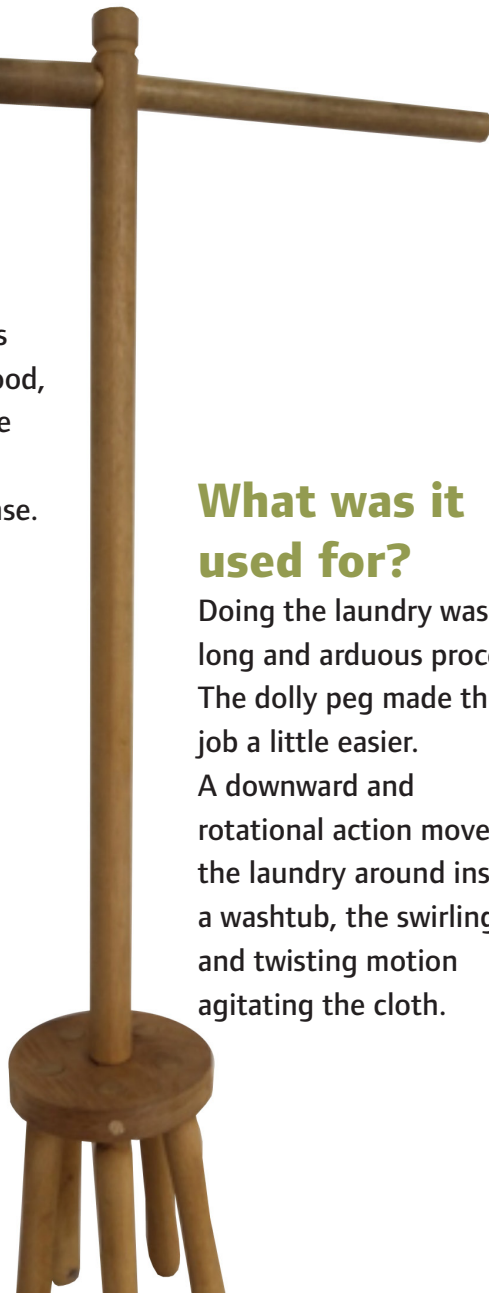


Dolly Peg

What is it?

A dolly peg was an implement for washing clothes. It was manufactured from wood, had a crossways handle at the top, and legs radiating out of the base.



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What was it used for?

Doing the laundry was a long and arduous process. The dolly peg made this job a little easier. A downward and rotational action moved the laundry around inside a washtub, the swirling and twisting motion agitating the cloth.



Brief History

In the days before water was piped into homes and machines could do the hard work, clothes and bed linen had to be washed outside by hand.

Water often had to be carried some distance from a well or pump. Efforts were made to store rainwater and some rural communities used streams for washing. In some areas, this strenuous work was still in use well into the 20th century.



Washing Tub
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DID YOU KNOW?

Early tubs were wooden and stave-built, like barrels. However, by the end of the 19th century, zinc 'Dolly Tubs' were available, and these were lighter and easier to clean.

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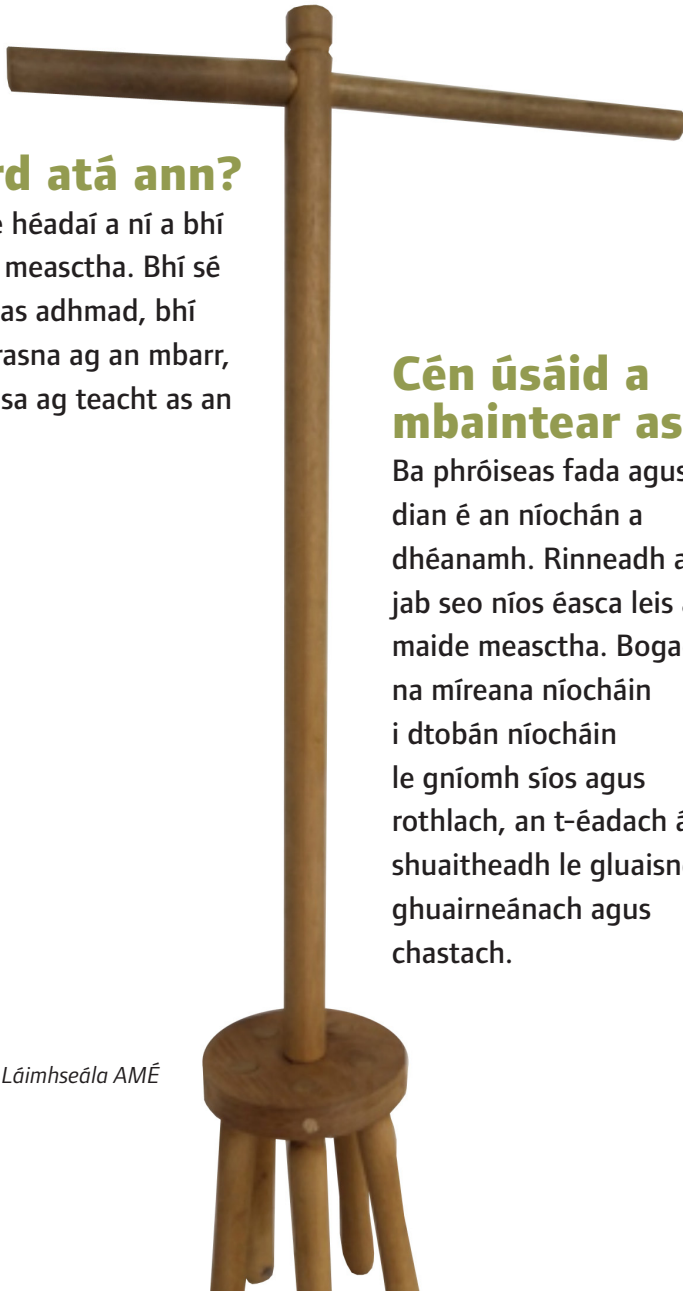
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Maide Measctha

Céard atá ann?

Gléas le héadaí a ní a bhí i maide measctha. Bhí sé déanta as adhmad, bhí hanla trasna ag an mbarr, agus cosa ag teacht as an mbonn.



Bailiúchán Láimhseála AMÉ

Cén úsáid a mbaintear as?

Ba phróiseas fada agus dian é an níochán a dhéanamh. Rinneadh an jab seo níos éasca leis an maide measctha. Bogadh na míreana níocháin i dtobán níocháin le gníomh síos agus rothlach, an t-éadach á shuaitheadh le gluaisne ghuairneánach agus chastach.



Stair Ghairid

Sna laethanta sula ndearnadh uisce a phíobáil isteach i dtithe agus an dianobair á déanamh ag meaisíní, b'éigean éadaí agus éadaí leapa a ní de láimh lasmuigh den teach.

Is minic a bhí riachtanas ann uisce a iompar píosa maith ó thobar nó ó chaidéal chuig an teach. Rinneadh iarrachtaí uisce báistí a stóráil agus bhain roinnt pobal tuaithe úsáid as sruthanna le haghaidh níocháin. I limistéir ar leith, bhí an dianobair seo fós in úsáid fada isteach sa 20ú haois.



Tobán Níocháin
Bailiúchán AMÉ

AN RAIBH A
FHIOS AGAT?

Bhí na tobáin luatha déanta as adhmad agus stéibheanna, cosúil le bairillí. Mar sin féin, faoi dheireadh an 19ú haois, bhí 'Maide Measctha' síne ar fáil, a bhí níos éadroime agus níos éasca a ghlanadh.

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