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COLLAPSIBLE PRESS BOARD.

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Fig. 1.

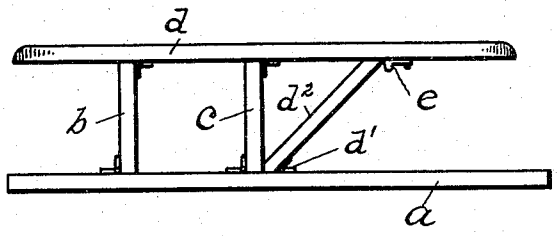


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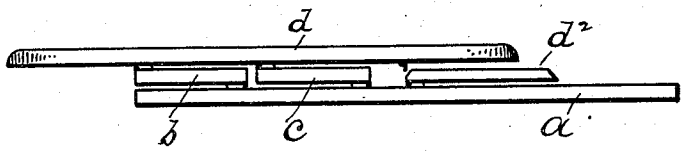


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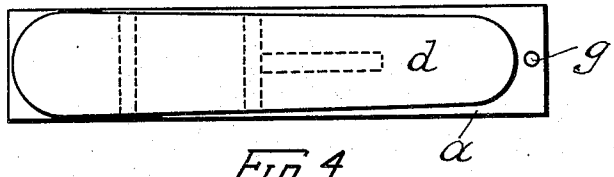


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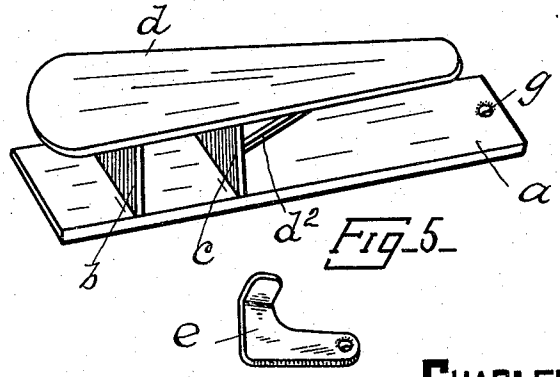


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. SHEEHAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Arlington, in the county of Middlesex, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Collapsible Press-Boards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to the class of press-boards used commonly by tailors, as well as by housekeepers and laundrymen, for pressing garments, and for ironing shirts, shirt-waists and other garments, and my present purpose is to provide, at a reasonable cost, a strong, serviceable and convenient form of press-board that may be readily collapsed into small compass when not in use, in order that it may be hung up or stored in a drawer, clothes-press or other out-of-the-way place, until it is again needed.

My improved press-board is illustrated in the annexed drawings, Figure 1 being a side elevation of a board embodying my improvement as it appears when opened. Fig. 2 shows said board collapsed and ready to be stored away. Fig. 3 is a top or plan view of the same. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the press-board as it appears when opened up ready for use. In Fig. 5 I have shown, in perspective, a detached view of the latch employed by me to lock the press-board in its opened position.

Referring to these drawings, the letter *a* indicates a base-board having hinged thereto two parallel uprights *b* and *c* whose other ends are hinged to a press-board *d* in such manner that the said press-board may be folded down upon the base-board, as seen in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Hinged to the base-board *a*, at *d'* is a brace d^2 that pitches in a direction opposite to the folding movement of the press-board with respect to the base-board.

When the device has been opened, the brace d^2 is swung upward until its otherwise free end contacts with the underside of the press-board, and said brace is then latched in its bracing position by a button *e* which is secured to the press-board (see Fig. 1), thus firmly locking the parts in their open or extended positions. When, however, it is no longer desired to use the press-board, it is only necessary to swing the button *e* to one side (out of latching engagement with the end of brace d^2) when the uprights *b*—*c* and the press-board may be folded down as in Fig. 2.

One end of the base-board *a* is provided with an opening *g* so that the collapsed press-board may be hung up if desired.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and wish to secure by Letters Patent:—

A device of the type described, including a base member, a press-board, leg-forming members, and a propping member, said leg-forming members being hinged to said base and said press-board, and said propping member being hinged to said base-member, at its lower end, and a button forming member pivoted to said press-board upon the underside, said pivoted button-forming member having one end arranged to engage and press upon said propping-member for the retention of the several parts in relatively rigid position, said button-forming member having a right-angled edge-projecting finger-piece.

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