

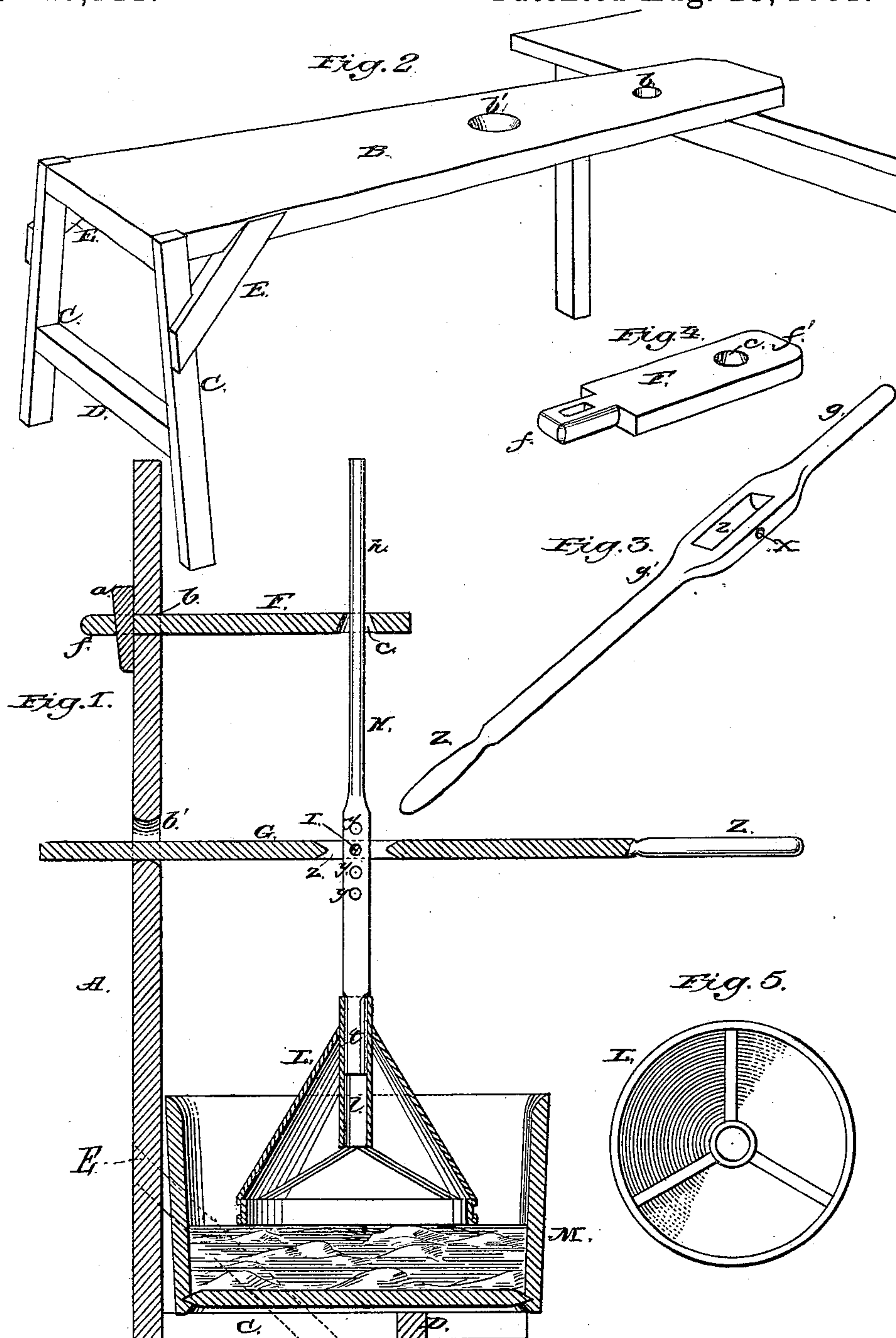
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM M. FITZWATER, a citizen of the United States, resident at St. Albans, in the county of Kanawha and State of West Virginia, have invented an Improved Frame for Supporting a Washing-Machine; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the frame in position to be used as an ironing-board. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are details.

This invention has relation to that class of washing-machines known as "pounder washing-machines;" and it consists of a frame composed of a vertical board having a sustaining-base for supporting a tub, an aperture near its middle for the reception of the lever which operates the pounder, an aperture near its top for the reception of a removable perforated arm keyed thereto, to serve as a guide for the pounder-shaft, and an operating-lever and a pounder, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the vertical board forming part of the frame of the machine, having apertures *b b'*, the latter near its middle and the former near its upper end.

C designates the arms of the base-section of the frame, said arms being connected by a cross-bar, D, and further secured by braces E to the board A. An arm, F, provided with an aperture, *c*, has its tenon *f* passed through the aperture *b*, and is keyed to the board A by a key, *a*.

L designates a pounder; *l*, its socket; H, the pounder-shaft, and *t* the lower end of the pounder-shaft, which enters the socket *l* and forms the connection with the pounder. The shaft H is provided about midway with a series of holes, *y*, by which the bar or lever G, having handle Z and aperture *z*, may be adjusted upon said shaft through the medium of the pin I, passed through the lateral perforation X in the bar G. The upper end, *h*, of the pounder-shaft H passes through the perforation *c* in the arm F.

M designates the tub. The arm F and the pivot-pin I are removable, in order that the parts may be separated for storage or the like.

The tub, pounder, lever, and arm F being removed, the frame may be turned down and utilized as an ironing-board, the forward end being conveniently supported on a table or the like.

In operation the clothes and suds are placed in the tub and the latter rested on the base of the frame. The lever is then worked to operate the pounder in the usual manner.

A pounder, its guide, and an operating-lever are not new, and no claim is made herein to said elements.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim is—

The frame composed of the vertical board A, provided with apertures *b b'*, the bars C D, and braces E, whereby it is adapted to support the mechanism of a washing-machine and also to be used as an ironing-board, in the manner shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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