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Fig: 1.

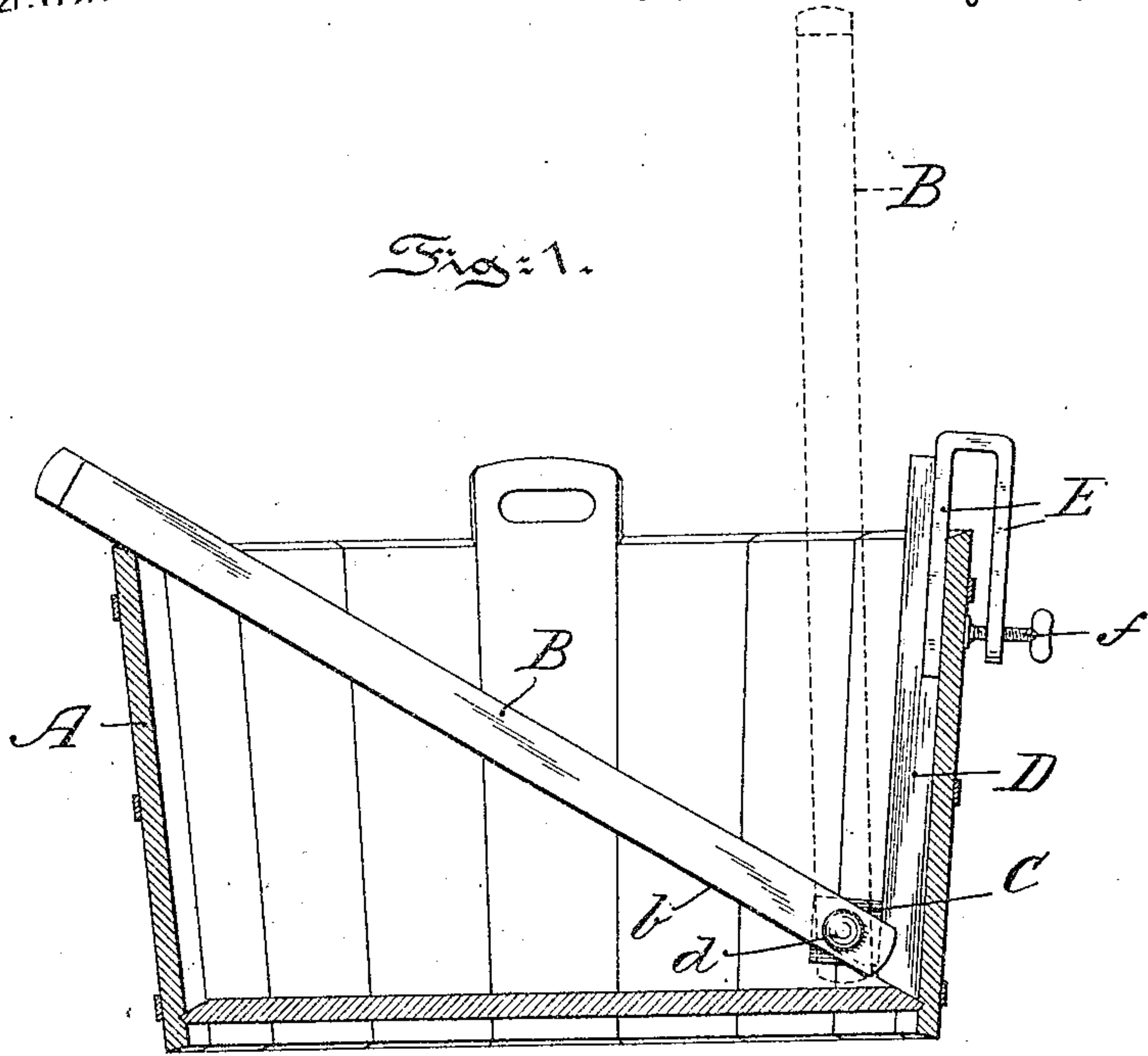
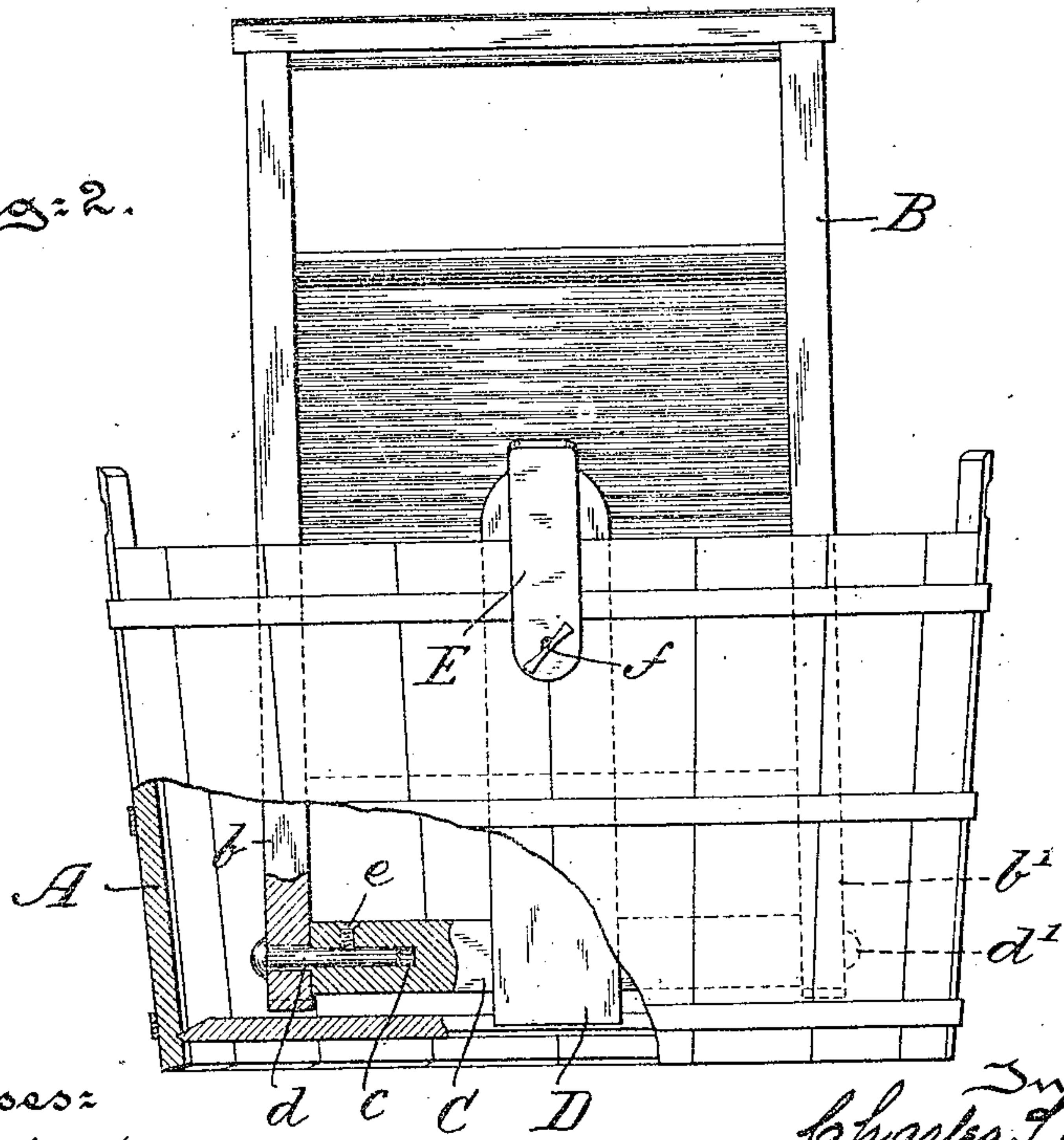


Fig: 2.



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## WASHBOARD-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. HEILMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washboard-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a holder for securing a washboard in a tub or similar appliance, so as to normally occupy an inclined position, but so arranged as to be manipulated manually back and forth in the tub for required purposes; and in such connection it relates to the general construction and arrangement of the holder for being detachably clamped to position and so as to permit of the said movement in the tub or similar appliance.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a simple, durable, and effective holder for a washboard adapted to be securely held within a tub or similar appliance, yet adapted in such position of the same to be manipulated manually from its normally-inclined position in the appliance to a vertical one, so as to permit of articles held in the tub to be handled on the rubbing-surface of the board or to be removed from the tub.

My invention, stated in general terms, consists of a tub provided with a washboard having a holder therefor when constructed and arranged in substantially the manner herein-after described and claimed.

The nature and general features of my invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of a tub with a washboard having a holder therefor embodying the main features of my invention and showing also in dotted lines the board elevated in its clamped position in said tub; and Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view, partly sectioned, of the tub and the board therein shown in an elevated position.

Referring to the drawings, A is a tub of any ordinary type.

B is the board, of any preferred form, having the legs *b* and *b'* at the lower portions of the same provided with a cross-bar C. This bar is provided with internal openings or bearings *c*, extending to near the middle of said bar C, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2, into which are inserted bolts or pins *d* and *d'*, engaged by screws *e* to prevent, in the back-and-forth manual movement of the board, the said bolts or pins from being withdrawn from the legs *b* and *b'* of the board. The said bolts or pins *d* and *d'* constitute a pivotal connection of the legs of the board with said cross-bar C, to which is secured a vertical strip D, provided at the upper portion with a clamp E, having a set-screw *f*. The clamp E of the T-shaped connection with the board is adapted to be brought into engagement with the wall of the tub A and thereby to hold said board firmly in its normally-inclined position, as illustrated in Fig. 1, but at the same time while in such clamped or fixed position with the tub the board may be shifted manually into a vertical position, as indicated in the dotted lines in said Fig. 1 or in full lines in Fig. 2, to enable articles to be removed from the tub or for any other desired purpose.

Having thus described the nature and objects of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a device for holding washboards, the combination with the legs of the washboard, of a cross-bar pivotally connected to the lower end of each of said legs, a vertically-arranged strip secured at its lower end to said cross-bar, and a clamping device adapted to secure the upper end of said strip to the tub, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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