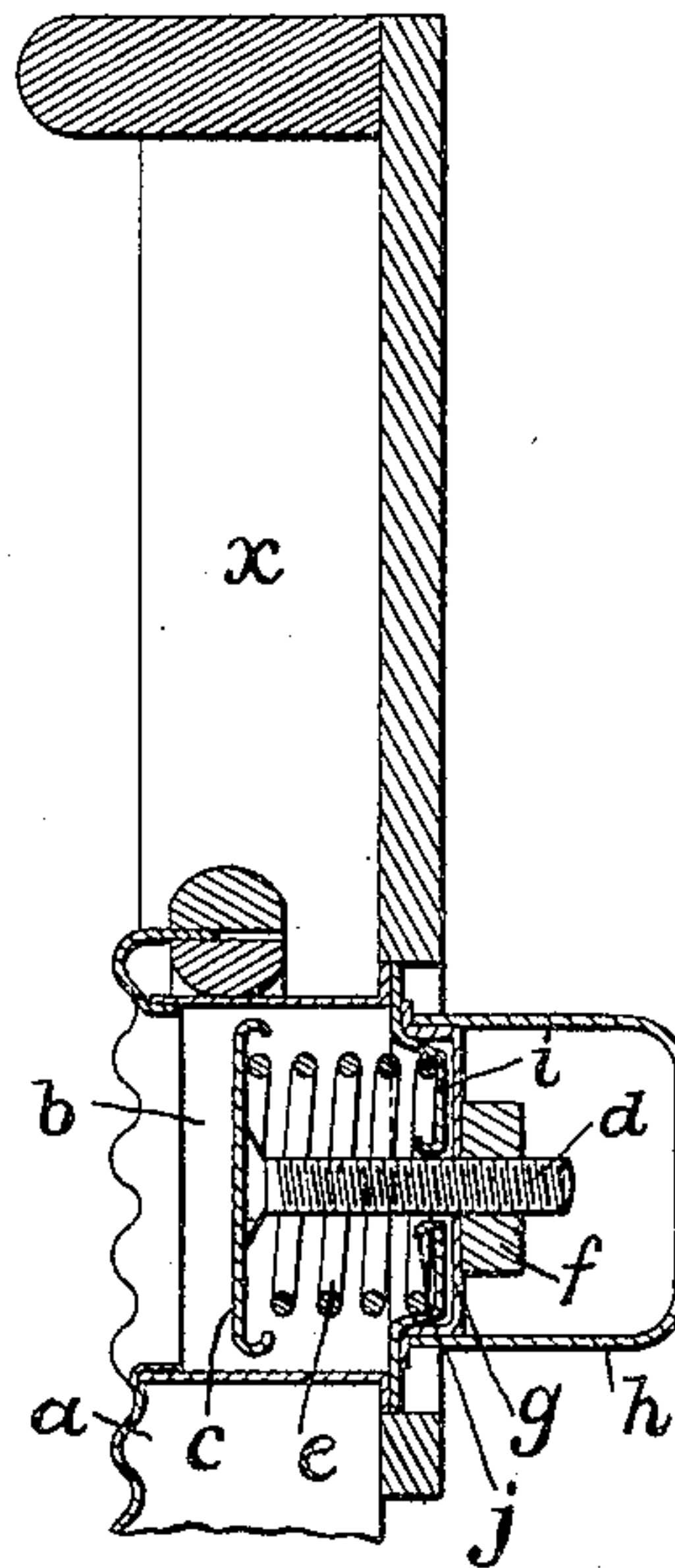


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FERDINAND GEORGE PHILPOTT, a subject of the King of Great Britain and Ireland, &c., residing at Lindenow, in the State of Victoria, Commonwealth of Australia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washboards or Attachments Thereto; 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.

It has been found that the mislaying of soap when using a washboard is the cause of annoyance and delay; clothes are, at present, apt to be insufficiently soaped in some parts, and so are not properly cleaned. My invention saves time and annoyance, and enables better soaping to be done by improving the washboard so that it will soap the clothes as they are rubbed.

In carrying this invention into effect I provide one or more apertures through, or recesses in, the board such that one or more pieces of soap (the upper surface of each of which may be large enough to fill its aperture) may be inserted with its outer face so placed that as the wet clothes are rubbed to and fro, they will rub or may be rubbed also over the soap. The friction produces the desired soaping.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing which shows a side elevation in vertical section through a part of a wash board to which my invention is secured.

The invention is not limited as to position of well relatively to the washboard rubbing surface, so long as it is convenient to secure the described action; nor is it limited to the

size or shape of the well, or to kind or style of washboard. Some boards have a large recess *x* above the rubbing surface *a*.

In the drawings, *a* represents any suitable rubbing surface (shown corrugated), whether perforated or otherwise, and *b* a well therein, the raisable base of which is marked *c*.

d is a pillar supporting base *c* in any suitable way.

e is a spring tending to raise base *c*, and resting on the well bottom *i* the latter having a perforation at *j* to allow the passage freely of pillar *d*, on which is a screw thread. Engaged by the said pillar thread is a revoluble nut *f* suitably supported by a frame, box, or cap, *g*, *h*. When the cap is rotated the nut turns on the pillar *d*, and, by the spring pressure, pillar *d* is raised—raising the normal height of base *c* and any soap upon it. The clothes-rubbing puts intermittent pressure on the soap, the spring each time yielding, and then regaining its normal position.

What I do claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:—

A washboard having a well therein, a soap support in said well, a spring for permitting yielding movement of said support, said well having an opening in its bottom, a screw threaded pillar carrying the support and passing through the opening, a nut on the under side of the well engaging with the pillar, and a covering cap for said nut and pillar.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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