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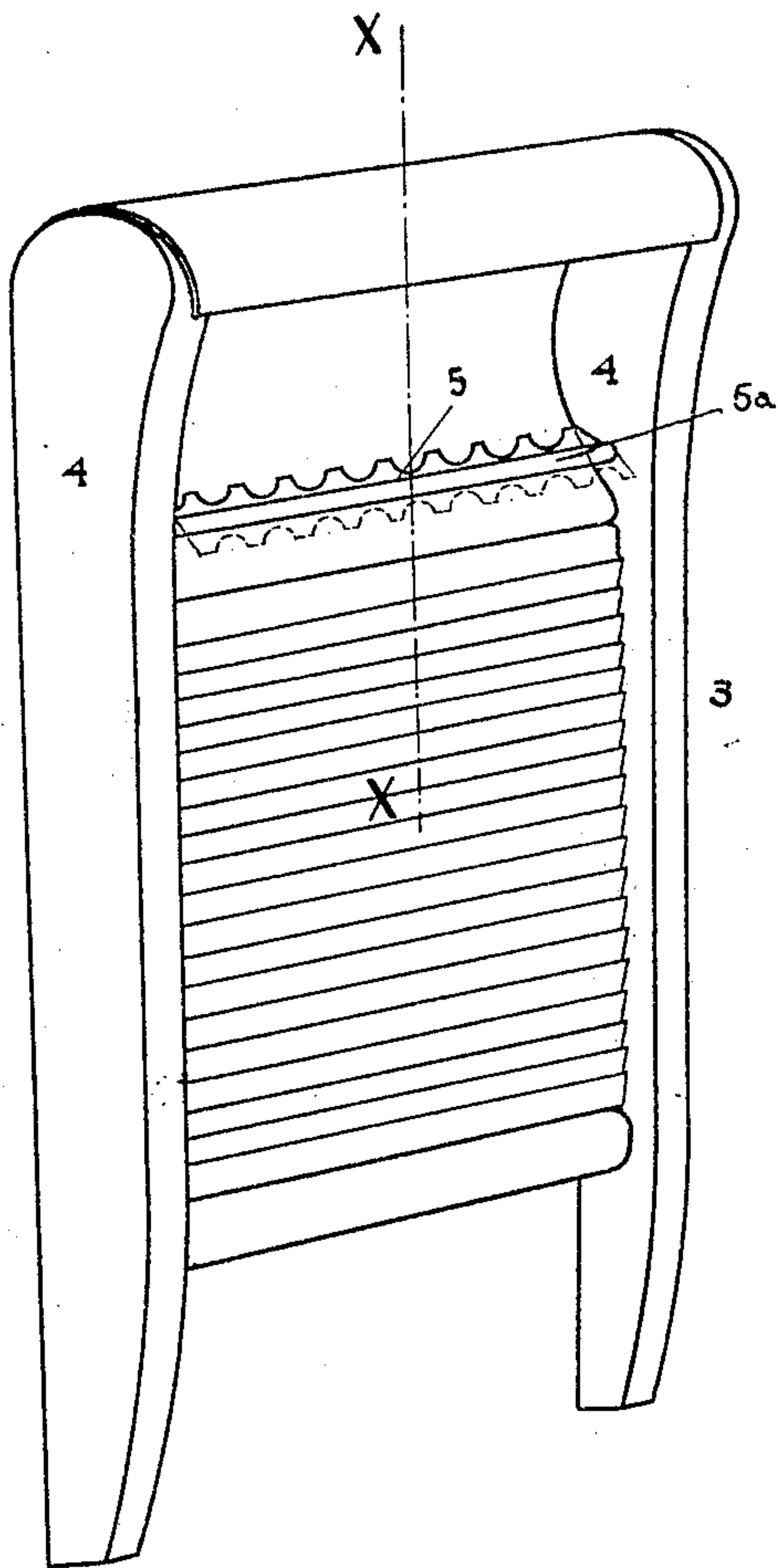


FIG. 1.

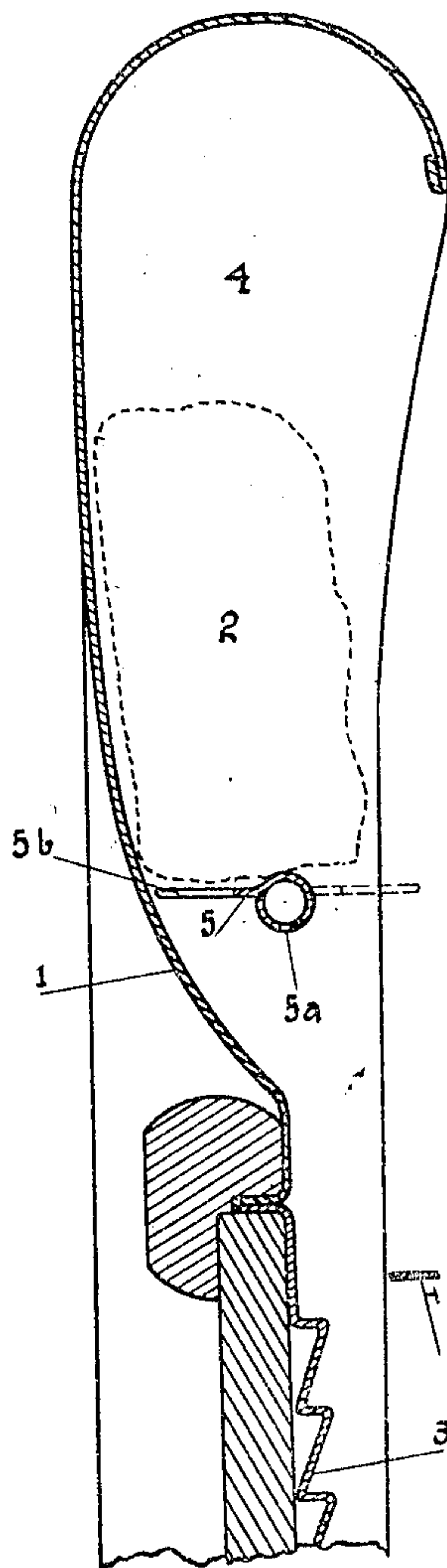


FIG. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY J. GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Saginaw, in the county of Saginaw and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washboards; 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.

This invention is an attachment for wash boards and pertains to devices for holding and draining the bar of soap, the device being so arranged that the drainage will be carried down the rubbing surface of the board.

The improvement consists in a new form of tilting soap holder of simple construction and adapted to be readily cleaned.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a wash board with the soap holder attached. Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional elevation taken on the line  $x-x$  of Fig. 1.

The soap holder is preferably applied to a wash board having an inclined back (1) of sheet metal curved forward at its bottom as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so that drip from the soap bar (2) is delivered down the rubbing surface (3). Between the side rails (4) (4) is mounted a tilting plate (5), preferably formed of a single sheet of metal having its outer longitudinal edge rolled to form a cylindrical bead (5<sup>a</sup>), the ends of which are pivoted in the side rails (4) (4) so the plate (5) may swing outwardly to the position indicated by dotted lines. When the plate is in place its end (5<sup>b</sup>) rests upon the curved back (1) of the wash board. To properly drain the soap bar, the free edge (5<sup>b</sup>) of the plate is serrated as shown in Fig. 1.

When the plate is tilted outwardly, the back (1) and plate may readily be cleaned.

The serrated pivoted plate not only drains the soap thoroughly, but prevents small thin pieces of soap from slipping through. It is simple in construction and requires but little material and labor.

The back or brand board is curved rearwardly, its lower edge, however, lying in a plane with and adjacent to the upper end of the rubbing surface (3) of the board, so that the drainings or drippings of soap from the soap holder will fall on the back and be led

directly onto the rubbing surface. The plate (5) is of such width and its inner edge approaches the back of the wash board so closely as to prevent a thin piece of soap from slipping down between the plate and the back.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows,—

1. The combination with a wash-board, of a soap holder comprising a plate pivoted at the ends of the outer longitudinal edge to the board, its free inner longitudinal edge lying adjacent the back of the board.

2. The combination with the back and side rails of a wash board, of a soap-supporting rack formed of a plate provided along its outer edge with a roll or bead, and pivoted at the extremity of said bead to the side rails and having its free inner edge arranged to contact with said back.

3. The combination with the back and side rails of a wash board, of a single rotatable plate, the ends of the outer longitudinal edge of which are pivoted to the side rails in front of the back and spaced a distance from the back of the wash board approximately equal to the width of the plate, the plate capable only of movement upward from its normal approximately horizontal position.

4. The combination in a wash board, of a rubbing surface, side bars, a back leading to the rubbing surface, a single plate, the outer longitudinal edge of which is pivoted at its ends to the side bars in front of the back, the body of the plate normally extending toward the back, the free inner longitudinal edge of the plate being serrated and engaging the back for support, the plate capable of rotation about its pivots to leave a space between the back and the pivoted longitudinal edge of the plate.

5. The combination with a wash board, of a soap holder comprising a plate pivoted at the ends of its outer longitudinal edge to the board, the free inner edge of the plate arranged to contact with the back of the wash board and having a free upward movement relative thereto.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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