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Shirt-Bosom Stretchers.

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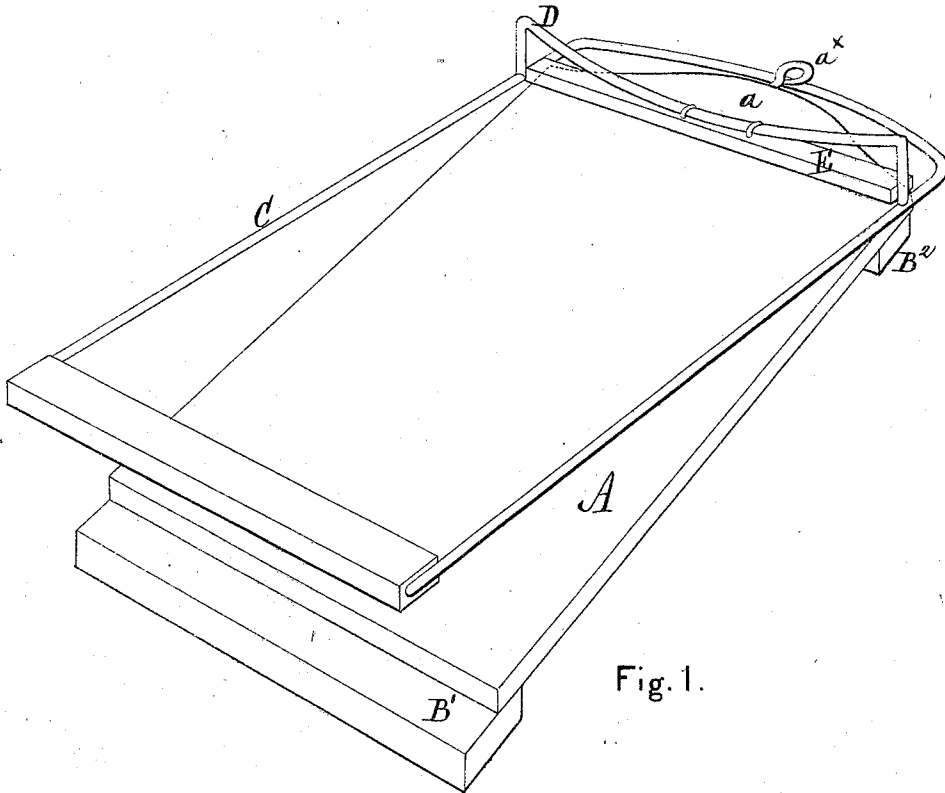


Fig. 1.

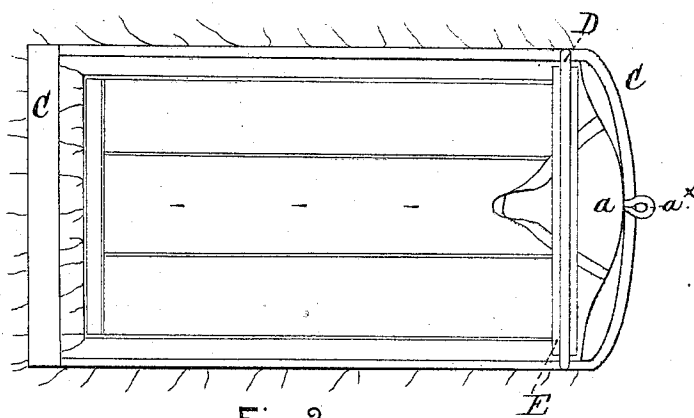


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SHIRT-BOSOM STRETCHERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EZRA BASSETT, of Topeka, in the county of Shawnee and State of Kansas, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Shirt-Bosom Stretcher; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same.

My invention relates to an apparatus for holding shirt-bosoms or other articles of clothing smoothly in place while being ironed; and it consists in a board to be placed under the fabric, in connection with a frame for stretching the fabric and holding it securely and smoothly upon and around said board.

In the drawing, A represents a board or plate, braced at the ends by transverse bars B¹ B². The upper end of the board A has a rounded projection or extension, *a*, of a suitable size to extend through the neck of a shirt, as shown in Fig. 2. In the edge of this extension is a pin or stud, *a*^x, which, if desired, may be formed into a hook or ring for suspending the article when not in use. C represents an oblong frame corresponding in form and dimensions with the board A. It consists of a wire rod bent so as to form three sides, and having the ends attached to the ends of a straight bar of wood, which forms the fourth side. Or, if desired, the frame may be made entirely of a rod of wire with the

ends welded or otherwise joined together. Near the upper end of the frame is a spring pressing device, consisting of a wire rod or bar, D, with its ends turned down and secured to the wire C, and the intervening portion curved downward and attached to a rigid flat bar, E, by staples or otherwise, so as to allow of a slight vertical play.

The board A is inserted in the shirt, under the bosom, the projection *a* extending under the shoulders and through the neck, as shown in Fig. 2. The upper end of the frame C is placed under the pin or stud *a*^x, the fabric stretched smoothly over the board, and the frame pressed down so as to embrace the bottom and sides of the bosom, clamping it against the edges of the board, the shoulders and neck engaging with the extension *a*, and the bar E pressing down the upper part of the bosom, thus holding the bosom smoothly and firmly, and giving the operator the full and free use of both hands.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The ironing-stretcher for shirt-bosoms, consisting of a board, A, in connection with a clamping-frame, C, having the spring pressing-bar D E, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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