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Bosom-Board.

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Fig. 1.

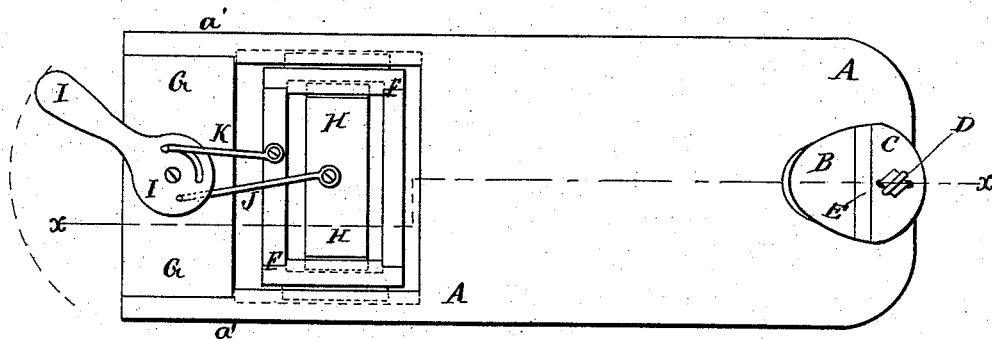
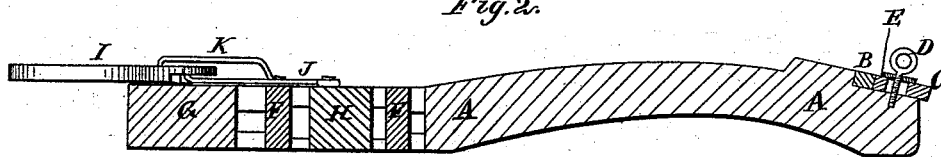


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BOSOM-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BOGER, of Powhatan Point, in the county of Belmont and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Shirt-Ironing Boards, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a top view of my improved shirt-ironing board. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, taken through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved board for ironing shirts, which shall be so constructed as to give a swell to the shirt-bosom when ironed, and so that the neck-band may be ironed in an erect position, to cause the collar-band to sit smoothly upon it, and prevent the collar from rising upon it, as it is liable to do when the neck-band is ironed in the usual way.

A represents the board, the upper side of the forward part of which is made with a swell, to give the proper shape to the shirt front.

Upon the upper side of the forward end of the board A is formed a cylindrical projection, the inner part, B, of which is stationary, and the outer part, C, is movable, and is secured in place adjustably by a hand-screw, D, which passes through a slot formed in it, and screws into the board A.

The space between the adjacent edges of the parts B C is filled by one or more strips, E, interposed between the said edges. With this construction the projection B C may be adjusted so that the neck-band of the shirt may fit upon it snugly.

The projection B C is made of a height about equal to the breadth of the neck-band, so that the said neck-band may be ironed against the edge of the said projection, and may thus be ironed in the position it will have when being worn.

The neck-band thus ironed will furnish a smooth seat for the collar-band, and will prevent it from rising above the said neck-band.

The rear middle part of the board A is cut out, bearing two arms, *a'*, the inner sides of which are grooved longitudinally to receive tongues formed upon the side bars of a frame,

F, which is fitted into the space between the said arms *a'*.

To and between the outer ends of the arms *a'* is secured a bar, G. The frame F is made narrower than the space between the inner edges of the bar G and the bars of the cut or recess in the board A, so that the said frame F may have a sliding movement.

The inner sides of the side bars of the frame F are grooved longitudinally to receive the tongues formed upon the ends of the bar H, which is made narrower than the space within the said frame F, so that it may have a sliding movement.

To the center of the stationary bar G is pivoted a lever-cam, I, to which, at a little distance from its pivot, is pivoted the end of the connecting-rod J. The inner end of the connecting-rod J is pivoted to the center of the sliding block H.

To the outer or rear bar of the sliding frame F is pivoted the end of a rod, K, the other end of which is pivoted in a curved slot in the lever-cam I, upon the opposite side of its pivot from the end of the rod J. With this construction, by turning the lever-cam I in one direction the frame F will be moved forward against the end of the board A, and the block H will be moved rearward against the rear cross-bar of the said frame F. The shirt to be ironed is then placed upon the board A, its neck band is buttoned around the projection B C, and its skirt is drawn through the space between the sliding bar H and the forward cross-bar of the sliding frame F. The lever-cam I is then turned in the other direction, and the first effect of this movement is to push the sliding bar H forward and clamp the shirt-skirt between it and the forward cross-bar of the sliding frame F. As the lever-cam I is turned farther the next effect is to draw the frame F and bar H back together, stretching the shirt upon the board A and holding it securely while being ironed.

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

1. An ironing-board whose front is curved convexly, both longitudinally and laterally, upon the upper side of the portion of the

board upon which the bosom proper of the shirt rests, for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with board A, constructed as shown, of the stationary piece B, the slotted movable piece C, the screw D, and the filling E, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination of the lever-cam I, the two connecting-rods J K, the sliding frame F,

and the sliding bar H with each other, and with the recessed board A a' and the stationary bar G, substantially as herein shown and described.

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