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FIG. 1.

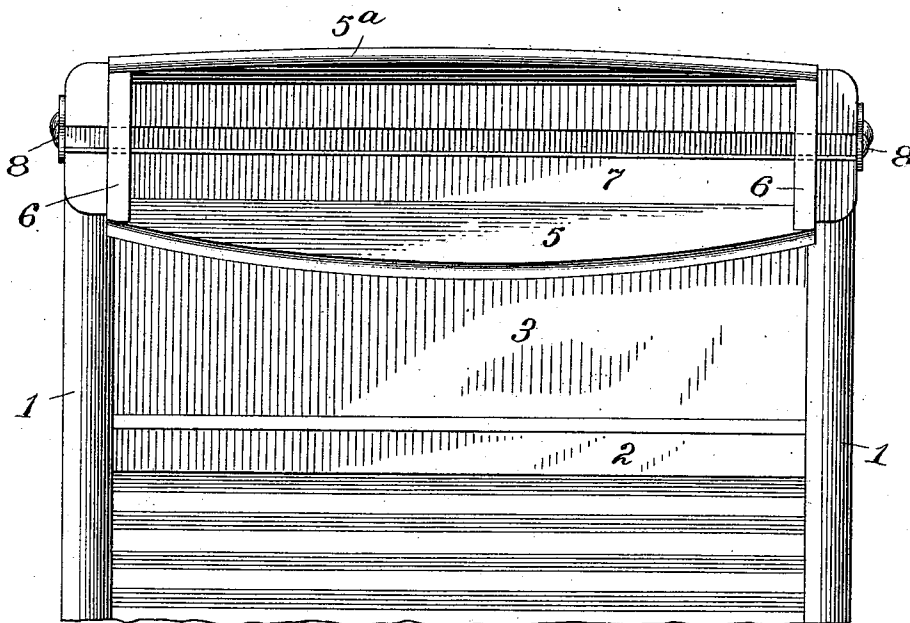


FIG. 2.

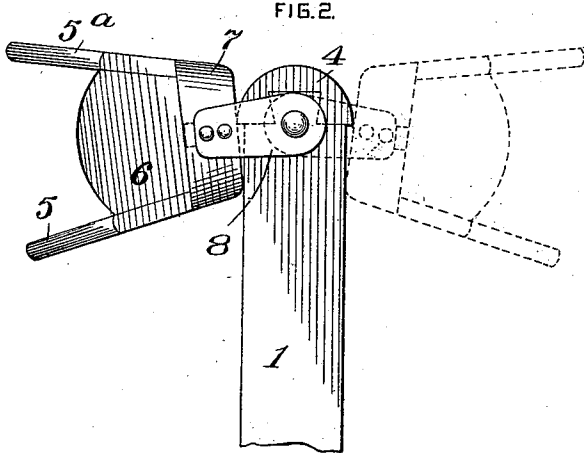
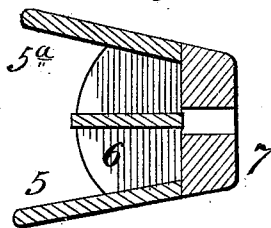


Fig. 5.



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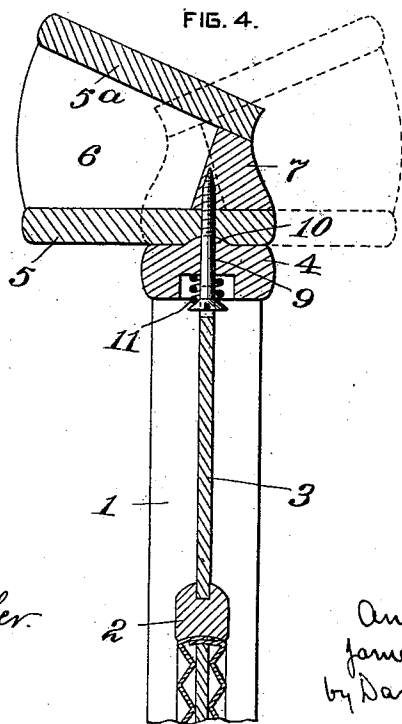
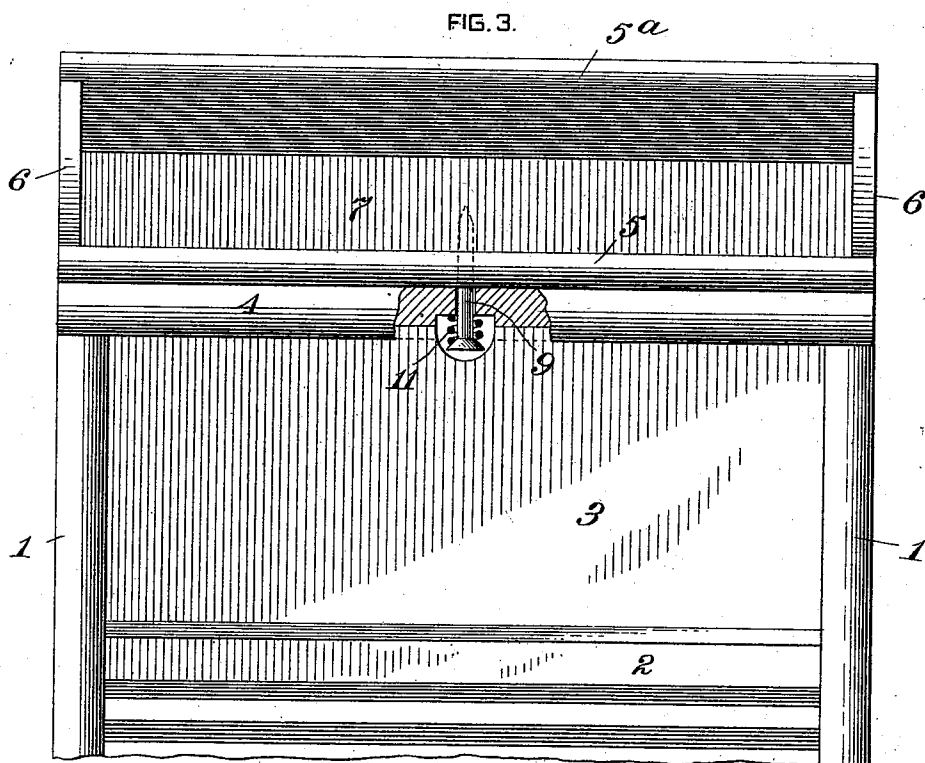
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WASHBOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES T. SARGENT and ANDREW WEISS, citizens of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented or discovered certain new and useful Improvements in Washboards, of which improvements the following is a specification.

The invention described herein relates to certain improvements in a combined soap box or receptacle and protector; and the invention has for its object a construction and combination whereby provision is made for the application of the combined protector and soap box to the form of washboards now in general use without any material change in the ordinary or usual construction of such boards.

The invention is more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation, of a double-faced washboard having our improvements applied thereto. Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 of a modification of the construction shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation of the construction shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a sectional view of a soap-box having a longitudinal partition.

In the practice of our invention, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, the washboard, as regards the side bars 1, cross-bar 2, brand-board 3, and head-piece 4, is constructed in the usual or any suitable manner, the head-piece being preferably curved exteriorly, as shown in Fig. 2.

The soap box or receptacle, consisting of the sides 5, end pieces 6, and bottom 7, is attached to the frame of the washboard by means of links 8, which are so connected to the frame and soap-receptacle, respectively, as to permit the latter to be shifted from a position of use above one of the rubbing-faces to a corresponding position above the other face, or to a position for packing and storing—i. e., in line with the washboard-frame.

It will be observed that when the soap-receptacle is in position for use above one of

the rubbing-faces one of its sides, as 5, will be in such position relative to the rubbing-face that it will operate to prevent the water splashing not only the person of the operator, but also on the soap contained in the soap-receptacle, and thereby prevent the great waste of the latter by the wearing action of the water splashing onto it, as in the ordinary form of washboards. When the soap box or receptacle is reversed, the opposite side, as 5^a, would operate as a protector to the person of the operator and the soap, while the opposite side will serve as a rest or support for the person of the operator.

In the construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4 the soap box or receptacle is pivotally connected to the head-piece 4 by means of a pin 9 passing up through the head-piece and into the soap box or receptacle. This pivotal arrangement permits of the soap box or receptacle being shifted from a position of use above one of the rubbing-faces to a corresponding position above the other face.

In order to hold the soap box or receptacle in operative relation to the rubbing-faces, a rib 10 is formed along the upper side of the head-piece, and its corresponding groove is formed in the under side of the soap box or receptacle. These two members of the lock are yieldingly held in engagement with each other by means of a spring 11 arranged around the pivot-pin 9 between the head thereof and the under side of the head-piece.

In the construction shown in Figs. 3 and 4 it will be observed that while one side of the soap box or receptacle serves as a protector to the soap and person of the operator the opposite side will serve as a support for the person of the operator.

If desired, the soap box or receptacle may be divided into two compartments by a partition 12, either transverse thereof or longitudinal, as shown in Fig. 5.

We claim herein as our invention—

1. In combination with a double-faced washboard, a combined protector and soap box or receptacle pivotally connected to the frame of the washboard and reversible over the head-piece of the frame, from a position for

use above one side, to a corresponding position above the opposite side, substantially as set forth.

2. In combination with a double-faced wash-
5 board a soap box or receptacle having a side adapted to operate as a protector pivotally mounted on the head-piece thereof, and reversible from the position for use on one side of the board to a corresponding position

above the opposite side, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands.

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