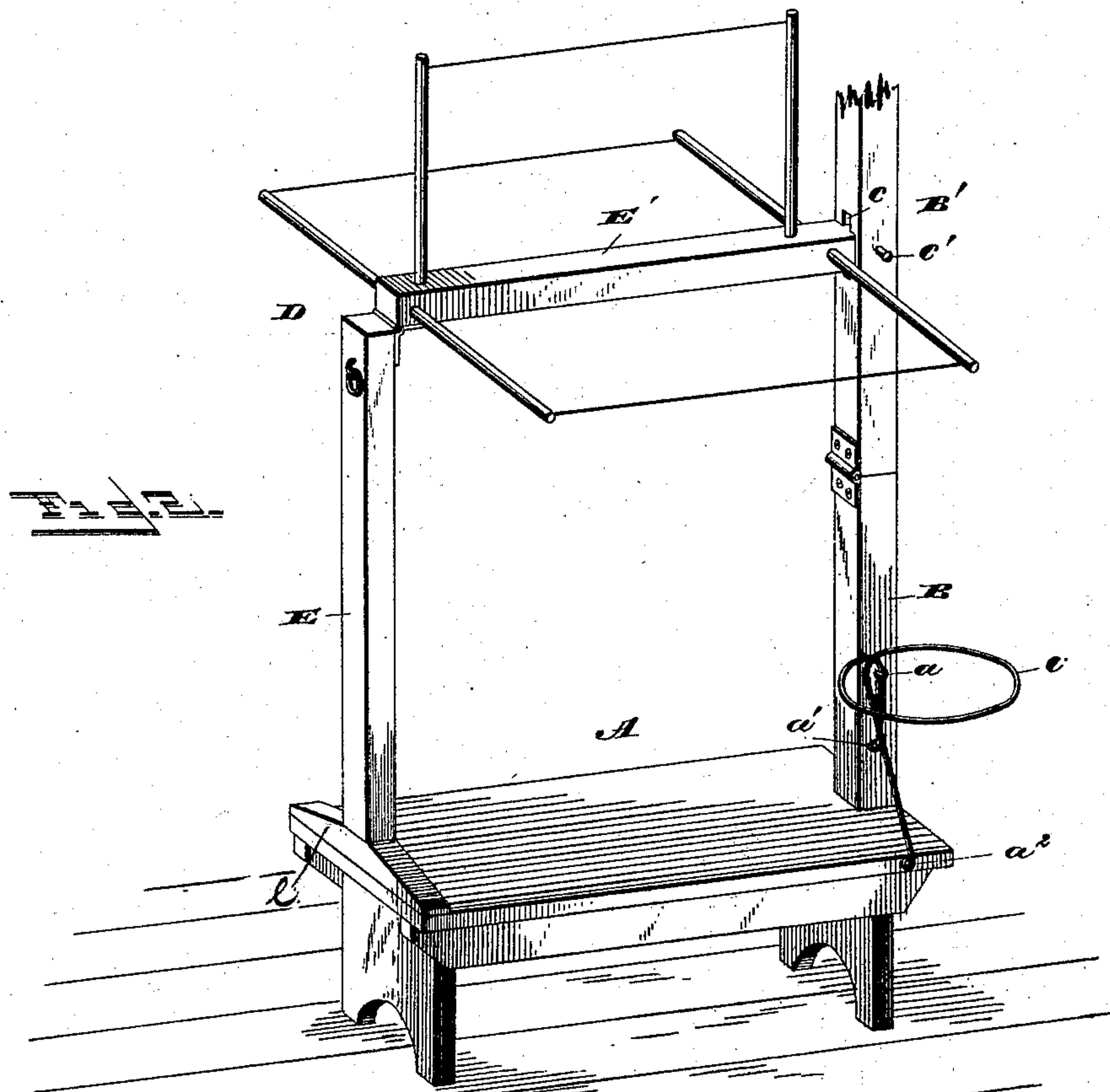
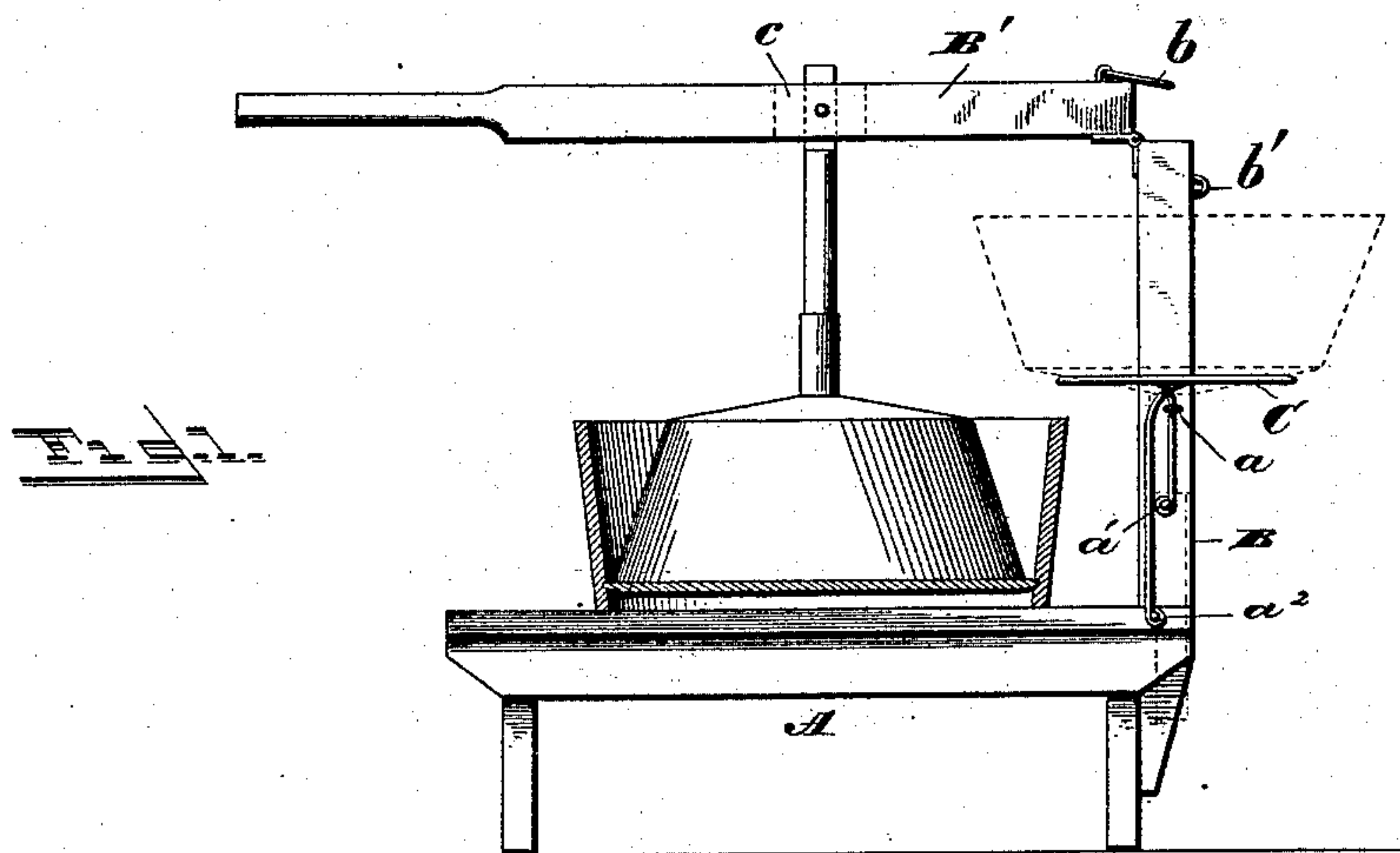


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIZA JANE WHITLOW, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Houstonia, in the county of Pettis and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Benches; 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.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in wash-benches.

The object of my invention is to provide a bench which is adapted to receive a tub, so that a clothes-pounder can be operated thereon.

My invention also has in view the employment of the bench as a clothes-rack for drying the clothes after they are washed.

My invention consists in a wash-bench one end of which is provided with a rigid vertical standard having a hinged section slotted to receive the staff of a clothes-pounder, said slot also being adapted to receive a hinged section of a drying-frame, so that it may be maintained upon the stand.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of my improved stand, showing the same as used in connection with a clothes-pounder. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the parts of my improved stand as used as a drying-frame.

A refers to a bench, which is supported by suitable legs and is provided with a standard B. To near the lower portion of said standard is secured a bracket C, which may be made up of a single rod of metal, which is secured to the standard by a staple *a* and a screw or bolt *a'*, which passes through an eye formed in one end of the rod, the other end of the rod being extended downwardly and outwardly and formed into an eye *a<sup>2</sup>*, by means of which it is attached to the edge of the top board of the stand or frame, thus forming an open bracket, upon which a basket may be placed or upon which the pounder

(shown in Fig. 1) may be held in an inverted position.

To the rigid standard B is hinged a section B', which is provided with a hook *b*, which engages with a staple *b'* to maintain the section B' in a vertical position when the hook and staple are in engagement with each other. This section B', which forms a pivoted handle, is provided with a slotted recess *c*, through which passes a pin *c'*, which may engage with the shaft of the clothes-pounder or with a section of the drying-frame.

The pounder may be of ordinary construction and is adapted to be used in an ordinary tub in the manner well known in that class of washing-machines known as "pounders."

D refers to the drying-frame, which consists of a member E, to which is hinged a section E', which carries a series of bars having cords upon which the clothes to be dried are suspended. One end of this section E' is provided with a tenon adapted to fit snugly within a recess or mortise *c* and be secured therein by a pin *c'* when the section B' is placed and secured in a vertical position. This frame D is designed to be removed from the bench when the pounder is in use, and in order to relieve the standard B B' from lateral strain when this frame is in use the lower end of the member E is provided with a broad base or foot *e*, as shown.

By means of the stand or wash-bench herebefore described the clothes can be readily washed, and after being washed the same frame can be converted into a rack to be used in drying them, and the pounder after being inverted and placed in the bracket can be used as a receptacle for the clothes after they are wrung.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A wash-bench provided at one end with an immovable standard B, a section B', hinged to the top thereof and provided with a mortise *c*, a hook and staple to retain the section vertically on the standard, and a removable drying-frame consisting of a vertical member E, provided with a foot and a horizontal section fitted with radial arms

and terminating at its free end in a tenon to engage the mortise *c*, substantially as described.

5 2. In a wash-bench having rigid vertical standard B, a section B', hinged thereto, and provided with a recess *c*, a drying-frame made up of the sections E and E', the section E' having arms and a tenon adapted to fit

within the recess or mortise *c*, substantially as shown. 10

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

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