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Fig. 1.

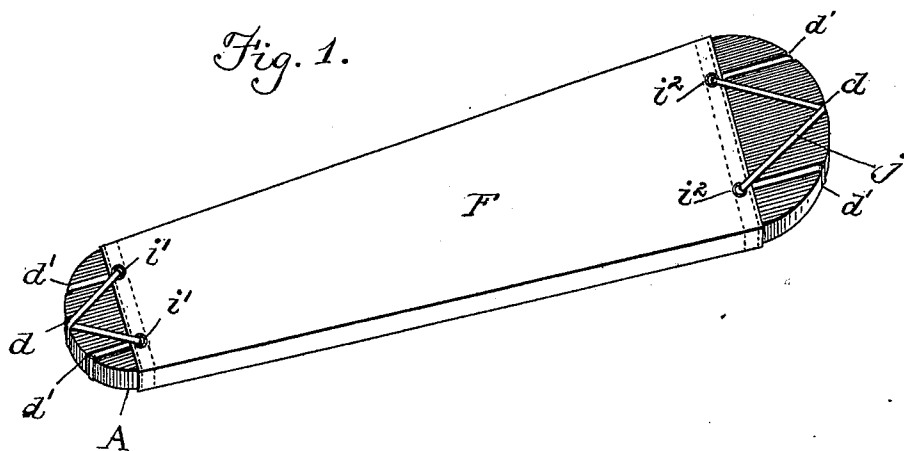


Fig. 2.

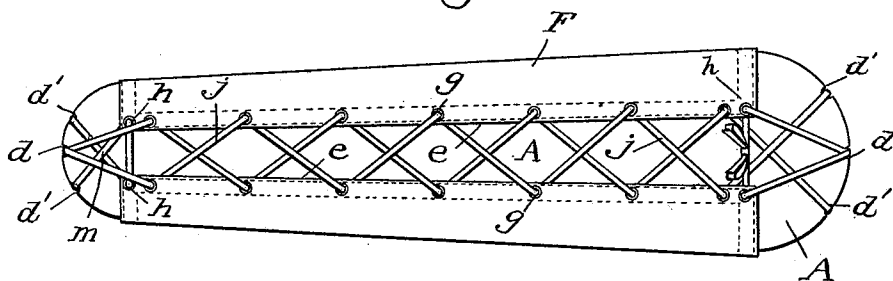
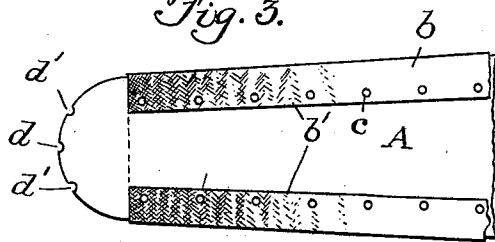


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY E. FOX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covered Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved covered ironing-board.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a cover that may be readily applied to a board and stretched thereon and removed from the board without the use of tacks.

15 The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

20 Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the top side of an ironing-board with the improved cover. Fig. 2 shows the bottom side of the board and cover. Fig. 3 shows a portion of the bottom side of the board and the lining or pad-cloth, the improved cover being removed.

25 The board A has the usual tapered shape and rounded ends and by preference should have a lining or pad-cloth *b* of suitable material stretched over the top of the board, with its edges *b'* on the bottom side secured by tacks *c*. In carrying out this invention each end of the board is provided with three 30 notches *d d' d'*. The cover F is preferably a single thickness of fabric of suitable material, such as muslin, and in the flat or open position is of slightly-tapered shape to adapt it to the tapered form of the board. This 35 cover is properly hemmed all around its four edges and is provided along its two longitudinal edges *e* with a row of eyelets *g* and at each corner with an eyelet *h*. All of the eyelets just named appear on the bottom side of 40 the board. Each end of the cover has two eyelets which when the cover is on the board appear at the top side thereof. These eyelets are designated by the letters *i' i'* at one end and *i<sup>2</sup> i<sup>2</sup>* at the other end. A tape or cord *j* 45 is employed to lace the eyelets and take position in the notches at the ends of the board, and thereby secure and stretch the cover. The fabric cover F is placed over the top side of the board and also its longitudinal edges, 50 and the edges *e* of the cover are lapped onto the bottom side of the board, where they confront each other, as in Fig. 2. The notched

ends of the board, however, it will be seen, are not covered, but are exposed.

The lacing of the tape *j* through the eye- 55 lets to secure the cover F in the present instance is as follows: The lacing tape or cord *j* is first passed through the two corner eyelets *h* at the smaller or narrow end of the board. The cord is then drawn, so as to pre- 60 sent two equal ends or lacings in a manner similar to the primary operation in lacing an ordinary shoe. These two cord ends are then lapped or crossed, as at *m*, and engaged with the outer notches *d'*. They then pass over 65 to the top surface of the board, where they are threaded through the eyelets *i'*, then toward the small end of the board, where both are engaged with the middle notch *d*. From thence they again pass to the bottom side of 70 the board, where they diverge and are then cross-laced through the eyelets *g*, as shown in Fig. 2. At the larger end of the board the lacing is substantially the same as at the smaller end, the cord ends finally passing 75 through the corner eyelets *h*, and then are secured by tying them together in an ordinary bow-knot.

It is obvious that the eyelets may be dispensed with and a worked hole or other equiv- 80 alent construction used.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. An ironing-board having each end provided with notches to prevent a tape or cord 85 from slipping; a fabric cover over the top side and longitudinal edges of the board and lapped onto the bottom side and shorter than the board and leaving the notched ends of the board exposed—said cover having a row of 90 holes or eyelets along its two confronting edges, and holes or eyelets at each end which appear at the top side of the board; and a tape or cord laced through all the holes or eyelets of the cover and also over the exposed ends 95 of the board and into the notches therein, as set forth.

2. A tapered ironing-board having rounded ends each of which is provided with three 100 notches; a fabric cover over the top side and longitudinal edges of the board and lapped onto the bottom side but having the notched ends of the board exposed—said cover having a row of eyelets, *g*, along its two confronting

edges, an eyelet, *h*, in each corner and two  
eyelets at each end which appear at the top  
side of the board, a tape or cord which is  
first laced through the two corner eyelets at  
5 one end of the cover then over the end of the  
board and through the two eyelets at the top  
side and back again over the end of the board,  
then through the said two rows of eyelets, *g*,  
and over the other end of the board and back

to the remaining two corner eyelets, and finally tied, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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