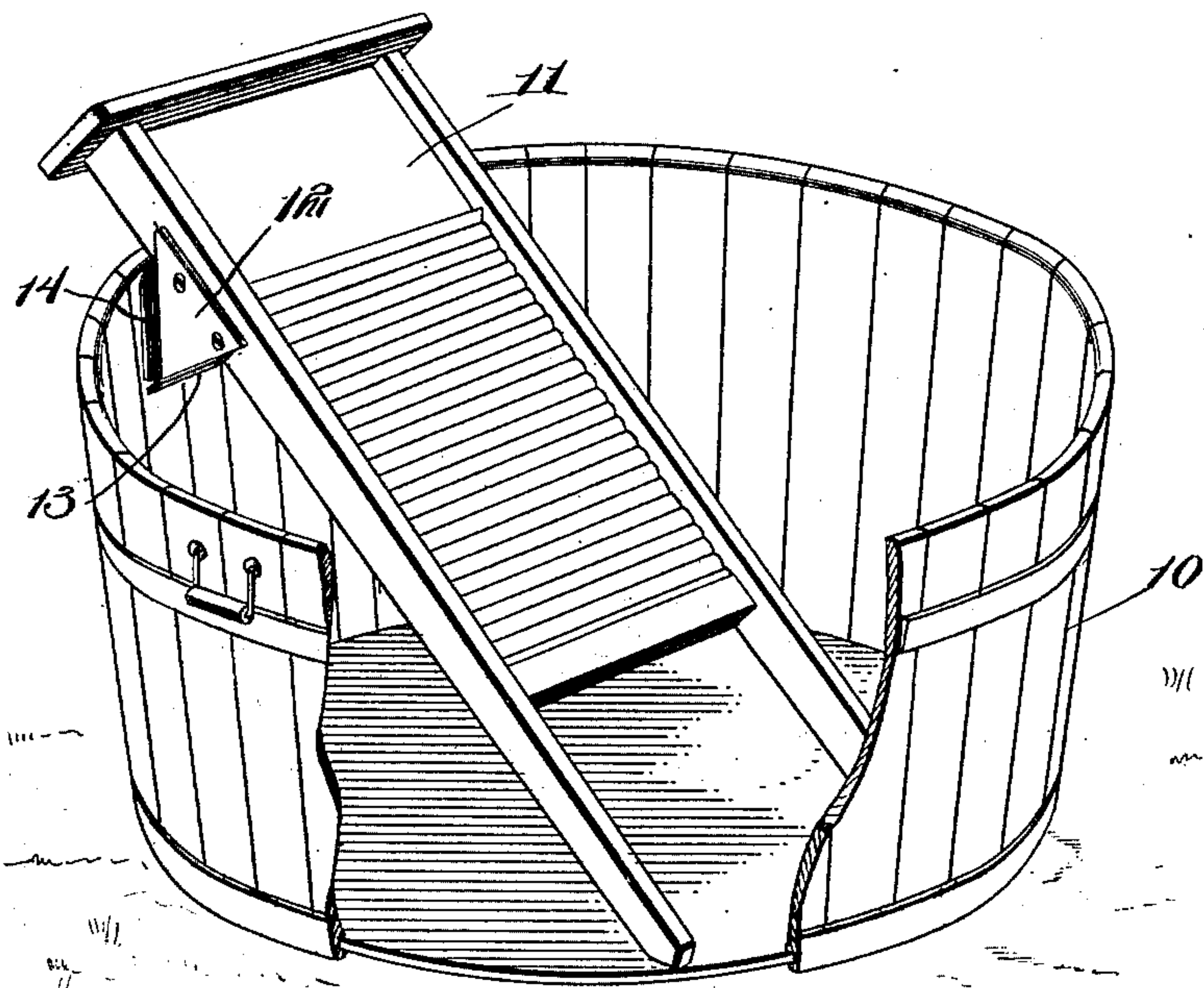


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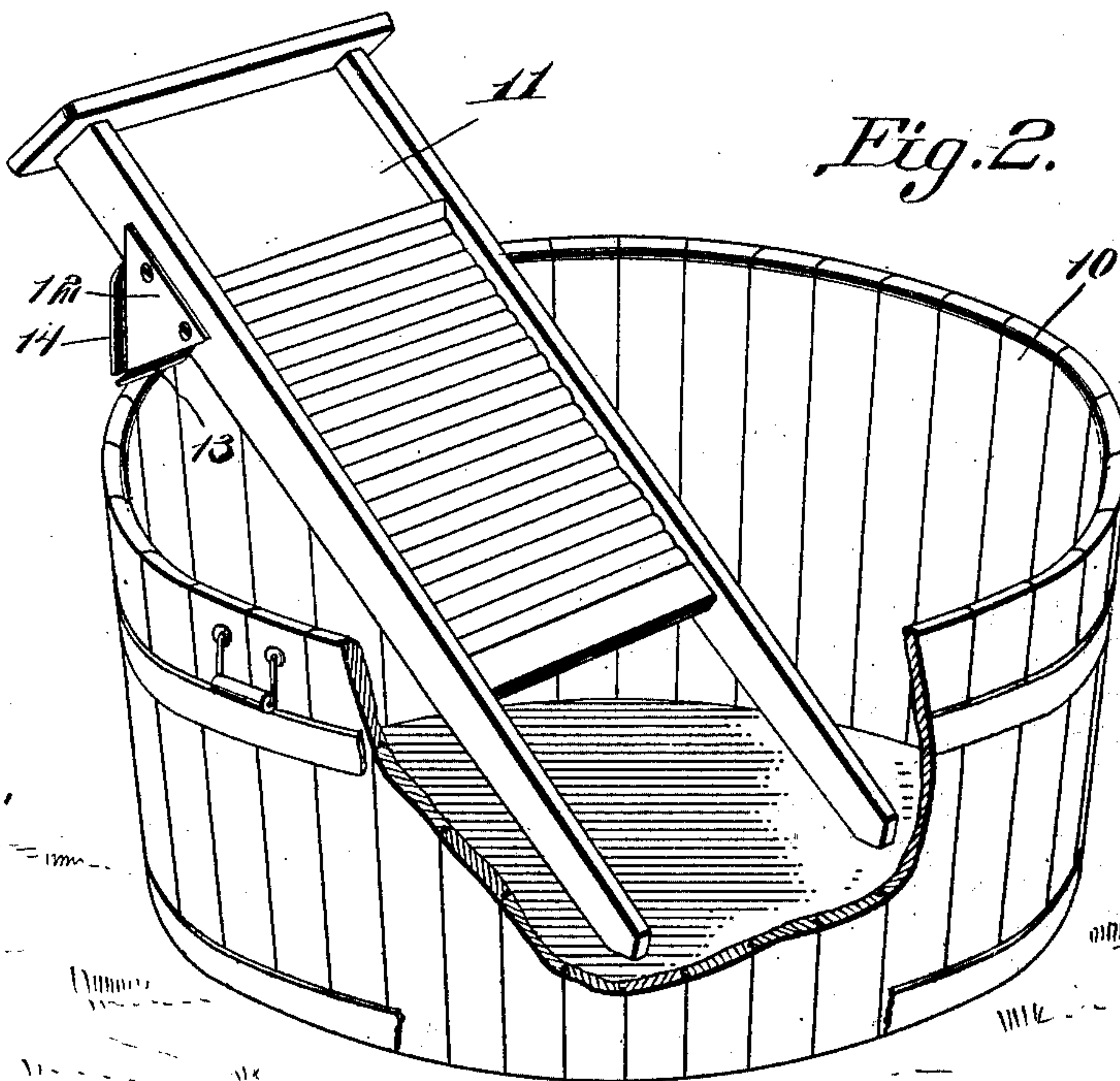
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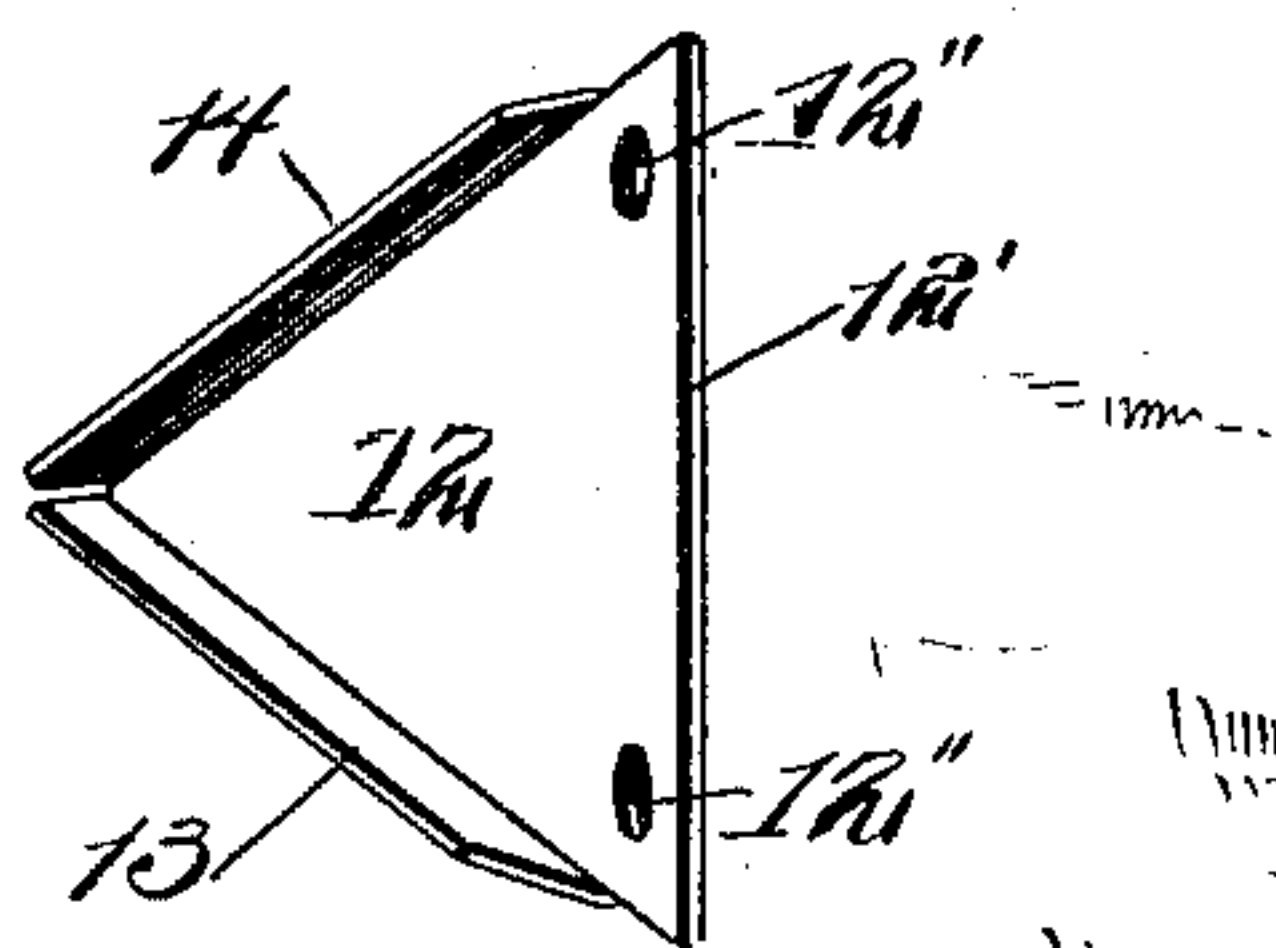


*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

*Fig. 3.*



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## WASHBOARD ATTACHMENT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL LYKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jamestown, in the county of Chautauqua and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Washboard Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to washboards, and has for its object to increase the utility and decrease the labor and dispense with certain annoyances and objections incident to its use; and the invention consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter shown and described, and specified in the claims.

In the drawings illustrating the embodiment of the invention, in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a washtub, partially in section, with the washboard having the improvement attached and disposed in one of its positions; and Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the board supported in its other position. Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of one of the attachments disconnected from the board.

A washtub of ordinary construction is represented at 10, and a washboard at 11.

The improvement consists of triangular plates attached by one edge to the board at each side and extending rearwardly thereof. The plates are of sheet metal, and one of them is represented as a whole at 12; but as both plates are precisely alike the same reference characters are employed to denote like parts in each.

The plates 12 are triangular in form, with one edge 12' thereof straight, and having apertures 12'' for the passage of screws or other fastening means to hold them rigidly to the side edges of the board 11. The sides 13 and 14 of each plate have the edges thereof bent at right angles to the body of the plate to increase the strength and the bearing-surface. The lower side 13 is longer than the side 14 and is arranged at a relatively slight incline to the longitudinal plane of the board, with the side 14 extended at a greater incline. The plates will be so located relative to the depth of the tub 11 that when the lower terminals of the sides of the board are resting on the bottom of the tub and against the opposite

side, as in Fig. 1, the rear sides 14 of the plates will engage the inner face of the tub near the top, as shown in Fig. 1, and serve to efficiently prevent any upward movement of the board on the upstrokes of the operator. With the simple attachment herein shown, however, the board will not move backwardly at the return or upward stroke, but will retain its position at all times. Then when relatively large garments are being washed and the board is required to be supported with its lower end intermediately of the tub, as in Fig. 2, the relatively flat lower surfaces 13 provide convenient means for suspending the board from the upper edge of the tub, as shown. By this simple means a very convenient and cheap attachment is provided whereby the operation of washing is rendered comparatively easy and the annoyances incident thereto prevented.

The attachments will preferably be "struck" up from sheet-steel and galvanized or otherwise rendered impervious to oxidation or moisture.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A washboard attachment comprising a triangular plate extending rearwardly of the board with its lower side disposed at a slight angle to the longitudinal plane thereof, whereby when the board is resting upon the bottom of the tub the upper rear sides of the plates will engage the interior of the tub and prevent upward movement of the board, and when the board is elevated the lower side will engage the tub and provide suspension means for the board, substantially as described.

2. A washboard attachment comprising a triangular plate having two of its side edges bent at right angles to the body of the plate and adapted to be rigidly attached to the board by the remaining edge, with one of said bent edges disposed at a slight incline to the longitudinal plane of the board, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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