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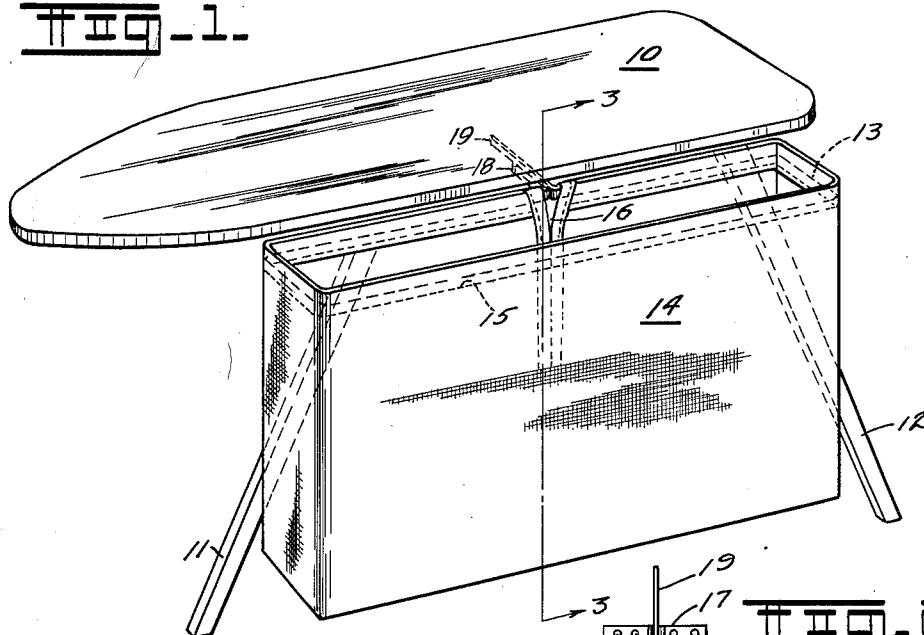
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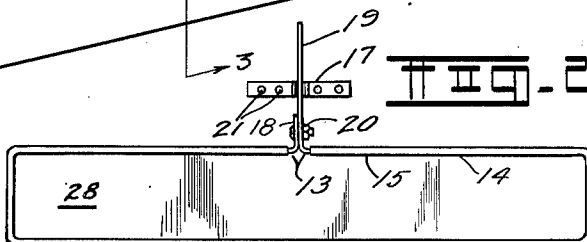
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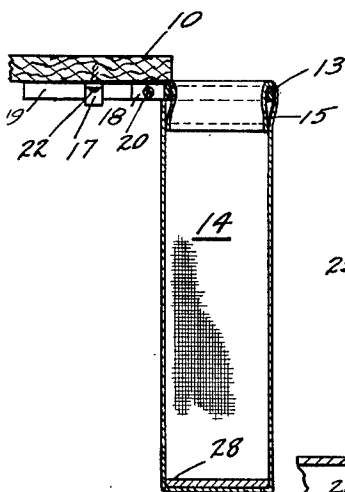
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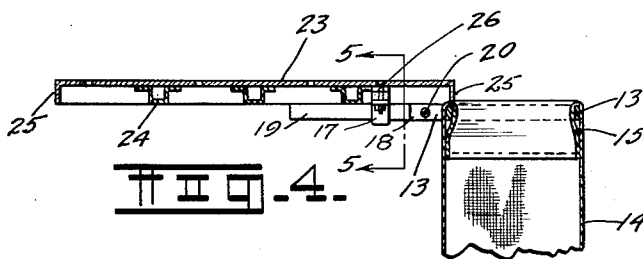
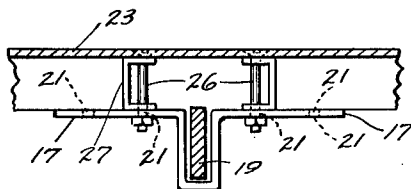


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## IRONING BOARD BASKET

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This invention relates to baskets and more particularly to a basket for attachment to an ironing board for receiving articles ironed.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of an ironing board basket.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an ironing board basket and means for removably attaching it to an ironing board.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of an ironing board basket of simple design and capable of inexpensive construction.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of an ironing board basket and mounting means attachable to wooden or metal top ironing boards.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of an ironing board basket, the body portion of which is collapsible and which may be removed from the remainder for laundering.

The ironing board basket shown and described herein comprises a simple and inexpensive device which may be conveniently attached to the side of an ironing board so that a person ironing clothes thereon may deposit the clothes in the basket as they are ironed and thereby eliminate the necessity of spreading papers on the floor beneath the ironing board to receive such clothes.

It is well known that in hand-ironing various articles, including clothing, linens and the like, it is frequently necessary to protect the ironed garment during the time of ironing and immediately thereafter from accidental engagement with the floor on which the ironing board is located.

The present invention relates to a basket which is detachably secured to the ironing board preferably on the side thereof opposite from the person using the ironing board and operating to receive articles as they are ironed and moved across the ironing board thereinto.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ironing board showing the basket attached thereto.

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Figure 2 is a top plan view of the ironing board basket and attachment bracket.

Figure 3 is a vertical section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a vertical section with parts broken away of the ironing board basket showing the same attached to a metal top ironing board.

Figure 5 is a vertical section taken on line 5—5 of Figure 4.

By referring to the drawings and Figure 1 in particular it will be seen that an ironing board, including a top 10 and a plurality of legs 11 and 12, has been disclosed together with an ironing board basket comprising a rectangular frame 13 and a depending fabric bag 14. The fabric bag 14 has a hem 15 formed around its uppermost edge and is adapted thereby to be threaded over the frame 13. The bag 14 has a vertical opening 16 in the central upper edge portion of the back wall and is adapted to be threaded over the frame 13 which is preferably formed of a single continuous piece of metal of suitable cross sectional shape, such as the horizontally disposed rectangular frame shown, the ends of which are outturned and positioned side-by-side, one of the ends being relatively short and the other extending outwardly beneath the ironing board top and secured thereto by a mounting bracket 17. The outturned ends of the frame 13 are indicated by the numerals 18 and 19 and the ends are normally bolted together as best seen in Figures 2 and 3 of the drawings by a bolt and nut assembly 20. The bracket 17 is a U-shaped bracket with the ends of the arms outturned and provided with a plurality of openings 21—21 so that the bracket may be secured to any one of a number of different types of ironing boards such as those with wooden tops such as illustrated in Figures 1 and 3 of the drawings and those with metal tops such as illustrated in Figures 4 and 5 of the drawings. The short end 18 of the frame 13 pivots on the bolt and nut assembly 20 to engage the ironing board and hold the basket in position thereon. This may be seen by referring to Figure 3 of the drawings in which a detailed sectional view of the ironing board basket and ironing board may be seen and it will be observed that the bracket 17 is secured to the wooden top 10 of the ironing board by a plurality of screws 22.

In Figure 4 of the drawings a metal topped ironing board comprising a perforated metal sheet 23 is disclosed which is supported on a plurality of longitudinally extending channels 24 and has a down-turned edge 25. The ironing board basket is positioned on the edge of this con-

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struction in the same manner as the device shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings with the exception that bolt and nut assemblies 26 are substituted for the screws 22 and a pair of side-wardly positioned U-shaped members 27 are used as filler blocks to space the bracket 17 with respect to the top 23. It will thus be seen that the bracket 17 is adapted for universal application as it may be simply secured to a wooden topped ironing board or various metal topped ironing boards known in the art without altering the structure and arrangement of the ironing board bracket itself.

In applying the ironing board basket to the ironing board, the projecting end portion 19 of the frame 13 is positioned through the U-shaped bracket 17 and the device slid under the edge of the ironing board, as best shown in Figures 3 and 4 of the drawings, so that the edge of the ironing board overlies the upper edge of the frame 13 and the hem portion 15 of the bag 14 along the one side of the frame 13. This enables the device to be self-positioning with respect to the ironing board and to avoid tilting and sagging as the weight of the device plus the weight of any clothes therein will prevent the same from becoming disengaged from the ironing board until and unless it is deliberately removed therefrom. The fabric bag 14 is provided with a false bottom 28 preferably formed of cardboard and adapted to hold the bag 14 in open position.

It will be observed that the bag 14 may be removed for laundering by removing the nut and bolt assembly 20 from the device and threading the bag off the frame 13. It will be observed that in use the ironing board basket receives articles to be ironed as they are ironed and eliminates the need of placing papers or other materials around and beneath the ironing board to protect the clothes being ironed.

It will thus be seen that the ironing board basket disclosed herein meets the several objects of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. An ironing board basket and means for re-

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movably mounting the same on an ironing board, said means comprising a mounting bracket for positioning beneath the top of said ironing board midway between the ends thereof, the basket comprising a one piece horizontally disposed rectangular frame, the ends of which are outturned and positioned in side-to-side relation to extend outwardly from one side of said frame for engagement with said bracket and means to hold the ends in said position, a fabric bag having a vertical slit in one side and a hem around the top threadably engaged on said rectangular frame and depending therefrom for receiving articles from the top of said ironing board.

2. The combination of an ironing board basket and a U-shaped bracket, the arms of which are outturned and adapted to be positioned beneath the top of an ironing board and inwardly from one side thereof, said basket comprising a rectangular frame disposed in a horizontal plane, the ends of the frame abutting one another midway between the ends of one side of said frame and bent outwardly at right angles to the side of the frame and removably secured to one another to form an extension on said frame, said extension engaged in said U-shaped bracket when positioned on said ironing board, and said one side of the rectangular frame positioned closest the ironing board and underlying the top thereof and a bag-like section of flexible material threadably engaged upon said frame and depending therefrom for receiving articles from the top of said ironing board.

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