of tubular member **52** is a collar **60** which forms a part of a base for the receptacle support **48**. Fixed to the collar **60** by one of their legs **62** are a plurality of oppositely disposed L-shaped arms **64**. The legs **62** together with collar **60** form a base for a laundry receptacle **63** shown in dotted lines. The

other legs 66 of the L-shaped arms 64 project upwardly and provide side wall support for the laundry receptacle 63. The details of the joint between locking collar 56, collar 60, and tubular member 52 are shown in FIG. 6.

An L-shaped member 68 is secured by one leg 70 to the underside of the table 46. The other leg 72 of the L-shaped member 68 projects downwardly and is telescopically engaged in tubular member 52. The table 46 is secured in a selected position by locking screw 58 in locking collar 56 engaging the wall of the leg 72 of L-shaped member 68.

It would appear that the modified form of the laundry receptacle support 48 would require a special receptacle with an opening in the bottom in alignment with the tubular member 52 to accommodate the leg 72 of L-shaped member 68. However, because of the novel structure, the table 46 is not normally in place when laundry is being hung to dry but is carried out and secured in the tubular member 52 only when clothes are being removed from the clothes line and folded.

It will be apparent that while only two forms of the invention have been described and illustrated, other forms and modifications will become apparent to those skilled in the art. However, such other forms and modifications are considered to be within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A laundry table comprising a first tubular member adapted to be vertically inserted in the ground with a portion thereof extending above ground level, a first collar surrounding said portion, a set screw extended

through said collar, a second tubular member telescopically movable in said first tubular member and secured in a selected position of adjustment by said set screw, a second collar secured to said second tubular member below the upper end thereof, an L-shaped arm having a horizontal leg affixed to said second collar and a vertically extending leg, a tray having an upturned flange secured adjacent its edge to the top of said vertically extending arm, a triangular web secured radially between the bottom of said tray and said vertically extending arm, a third collar secured to said second tubular upright above said second collar, a set screw extending through said third collar, a third tubular upright telescopically mounted in said second tubular upright and secured in a selected position by said last-mentioned set screw, a laundry table having a planar top surface, a stud securing one end of said table to the top of said upright, and an angularly disposed brace secured between a mid point of the underside of said table and an intermediate point of said third tubular upright.

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