

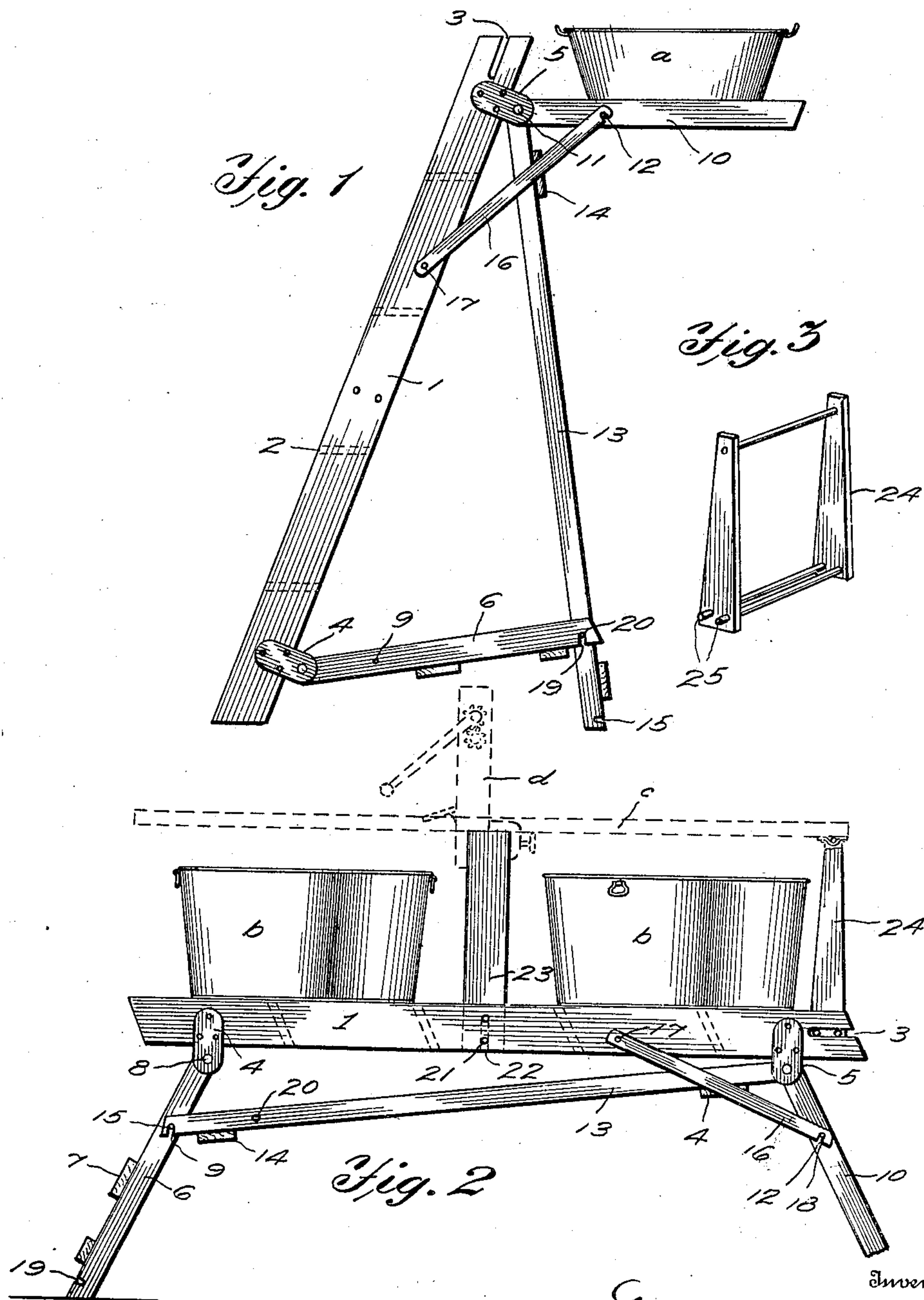
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WESLEY H. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Old Forge, in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in a Combination Step-Ladder and Washbench with Ironing-Board Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improved combined step ladder and wash bench and which may be also used to support an ironing board or a clothes wringer and it consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of this invention is to provide a novel device of this character which may be readily placed in position for use either as a step ladder or as a wash bench, and which, when not in use, may be compactly folded so that it may be stored in a comparatively small space.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a combined step ladder and wash bench embodying my invention, showing the same in position for use as a step ladder. Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the same in position for use as a wash bench and also showing, in dotted lines, an ironing board and a clothes wringer attached thereto. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the stand or frame for supporting one end of an ironing board and which may be detachably applied to one end of the device.

The main body of the combined step ladder and wash bench comprises a pair of side bars 1 and a number of steps 2, shown in dotted lines, which connect the said side bars. The latter are provided at one end with longitudinally open slots 3. To the outer side of the side bars, near the ends thereof, are secured brackets 4—5 which extend through one side thereof. A pair of legs or links 6, which are connected together by cross bars 7, are pivotally connected, as at 8, to the projecting portions of the brackets 4. Stud 9 project from the outer sides of said links or legs near the pivoted ends thereof. A pair of similar legs 10 are pivotally connected to the brackets 5, as at 11, and are provided with outwardly projecting studs 12 near their pivoted ends.

Braces 13, which are connected together by cross bars 14 are pivotally connected at one end to the brackets 5, preferably by the

same pivots which serve to connect the legs 10 to such brackets. Said braces are provided with notches 15 near their free ends adapted for engagement with the studs 9 of the legs or links 6 to lock said braces detachably to such links or legs when the device is in use as a wash bench, as shown in Fig. 2. Brace bars 16 which are shorter than the braces 13 are pivotally connected, as at 17, to the side bars 1 of the main body of the device, at points a suitable distance from the brackets 5 and are provided near their free ends with notches 18 to engage the studs 12 of the legs 10 to lock such legs in place when the device is used as a wash bench, as shown in Fig. 2, and to support such legs in a horizontal position when the device is used as a step ladder, as shown in Fig. 1. When thus disposed, the said legs 10 may be employed to support a basin *a* or other vessel or utensil. When the device is used as a step ladder, the legs or links 6 which are provided near their free ends with notches 19, have such notches engaged with studs 20 with which the braces 13 are provided, to securely hold such braces in angular position with reference to the main body constituting the ladder.

It will be understood from reference to Fig. 2 that when the device is used as a wash bench, the wash tubs may be placed on the body 1. The side bars of the body are provided with inwardly extending studs 21 disposed in vertical alinement when such body is horizontal to engage open slots 22 in the lower ends of vertical arms of a stand 23 which may be employed to support the intermediate portion of an ironing board *c*, such as indicated in Fig. 2, in dotted lines, to support a clothes wringer *d*. A stand or frame 24, to support one end of such ironing board, is also provided, the construction of which, is shown in detail in Fig. 3, and which is provided at its sides near its lower end with projecting rungs 25 to enter the slots 3 and detachably connect such stand or frame to one end of the main body of the device.

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

1. A combined wash bench and step ladder comprising a body portion consisting of side bars and steps connecting them together, legs pivotally connected to said body portion, braces pivotally connected to said body por-

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tion, said braces and one pair of said legs having co-acting devices whereby said braces may be connected detachably to said legs either near the outer or near the inner ends
5 of said legs, and braces pivotally connected to the said body portion and detachably connected to the other pair of legs to support the latter in an angular position with reference to such body portion.

10 2. A combined wash bench and step ladder comprising a body portion consisting of side bars and steps connecting them together, brackets attached to said body portion near the ends thereof and projecting from one side
15 thereof, legs pivotally connected to such

brackets, long braces pivotally connected to certain of such brackets near one end of the body portion, said braces and legs near the opposite end of such body portion having co-acting devices to attach such braces to such
20 legs to points near either the outer or the inner ends thereof, and short braces pivotally connected to said body portion and detachably connected to the other legs.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, 25
in presence of two witnesses.

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