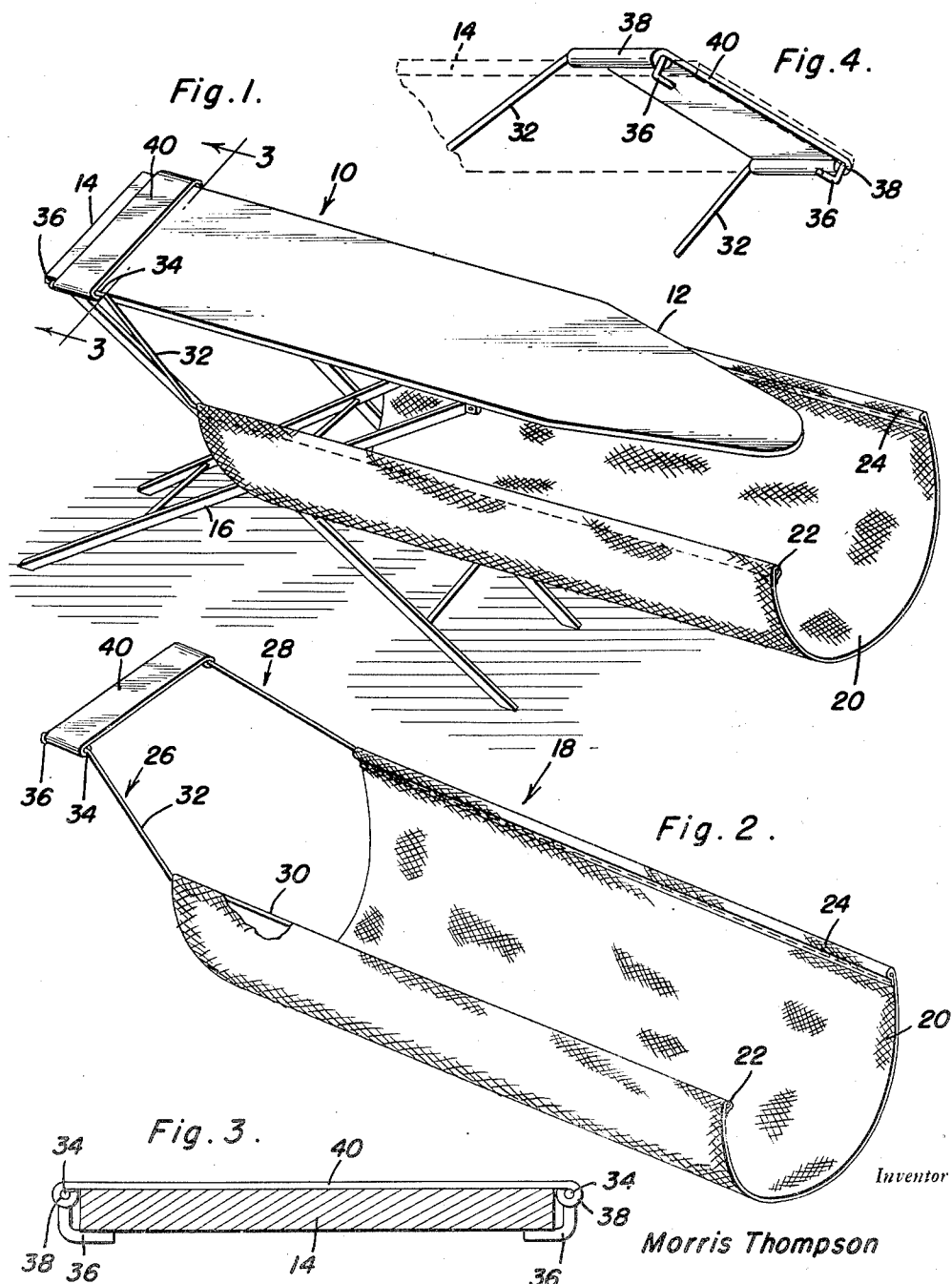


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This invention relates to a sling to be suspended from an ironing board for the purpose of catching articles of clothing that have accidentally fallen from the ironing board.

An object of this invention is to provide a sling including a novel means for quickly and easily assembling and disassembling the sling on an ironing board.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide an ironing board attachment for preventing clothes from dropping to the floor comprising a sling and means for detachably suspending said sling from the board, said sling including a pair of sleeves, said means including a pair of wires each having a forward portion received in one of said sleeves, a rearwardly, upwardly and inwardly inclined portion integral with said forward portion, a plate interconnecting said inclined portions and adapted to overlie the board, and hook members carried by said inclined portions adapted to grip the rear portions of the side edges of the board.

These, together with various ancillary objects and features of the invention which will later become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by the device, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated, by way of example only, in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the attachment shown positioned on an ironing board;

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the attachment per se;

Figure 3 is a sectional view on an enlarged scale taken substantially on the plane of section line 3—3 of Figure 1; and

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of the rear portion of the attachment and illustrating the gripping means thereof.

Specific reference will now be made to the drawings. In the several views, in the accompanying drawings and in the following specification, similar reference characters indicate corresponding elements throughout.

Indicated generally at 10 is a conventional ironing board having a tapered front end 12 and a straight rear end 14, the board being supported on the conventional foldable legs 16. The attachment of the instant invention is generally indicated at 18 and constitutes a sling to be suspended from the ironing board in such a manner that articles will be prevented from falling off the board and dropping to the floor.

The attachment comprises a sling 20 which is substantially rectangular in shape and which is

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fabricated of any suitable material but preferably canvas. The longitudinal edges of the sling are provided with sleeves 22 and 24.

The means for readily and detachably assembling the sling upon the board to assume the position shown in Figure 1 comprises the following elements. A pair of rods 26 and 28 are provided each including a relatively long forward portion 30 slidably received in the respective sleeves 22 and 24 of the sling 20. Integral with the forward portion 30 is a rearwardly, upwardly and inwardly inclined portion 32 which includes a horizontal portion 34 that extends substantially parallel to the forward portion 30. The free end of the horizontal portion is provided with an L-shaped hook member 36. The horizontal portions 34 are rotatably received in sleeve members 38 at the ends of a substantially flat plate 40 which is adapted to overlie the ironing board adjacent the rear end 14 thereof.

In use, the sling 20 is positioned upon the forward portion 30 of the rods 26 and 28, the rear edge of the sling being made to engage the rods 26 and 28 at the juncture of the forward portion 30 with the rearwardly inclined portions 32 so that the sling can be retained on the rods with relative security. The plate 40 is then positioned transversely across the board 10 adjacent the rear end 14 thereof and the rods 26 and 28 are rotated inwardly relative to the longitudinal edges of the ironing board so that the bottom horizontal legs of the L-shaped hooks 36 will grippingly engage the under surface of the ironing board adjacent the rear end 14 thereof, as shown clearly in Figures 3 and 4. It will be understood that the width of the sling is such that in cooperation with the rearwardly, upwardly and inwardly inclined rod portions 32, the sling will extend some distance beyond the longitudinal edges of the ironing board 10 to provide a proper shield in the event that articles fall from the ironing board not only off the front tapered portion 12 thereof but from the longitudinal edges. Also, the dimensions of the forward portions 30 and the rearwardly inclined portions 32 of the rods 26 and 28 are such that the sling will extend from the point of intersection of the foldable legs 16 to a short distance beyond the tapered end portion 12 of the ironing board, as shown clearly in Figure 1.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in

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this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

An ironing board attachment for preventing clothes from dropping to the floor comprising an elongated sling and means for detachably suspending said sling from the board, said sling including a pair of sleeves at the opposite edges thereof, said means including a pair of wires each having a forward horizontal portion received in one of said sleeves, a rearwardly, upwardly and inwardly inclined portion integral with said forward portion, and a horizontal rear portion integral with said inclined portion and

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extending parallel to said forward portion, a plate engageable with the upper face of the ironing board and disposed transversely of said horizontal rear wire portions and including longitudinal sleeves at its opposite ends journaling said rear portions of said wires, and laterally extending L-shaped hooks integral with said rear portions and adapted to grip the side edges of the ironing board.

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