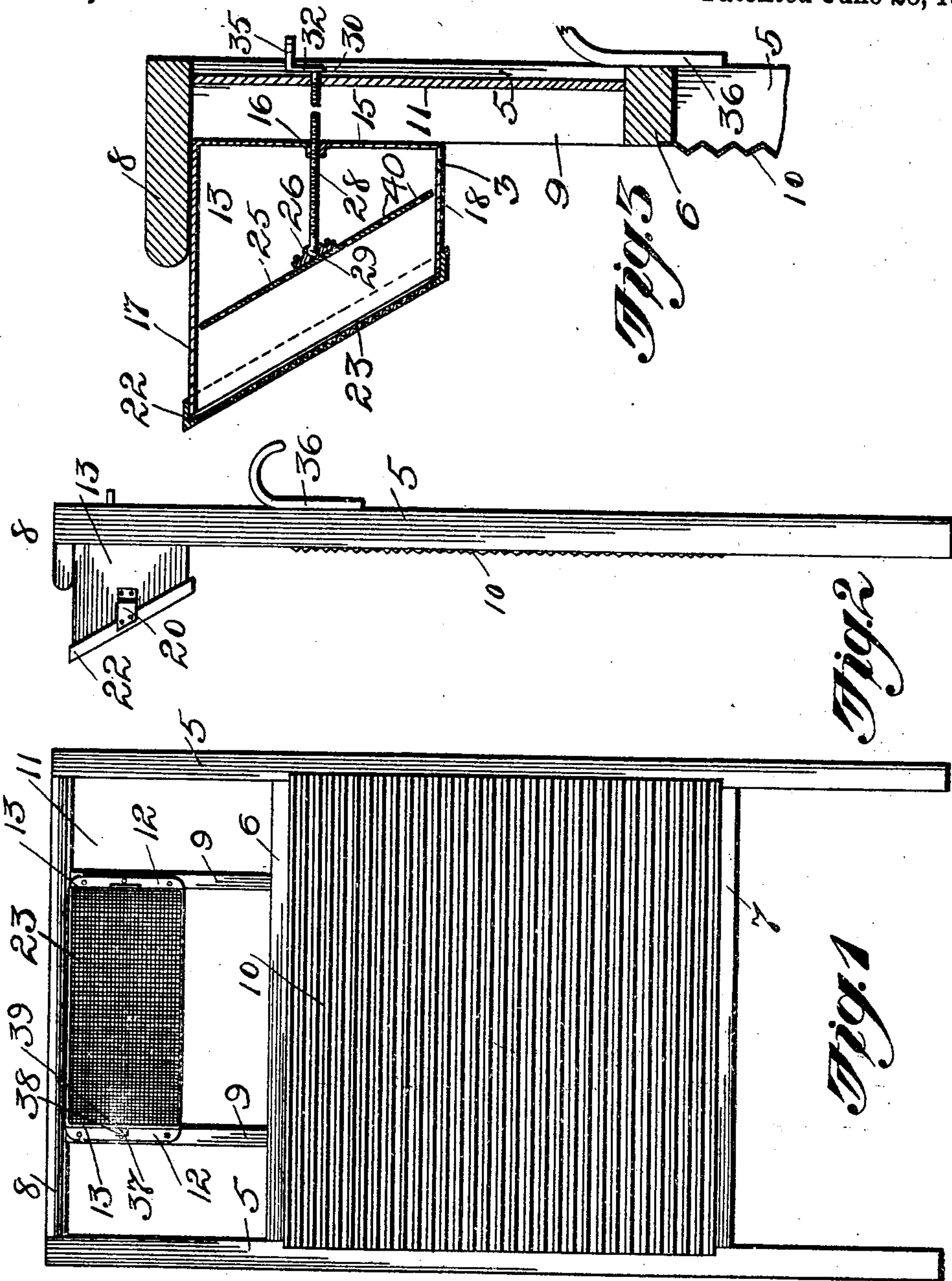


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN R. CASEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mountain Home, in the county of Baxter and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washboard Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in washboard attachments.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a soap-holding receptacle, arranged to be secured to a washboard, in such a manner that the fabric being washed may be drawn over the soap containing receptacle soaping the same.

A further object is to provide a washboard with a receptacle to hold a bar of soap, so that whenever the washboard is to be used the soap will be found in a position convenient to be used.

Another object is to provide a washboard with an attachment so constructed, that the clothes and fabrics may be soaped without the actual handling of the soap.

With the above and other objects in view, the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim, it being understood that changes in the specific structure shown and described may be made within the scope of the claim without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, Figure 1 shows a front view of a washboard, equipped with my attachment. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view.

The aim of my invention is to provide a light, neat, simply constructed and readily operated attachment, arranged to be secured to the upper end of a washboard to serve as a holder for a bar of soap, so arranged that the bar is held under force against a wire fabric in a manner showing the soap partly protruding beyond the outer surface of the wire net fabric, so that the clothing being washed may be carried over the exposed soap surface.

In the accompanying drawings, the numerals 5, represent the two side bars of a washboard, 6 the intermediate cross bar and

7 the lower cross bar. The side members 5 are firmly connected by means of the top bar 8 while the cross bars 6 and 7 carry the rough plate 10. Between the top bar 8 and the cross bar 6, the usual panel 11 is positioned, this panel being preferably of sheet metal.

Secured to the panel 11 and the members 6 and 8, are the two lengthwise positioned cleats 9, these cleats being arranged to receive the flanges 12, secured to the end 13 of the soap-holding receptacle as used in my invention. This receptacle comprises a bottom 15 having a threaded aperture 16, and a back member 17 and a front member 18 approximately half the height of the back 17. As shown in the drawings, the upper edge of this receptacle lies in a plane oblique to the bottom 15 of the receptacle.

By means of the hinge 20, I secure the lid frame 22 to the receptacle, this lid frame being provided with the wire net 23, as shown.

Loosely held within the receptacle, is a follower 25, to the bottom of which is secured the circular plate 26 which is stamped outwardly to form a socket having an aperture to receive the stem 28 of a suitable screw, the head 29 of which is held within the socket so that the follower is movably secured to the screw 28. This screw as shown passes through the threaded aperture 16 within the bottom 15 of the receptacle, and has its remaining end 30 squared to receive the turn button 32 provided with the perforated ear 35 as shown. By means of the perforated ear of this turn button, the washboard may be suspended while not in use.

Secured to the side members 5 of the washboard, are the hooks 36, which prevent the washboard from slipping into the tub and insure the receptacle being held in a proper position at the upper end of the tub. The receptacle is provided with a suitable drain opening 3, insuring any water dripping into the receptacle finding a ready escape, so that the soap will not be wasted.

My attachment is arranged to be secured to the washboard as commonly made and constructed.

By means of the turn button the follower is adjusted to force the soap through the wire as desired.

It will be observed that the front 18 is disposed toward the plate 10 upon which the clothes are to be scrubbed, the back portion 17 being adjacent the upper end of the



board. By this means the top 23 is inclined inwardly, so that fabrics being manipulated may be brought into engagement therewith with a minimum amount of effort.

5 The receptacle at one end is provided with the stud 37 arranged to receive the spring plate 38 having the aperture 39 into which the stud slips when the lid frame is closed. In order to keep the soap as dry as possible,  
10 the follower is also provided with suitable apertures as shown at 40.

The device is simple and inexpensive in construction and both durable and efficient in operation.

15 Having thus described my said invention, what is claimed is:

20 The combination with a washboard, of two lengthwise positioned cleats at the upper end of said board, a perforated receptacle having a threaded aperture within its

bottom and flanges secured to said cleats, the upper edge of said receptacle being oblique to its bottom, a lid frame hinged to said receptacle, a wire net secured to said lid frame, a screw held within said aperture having a 25 round head at one end and a square portion at the other, a follower loosely held within said receptacle having a socket to receive said rounded head, and a turn button having a perforated ear extending at right angles 30 and secured to the square end of said screw and serving as a suspending means for said washboard.

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

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