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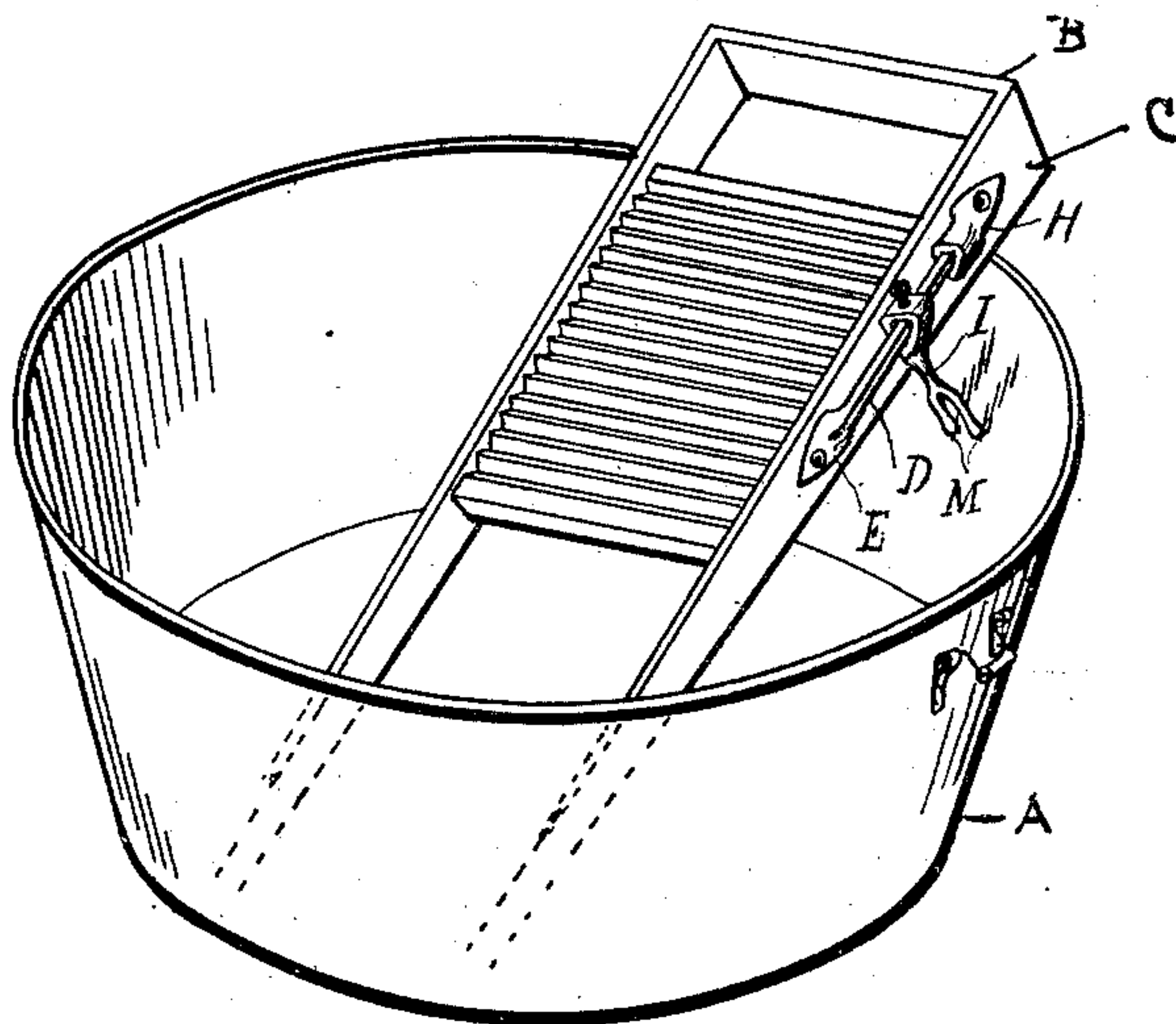


Fig. 1.

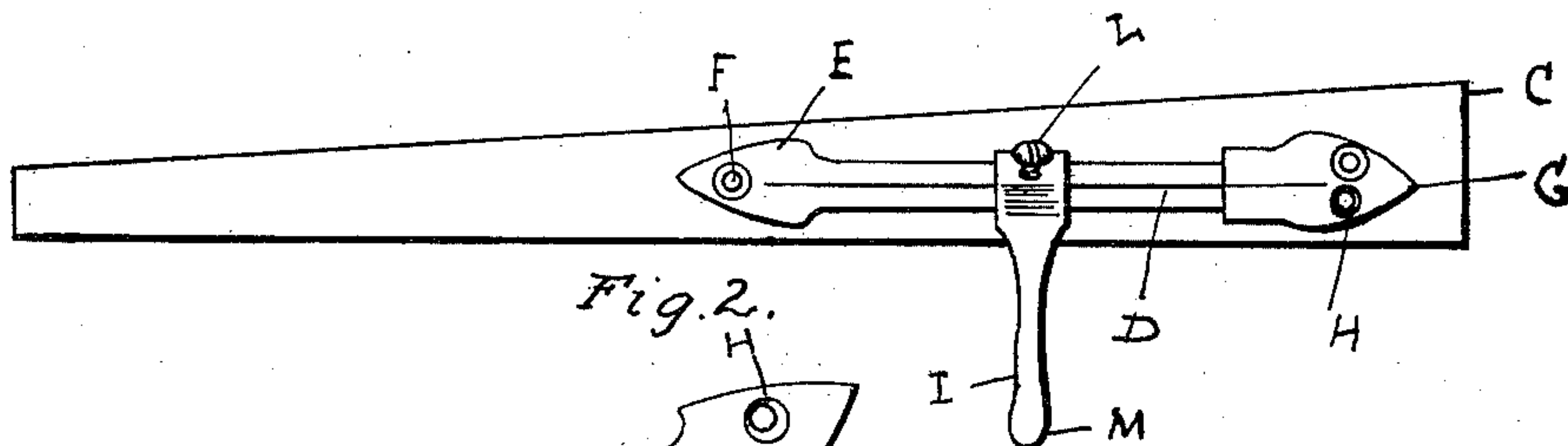


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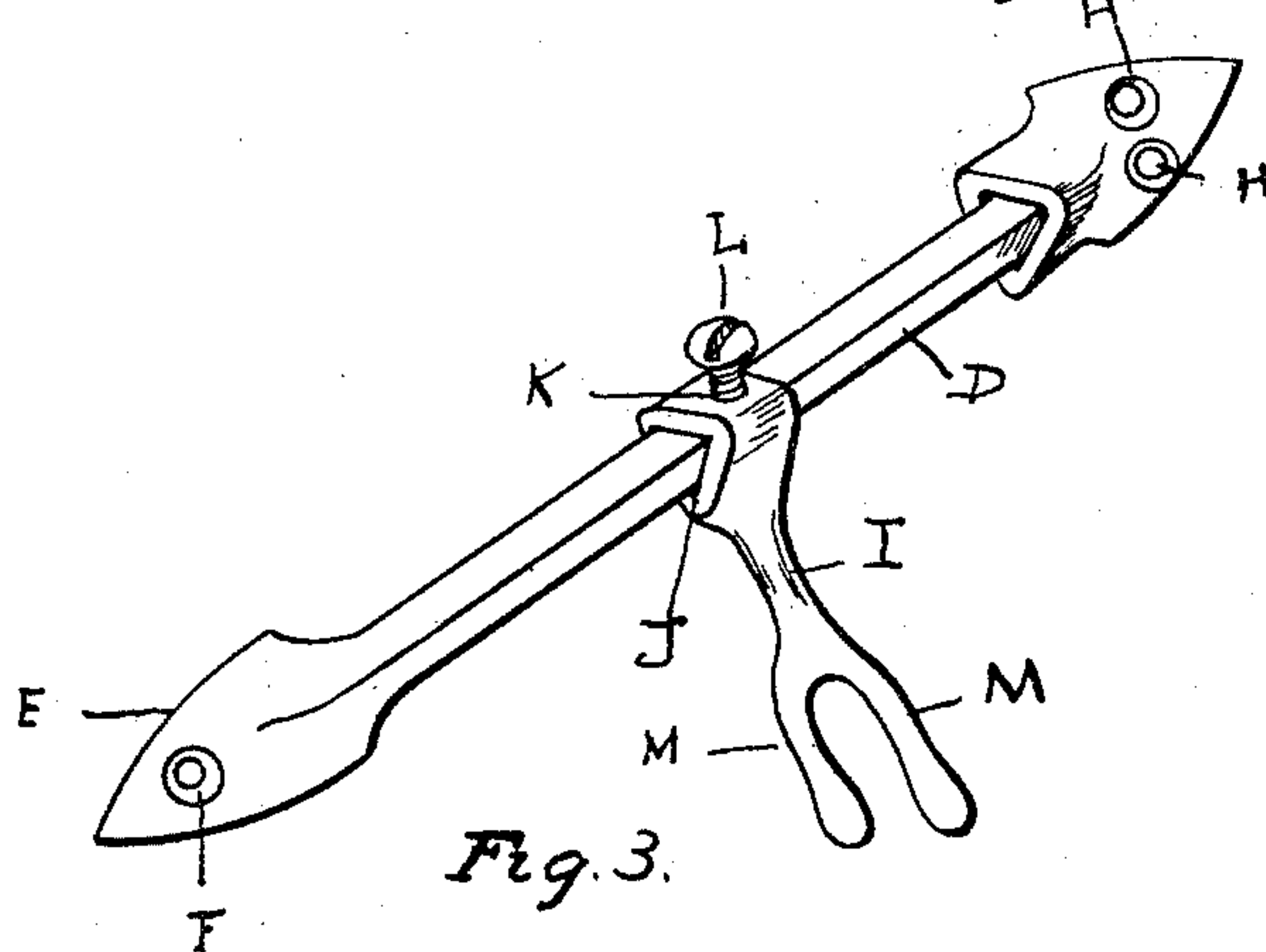


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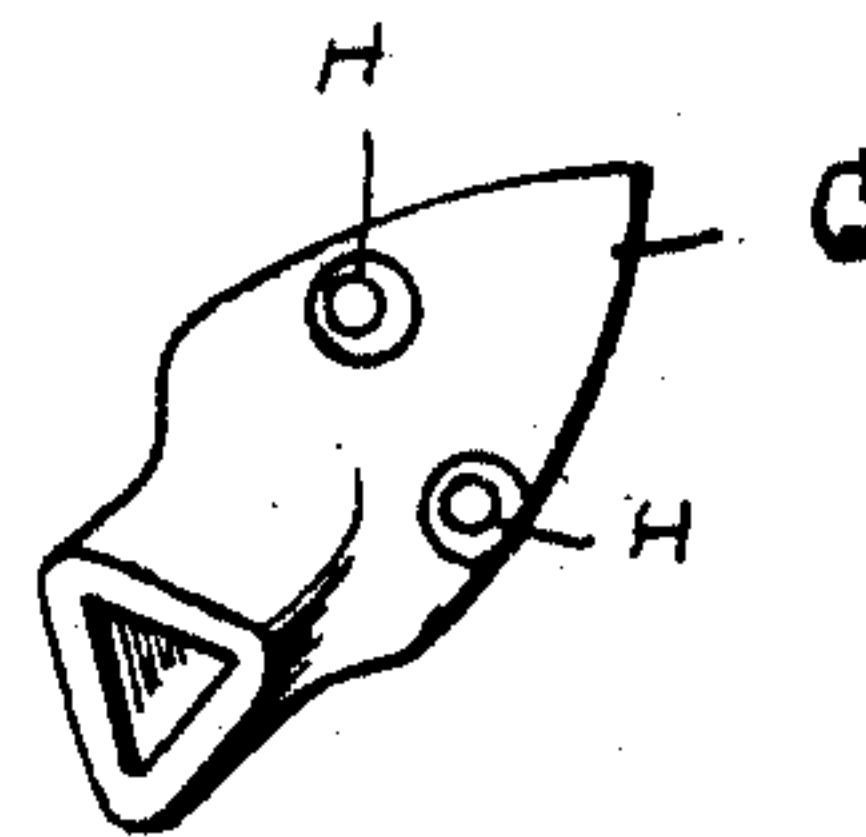


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## WASHBOARD-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. BAKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washboard-Holders; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in washboard-holders; and it is designed to furnish a secure, firm, and accurately-adjustable holder, so that a washboard may be placed in a tub of any size or of any material and be there held against displacement when in use. In washboard-holders as formerly constructed difficulty has been experienced in obtaining absolutely the proper adjustment, and some kinds are suitable for use only in the ordinary tubs and are of no use in that class of tubs known as "set" tubs. Where special clamping devices have been used, the adjustability of the board in the tub has been difficult to accomplish, and also it has been difficult to change the board from one position in the tub to another without considerable unnecessary labor.

In the drawings herewith accompanying and forming part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ordinary wash-tub, showing the washboard held in position by means of my improved holder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of a washboard with my improved device thereon. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device itself, and Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view of one of the members thereof.

Same letters of reference refer to like parts in all the figures.

In said drawings, A represents a washtub, B a washboard, and C the sides of the washboard. Attached to each side of the washboard and extending lengthwise of the same is a substantially triangular rod D, provided at one end with a spear-head-shaped end E, flattened on the under side, made integral therewith, and provided with a hole F, through which screws or other suitable means may be inserted for attaching the same to the side of the board. Adapted to fit over the other end

of the triangular bar is a spear-head-shaped shoulder G, with an opening in the center thereof for the reception of the other end of the triangular rod. This is also provided with suitable holes H for the reception of screws or other similar devices for attaching the same to the side of the washboard. Adapted to slide lengthwise on said triangular rod and angularly disposed thereto is an arm I, provided with an opening J of substantially the same shape as the rod D. Said arm is provided with an opening K and a set-screw L therein for holding the same in any desired position on the rod. Said holder is also provided with prongs M, slightly rounded at the end. These prongs are made in substantially wishbone shape, so as to form a suitable bearing against the side of the tub and to prevent any injury to the sides of the tub when in position and when the washboard to which they are attached is being used.

In the drawings I have shown only one set of holders; but it is understood that this holder is made in pairs and adapted to be attached to each side of a washboard. After this device has been attached to the washboard in order to obtain the proper adjustment the screw L is turned so that the sliding arm may be moved up or down the triangular rod. The washboard is placed in position in the tub, the legs thereof bearing against the bottom of the tub and the angle that is required by the user ascertained. The sliding arms are then moved upwardly or downwardly until they bear equally on the sides of the tub and hold the board at the desired inclination when the set-screws are tightened, thus holding the supporting-legs in place and preventing the washboard from having either a vertical or lateral motion while being used.

Having thus described my invention and its use, I claim—

1. A washboard-holder comprising triangular rods adapted to be rigidly attached to the sides of a washboard longitudinally thereof, sliding arms on said rods angularly disposed thereto and adapted to rest against the inside of a tub and means for holding said arms against the longitudinal movement on said rods.



2. In a washboard-holder, in combination,  
a triangular rod with means at one end for  
attaching the same to the side of a wash-  
board, a removable hollow member to re-  
5 ceive the other end of said rod and to hold  
said rod in position, a member movable  
lengthwise on said rod and angularly dis-  
posed thereto, said movable member being  
provided with a plurality of legs, said legs  
10 being placed transversely of said rod and

means for holding said movable member  
against lengthwise movement on said rod.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature,  
in presence of two witnesses, this 14th day of  
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