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Fig. I.

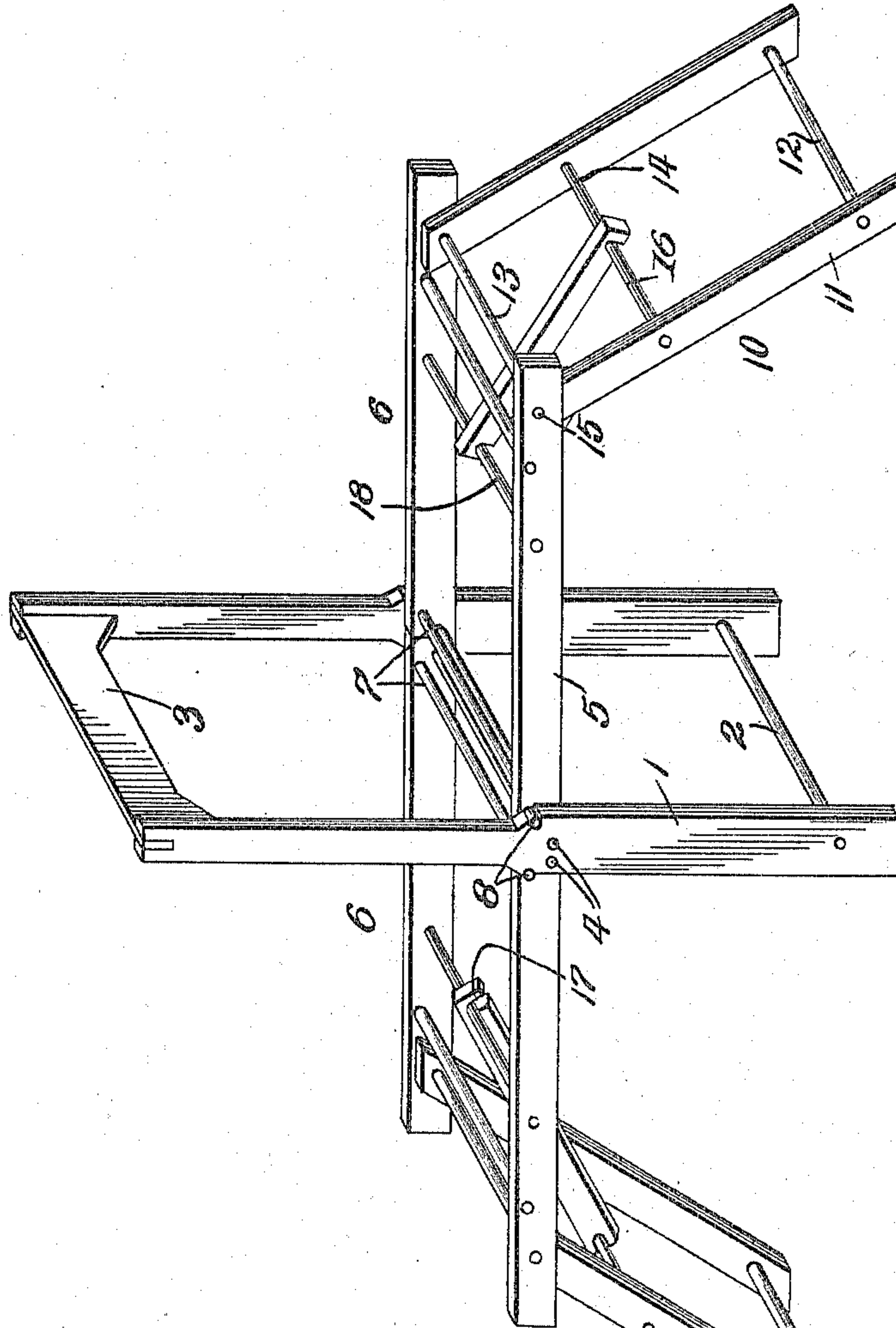
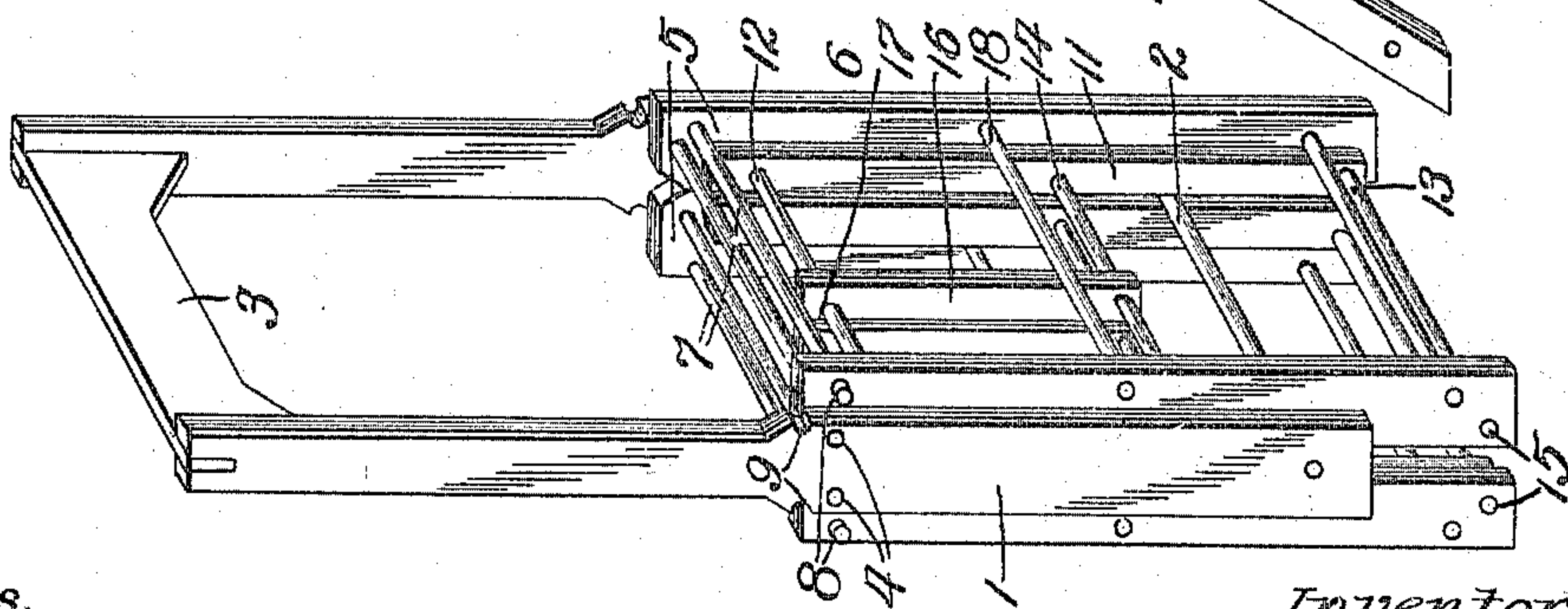


Fig. II.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES I. HARRINGTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sheffield, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washbenches; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to washbenches and has for its object to provide an apparatus of that class, which is simple and economical in construction and operation and embodies the improved details of structure which will presently be fully described by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure I is a view, in perspective, of a washbench constructed according to my invention. Fig. II is a perspective view of the washbench in its folded condition.

Referring more in detail to the parts:— 1 designates the central bench standards, which are provided with a bottom cross brace 2, a top rail 3, and the intermediate braces 4, for joining the separate side members together to form a rigid central support for the apparatus when it is in use. The intermediate braces 4 are extended between standards 1 at some distance from each other but in the same horizontal plane, and pivotally mounted thereon are the arms 5 of the side frames 6, one of which extends on each side of the central support. Inasmuch as each of the side frames 6 is identical with the other in both construction and operation, but one will be described in detail, with the understanding that such description relates equally to both.

Arms 5 are preferably arranged immediately within the central standards 1 and are pivoted at their lower corners to the braces 4 at the adjacent sides of said standards, so that the entire frame may be swung thereon, as will be presently described. Extending between and through arms 5 is a bar 7, having the projecting portions 8, which extend beyond the outer faces of said arms and are adapted to fit within the recessed seats 9 in the standards 1 to limit the upward movement of said frame when the

latter is extended horizontally to its tub supporting position.

At the outer end of the side frame is a leg frame 10, the leg members 11 of which are spread by the end bars 12 and 13, and the intermediate bar 14; the inner end bar 3 having projecting portions 15 which extend beyond the outer faces of said leg members 11 and are revolubly mounted in the side frame arms 5. Revolubly mounted on the intermediate leg brace bar 14 is a latch member 16, the edge of which, near its free end, is provided with a recess 17 that is adapted to fit over a side frame brace 18, for the purpose of spreading the leg frame in substantially the position indicated in Fig. I, when the apparatus is set up and is adapted to fit over the end leg brace 12 when the apparatus is folded.

For shipping or storing, the washbench is folded to the position indicated in Fig. II, in which condition it will occupy but a limited space.

When desired for laundry use, the bench is set up by raising the side frames away from the central standards and spreading the leg frames outwardly until the latch bars 16 may be hooked onto the side frame bars 18, thereby anchoring the parts in their set up position so that tubs, or like articles, may be firmly supported on the side frames 6.

To fold the bench, the latch bars 16 are released from braces 18 and folded back against the leg frame, the leg frame is folded against the under side of the side frame 6, and the side and leg frame then folded downwardly against the central standards, as shown in Fig. II, when the bench will be compactly and conveniently arranged for storing in a limited space.

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

1. A washbench comprising a central standard having transverse grooves in each of its side members, cross bars extending between said side members, side frames pivoted on said cross bars and adapted to nest between the standard side members when the bench is folded, laterally projecting portions on said side frames adapted to fit within the grooves in said standard members when the bench is in set-up condition, a leg frame pivoted to each of said side frames, cross braces on said side and leg frames, and



a latch bar pivoted on one of said brace bars and adapted for engagement with a brace bar on the adjacent frame member, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

- 5 2. A washbench comprising a central standard having transverse grooves in each of its side members, cross bars extending between said side members, side frames pivoted on said cross bars and adapted to nest  
10 between the standard side members when the bench is folded, laterally projecting portions on said side frames adapted to fit within the grooves in said standard members when the bench is set-up, a leg frame piv-  
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mediate cross bars extending between the side members of the side and leg frames, a latch bar pivoted on the intermediate cross bar of each leg frame and having a groove adapted to fit over the intermediate cross 20 bar of the adjacent side frame when the bench is set-up and over an end bar of the leg frame when the bench is folded, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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