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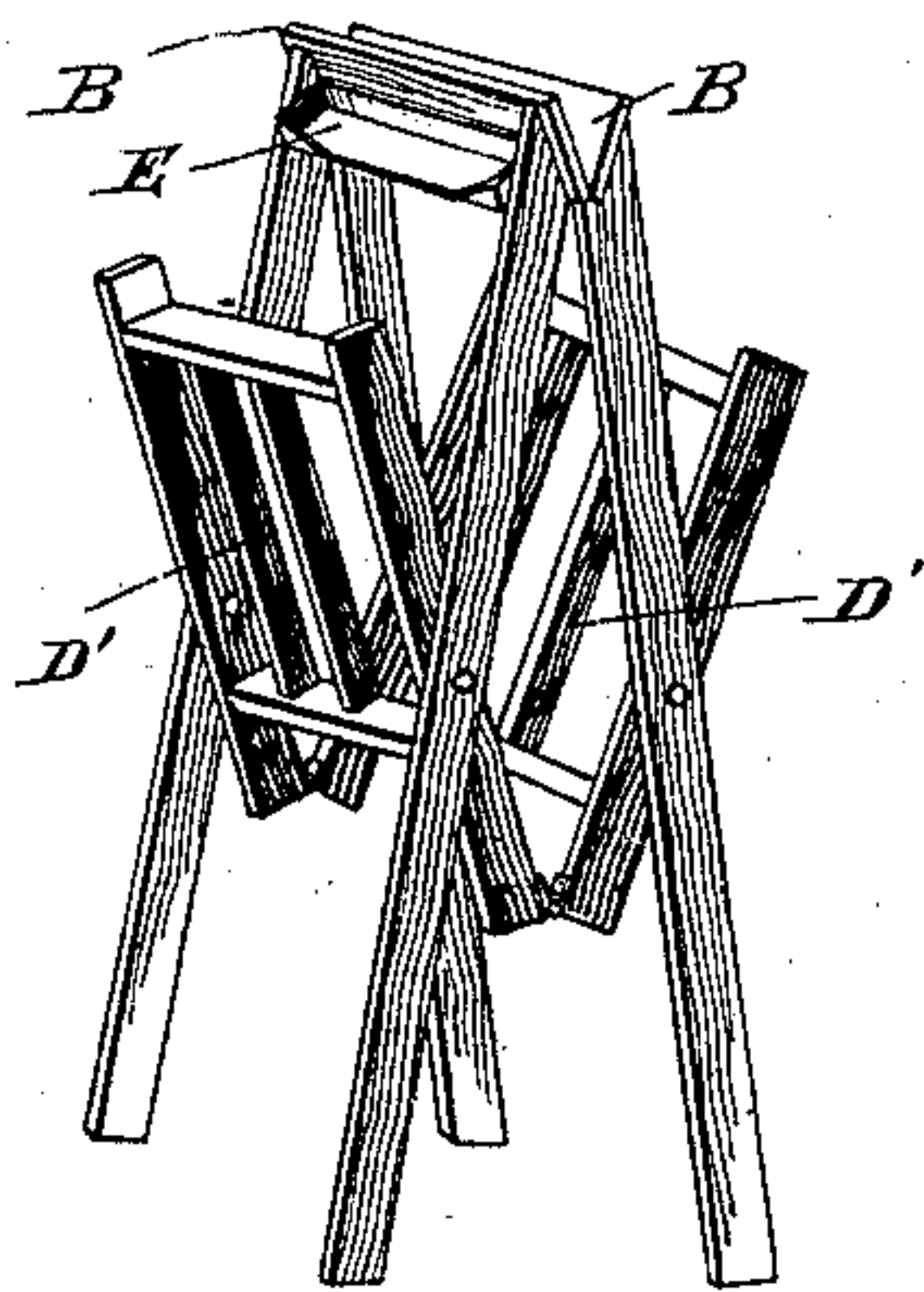
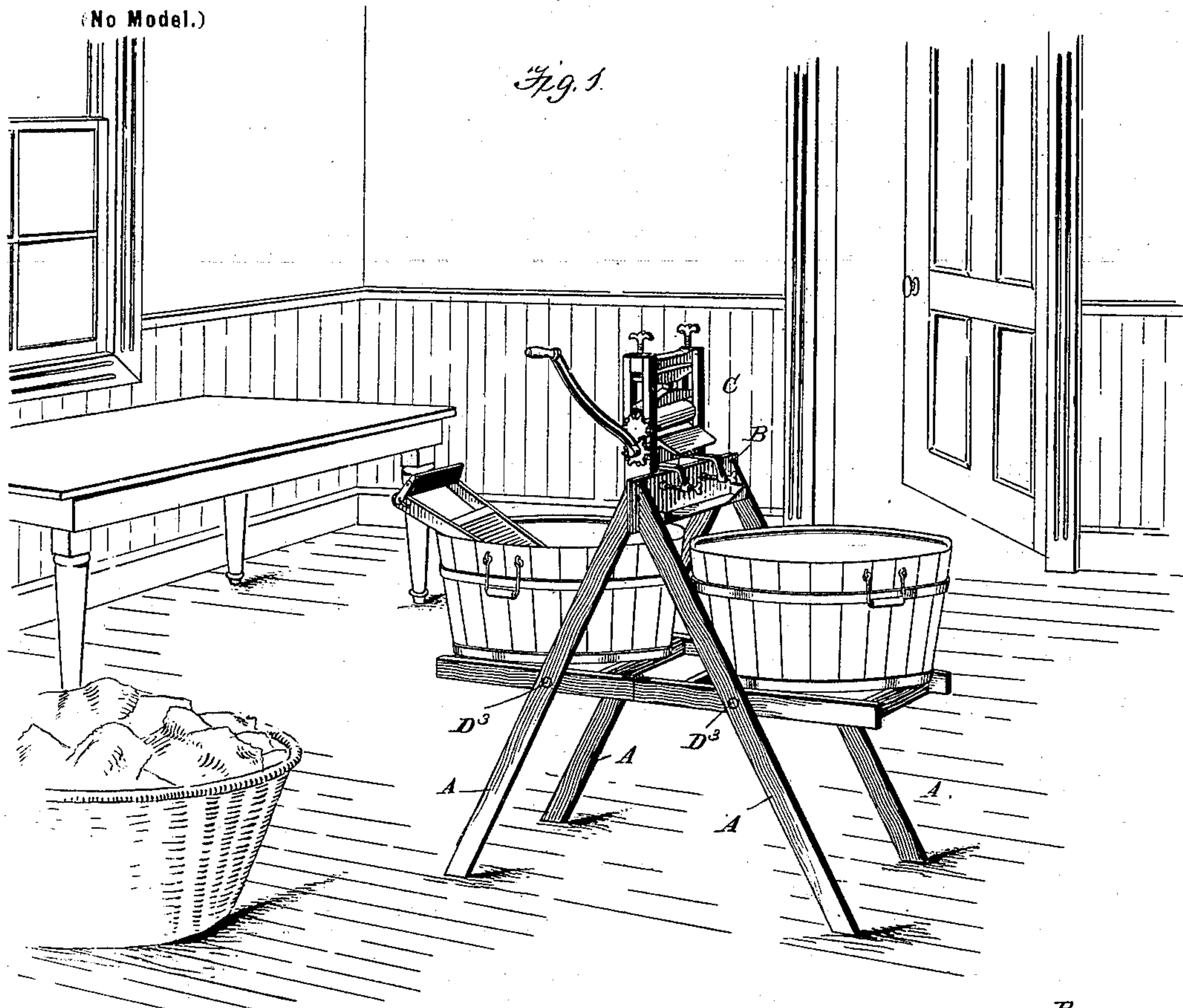


Fig. 3.

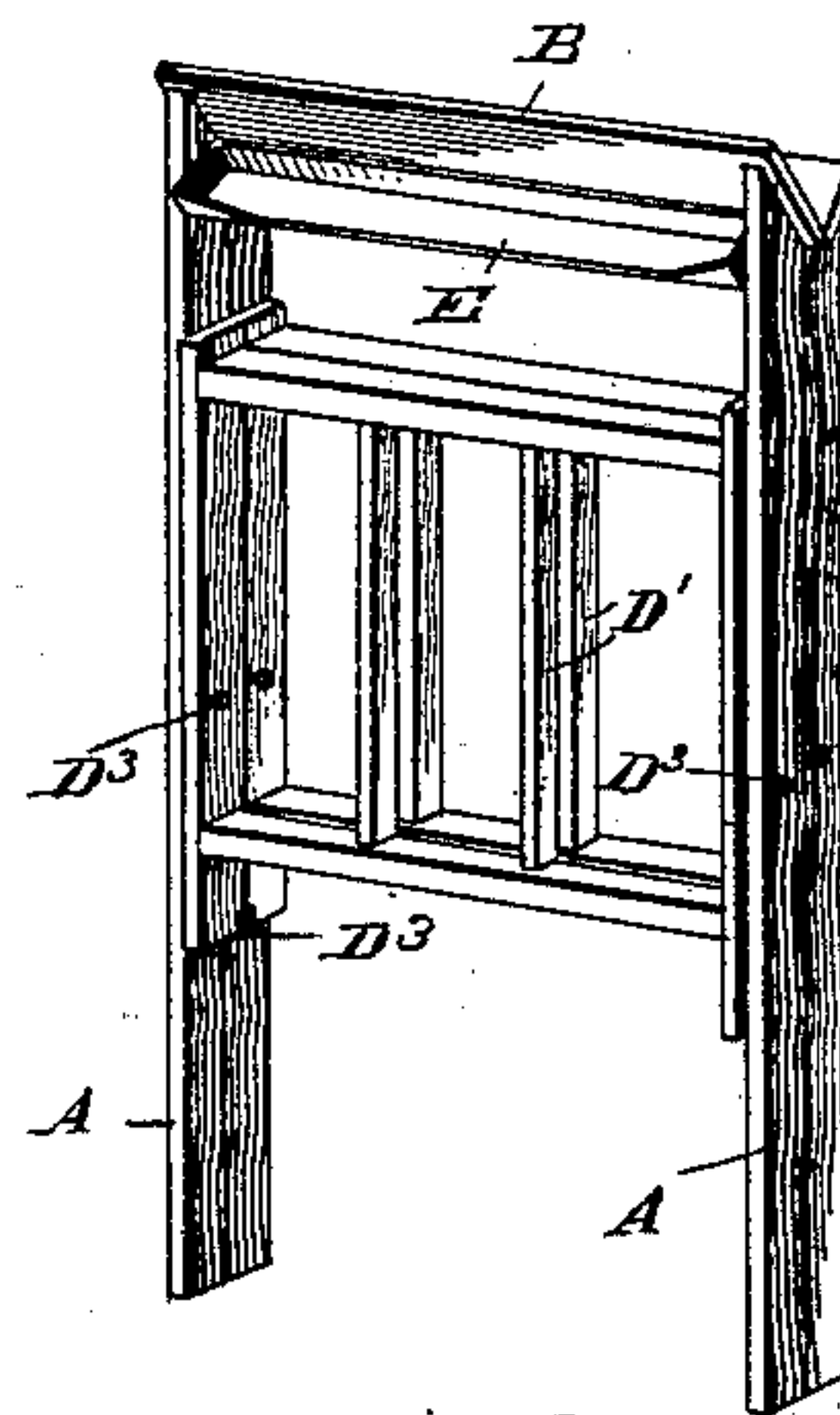
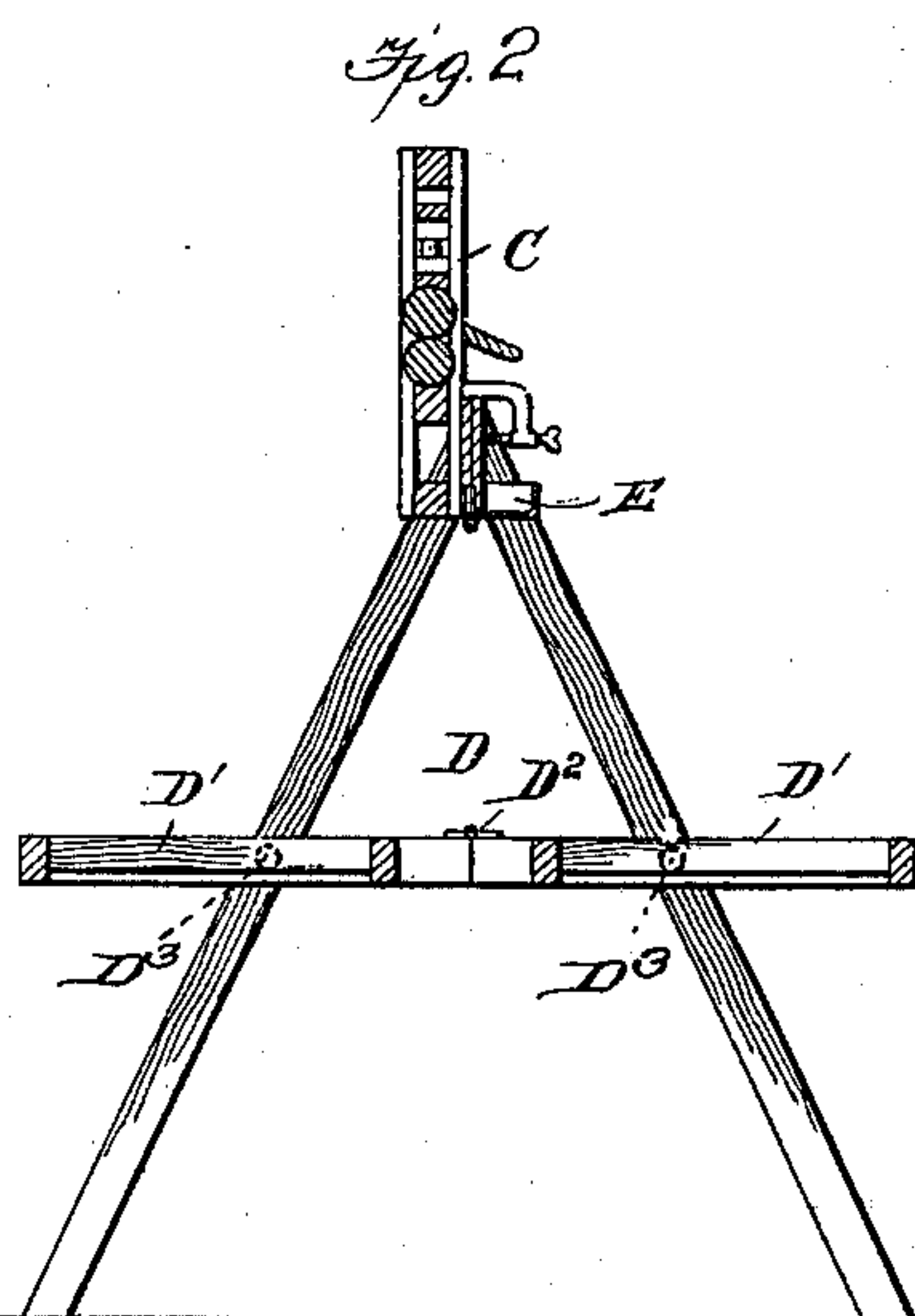


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, L GIFFORD BUNYEA, residing at Gladwin, in the county of Gladwin and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Folding Washbench, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a folding washbench, the object being to provide an exceedingly cheap and simple device capable of supporting two tubs, one upon each side of a wringer, which is disposed centrally at the top of the bench or stand, so that clothes can be taken from one tub, passed through the wringer, and dropped into the other tub.

Another object of the invention is to so construct the said bench or stand that it can be readily folded, so as not to take up any great amount of room when not in use.

With these various objects in view my invention consists, essentially, of the inclined standards arranged in pairs and hinged together by means of the abutting boards at their upper ends, to which the wringer is adapted to be attached for the purpose of securing the standards in the proper positions and at the same time supporting the wringer, and a support composed of two sections hinged together at their inner ends, the sections being pivotally supported between the standards.

My invention consists also in certain details of construction and novelties of combination, all of which will be fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a view showing my invention in use. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section. Fig. 3 is a view showing the device partially folded in order to illustrate the manner of folding. Fig. 4 is a view showing the device folded.

In carrying out my invention I employ the inclined standards A, beveled at both their upper and lower ends, and attached to the said standards at their upper ends are the abutting boards B, said boards being hinged together and adapted to meet and form practically one board of single thickness when the standards are spread apart, as most clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

A wringer C of the usual or any approved construction is clamped over the boards B, thereby holding said boards tightly together, and consequently maintaining the standards A in their proper positions.

The support D consists of two rectangular sections D', hinged at their inner ends D² and pivoted between the standards at D³.

When the standards are set up, as shown at Figs. 1 and 2, the sections of the bench provide an unbroken horizontal bench or stand upon which two tubs can be supported, one upon each end or section, and thus upon opposite sides of the wringer.

A catch-trough E is attached to one or both of the abutting boards B at the lower end, the purpose of which is to direct the water wrung from the clothes into the tub, thereby preventing such water dripping down between the tubs.

It will thus be seen that I provide an exceedingly cheap, simple, and durable construction of folding washbench, one which can be quickly and easily set up or folded together and one which will occupy very little room when folded and will thoroughly perform all of its intended functions when open.

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

1. In a folding washbench, the combination with the standards having their upper ends beveled, of the abutting boards attached to said beveled ends, said abutting boards being hinged together, and the supports intermediately pivoted to the said standards, substantially as shown and described.

2. In a folding washbench, the combination with the standards beveled at their upper ends, of the abutting boards secured to said beveled ends and hinged together, a catch-trough attached to one of the said abutting boards, supports intermediately pivoted to said standards, and the wringer adapted to be clamped upon the abutting boards, substantially as shown and described.

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