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Washing-List.

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	WASHING LIST.							\mathcal{A}				
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Collars.	0	°c		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Undershirts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Drawers.	0	Ó	Ö	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Socks.	0	O	0	0	o o	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hand kerchiefs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cuffs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Neck ties.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Vests.	0	, O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pants.	0	0	0	0	Ó	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Nightdresses.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Chemises.	0	.0	0	0	0,	0	0	0	0	.0	0	
Skirts.	0	0.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Undersleeves.	0	Ö	O,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sheets.	0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Towels.	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ó	0	

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IMPROVEMENT IN WASHING-LISTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE LAMB, of Boston, Suffolk county, Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Washing-Lists, of which the following is a specification:

The purpose of this invention is to provide a convenient and imperishable tablet for recording the character and number of articles of clothing sent to a laundry, and to avoid the time and annoyance now required to write such list upon paper, my tablet being a permanent appendage to a dwelling or apartment, and requiring little time or trouble to manipulate

The invention consists of a flat tablet, of any suitable material which practice may determine, and which, in use, may be suspended upon the wall of an apartment or placed in any convenient locality, this tablet to have engrossed upon its face a list of articles of apparel, and a row or column of numerals from one upward, according to circumstances, and being further formed with two ranges of small holes, and furnished with pins or markers to enter these holes, one row of such holes coinciding with each article on the list, and the other row coinciding with the numerals, and the whole operating as hereinafter explained.

The drawing accompanying this specification represents a face view of my invention.

In these drawings, A represents a flat tablet, which may be composed of wood, porcelain, paper board, or other material which practice may determine to be the most suitable, a hole, b, being formed in its upper part, by which it may be suspended from a peg or hook, if desired. Upon the left of the tablet I engross or engrave a vertical range or column of words, representing the various articles to be laundried, and I create in the tablet a series of holes, e.e., &c., which coincide with, and extend opposite to, the column or articles and the row of numerals. To the bottom of the tablet I add a ledge or box, e, to receive the pegs and prevent their misplacement or loss.

The manipulation of my register will be easily understood. If a number of skirts, for instance, are to be laundried, a peg is inserted in such one of the holes opposite the word "skirts" as shall correspond with the numeral which indicates the number of skirts—that is, if six skirts are to be laundried, a peg is placed in the hole below the numeral 6 and opposite the word "skirts." Other articles are to be registered in the same way when delivered to the laundry, and the pegs are to be suffered to remain in the positions thus set until the articles are returned and compared with such pegs, when the latter are withdrawn, and with the tablet may be stowed away in any convenient locality, or, if desired, may be left in the holes as permanent records.

I claim—

A washing-list composed of a tablet, of suitable material, bearing upon its face a range or column of articles to be laundried, a row of numerals to register the number of each article sent, a series of holes to correspond to or coincide with both the characters and numerals, and finally a number of pegs or markers to operate with the holes, a box or ledge being added to the tablet to receive these pegs, and the whole being substantially as and for purposes stated.

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