

(No Model.)

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FIG. 1.

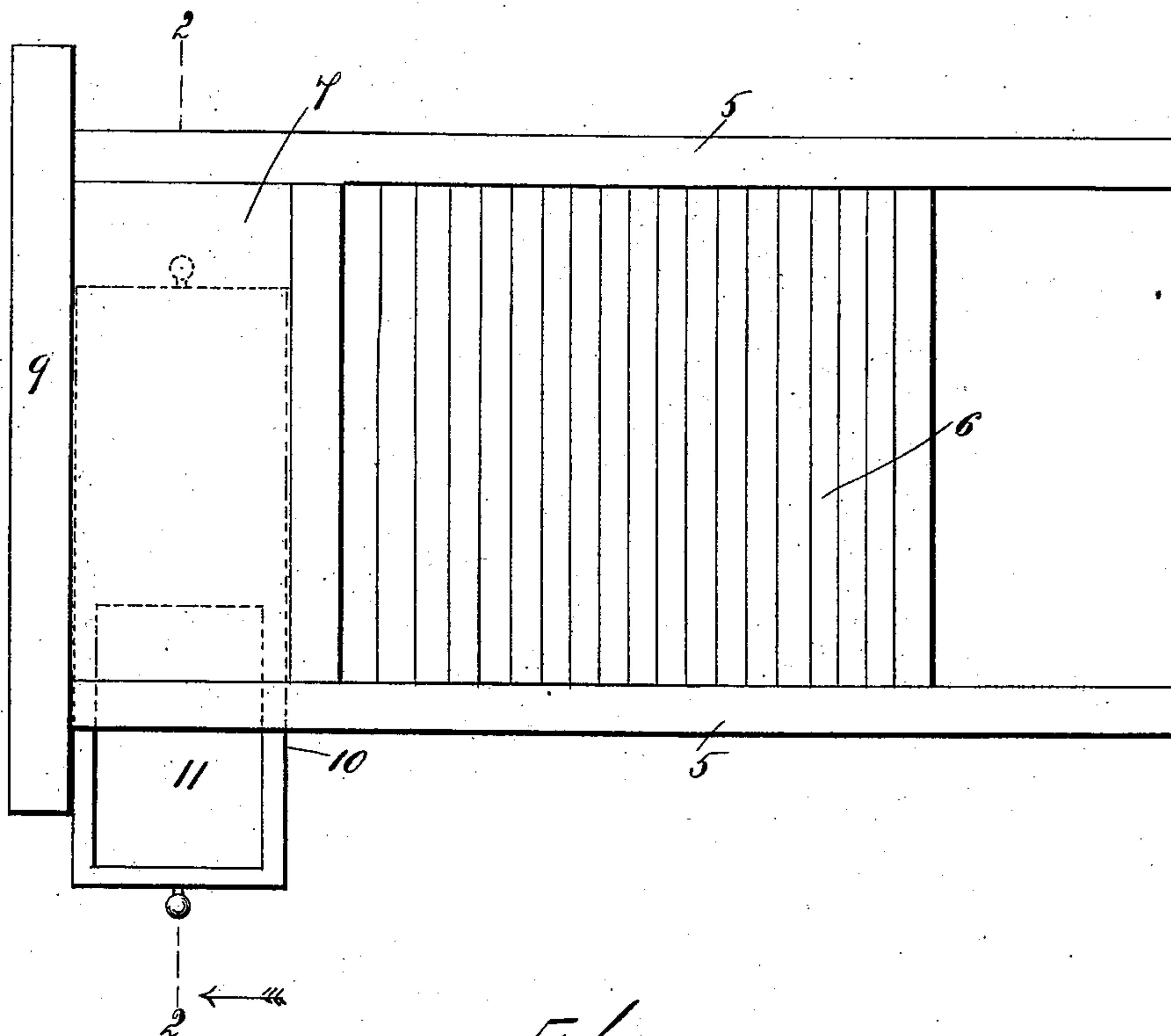
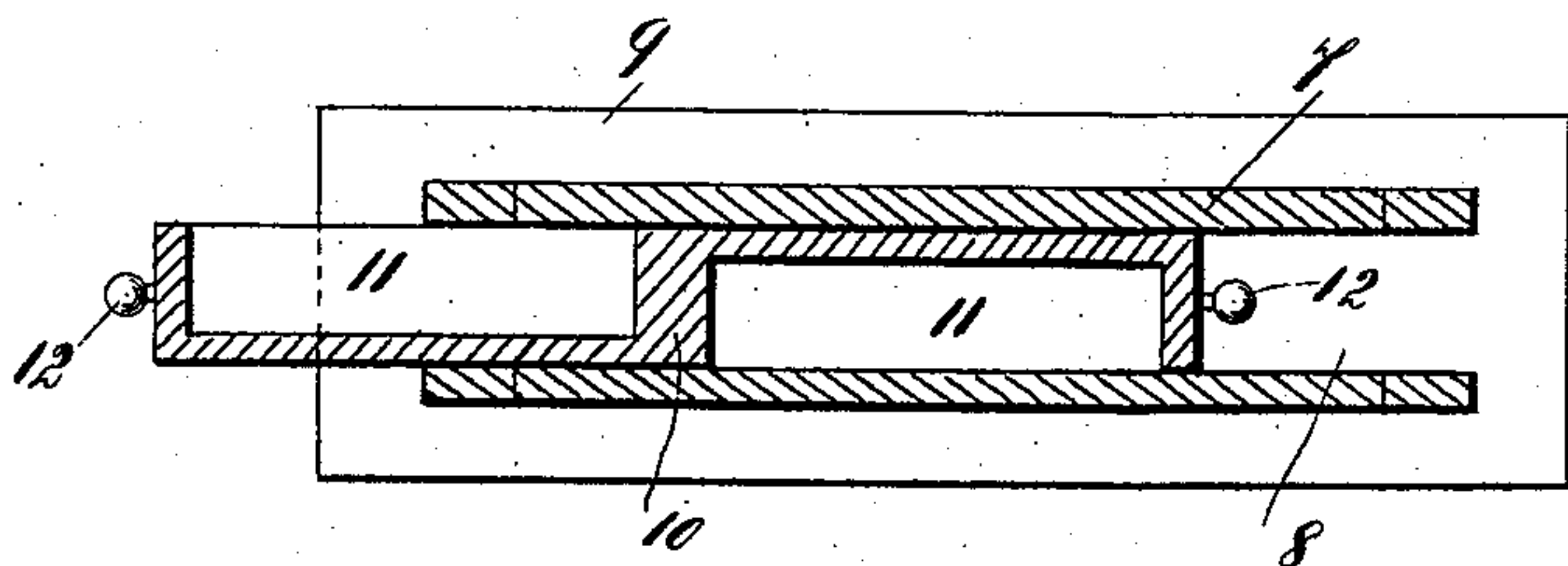


FIG. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LIZZIE RITCHIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Patchogue, in the county of Suffolk and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washboards, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to washboards; and the object thereof is to provide an ordinary washboard with a transverse head at the top thereof which is provided with a transverse chamber which is open at both sides of the board and adapted to receive a soap-holder which is provided at its opposite ends with chambers or receptacles which open in opposite directions and in which the soap is adapted to be placed.

The invention is fully disclosed in the following specification, of which the accompanying drawings form a part, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved washboard, showing the soap-holder partially withdrawn; and Fig. 2, a section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

In the drawings forming part of this specification the separate parts of my improvement are designated by the same numerals of reference in each of the views, and in said drawings I have shown a washboard which consists of the usual side bars 5, a corrugated body portion 6, and a cross-head 7, which is provided with a transverse chamber 8 and above which is a cross-plate 9.

The chamber 8 is open at both sides of the board, and the soap-holder 10 is adapted to slide therein, and said soap-holder consists of a block which fits therein and which is adapted to be moved in the chamber 8, and said block is provided at its opposite ends with chambers or receptacles 11, which open in opposite directions and in which a cake of soap is adapted to be placed.

It will be understood that the washboard is formed the same on both sides, or, in other words, each of the sides thereof is adapted to be used in washing garments or other articles, and in either position of the board a cake of soap may be placed in one of the chambers or receptacles 11 in the soap-holder, and said soap-holder is provided at each end with knobs or handles 12 and may be drawn out at either side, as will be readily understood, and in either position of the board one of the chambers or receptacles 11 will be in position to receive and hold the soap, and said soap will always be convenient for use, and when the board is in use the soap-holder may be partially withdrawn, and when the board is not in use the holder may be pushed into the chamber or receptacle 8, and the soap will be retained in the holder.

My improvement is simple in construction and operation and perfectly designed to accomplish the result for which it is intended, and it will be apparent that changes in and modifications of the construction herein described may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or sacrificing its advantages.

Having fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A washboard provided with a cross-head in which is formed a chamber which is open at both ends, and a soap-holder placed in said chamber and provided at its opposite ends with chambers or receptacles which open in opposite directions, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 7th day of August, 1897.

LIZZIE RITCHIE.

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