

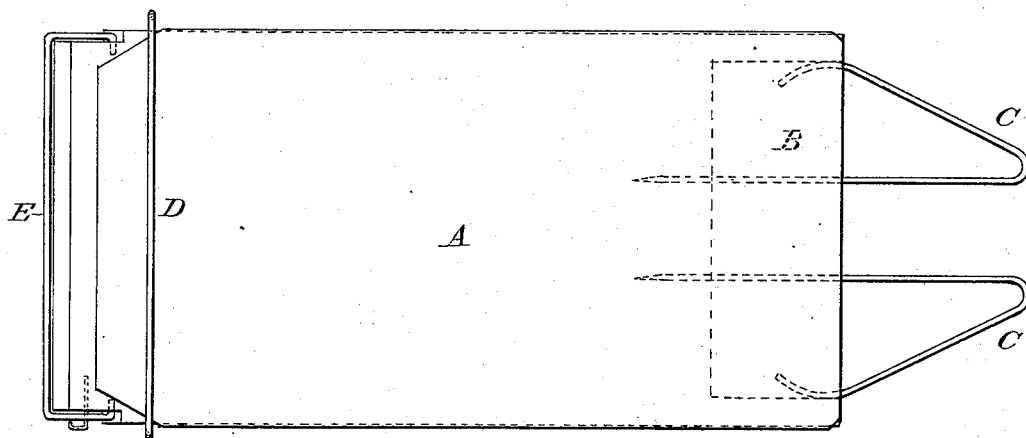
(Model.)

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IRONING BOARD.

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IRONING-BOARD.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 266,995, dated November 7, 1882.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, M. WOODBURN JENKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Decatur, county of Macon, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvements in the mode of ironing shirt-bosoms where a stretcher is used to facilitate the work as well as to polish it in a much better style than the old modes. I attain the object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which is the top view of the entire invention.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout.

The board A is eighteen inches long and ten inches wide. In the left-hand end of the board a slot or mortise, B, is made, three inches deep. The self-adjusting springs C are made of No. 10 spring-wire, one end of each spring being driven firmly into the solid wood at the bottom of slot or mortise B, leaving the outer ends free to adjust themselves to and keep in position a shirt-neck of any size.

D is the large stretcher.

E is the small stretcher.

Now, to operate it, place the board A on the inside of the shirt, fasten the collar-band around the self-adjusting springs C, draw the bosom smoothly over the board, leave the small stretcher E down, raise the large stretcher D vertically to any desired altitude, draw the goods tight over the stretcher D and down to the board, reach down and bring up stretcher

E and pass it under stretcher D, close both down together, and press down tight over the end of the board. The goods are now wrapped entirely around stretcher D and firmly locked by the wire E, so that the tension is perfectly even and cannot slip. The stretcher D is two inches deep, therefore has a sweep of four inches when brought clear back. Therefore place the stretcher D at any intermediate point, according to how much the goods are to be stretched.

I gain great advantage over other inventions by the slot or mortise B, which gives the springs C an even tension and wider scope, adjusting themselves to fit a shirt-neck from ten to nineteen inches, inclusive.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is, in an ironing-board—

1. The combination, with the board A, having a slot or mortise, B, in one end, of the self-adjusting springs C C, one end of each being secured in the board and the other end left free to move in said slot or mortise B.

2. The combination, with the board A, of the pivoted stretchers D and E, the stretcher E being smaller than stretcher D, both being arranged as described, whereby the stretcher D will pass by the stretcher E, as and for the purpose specified.

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