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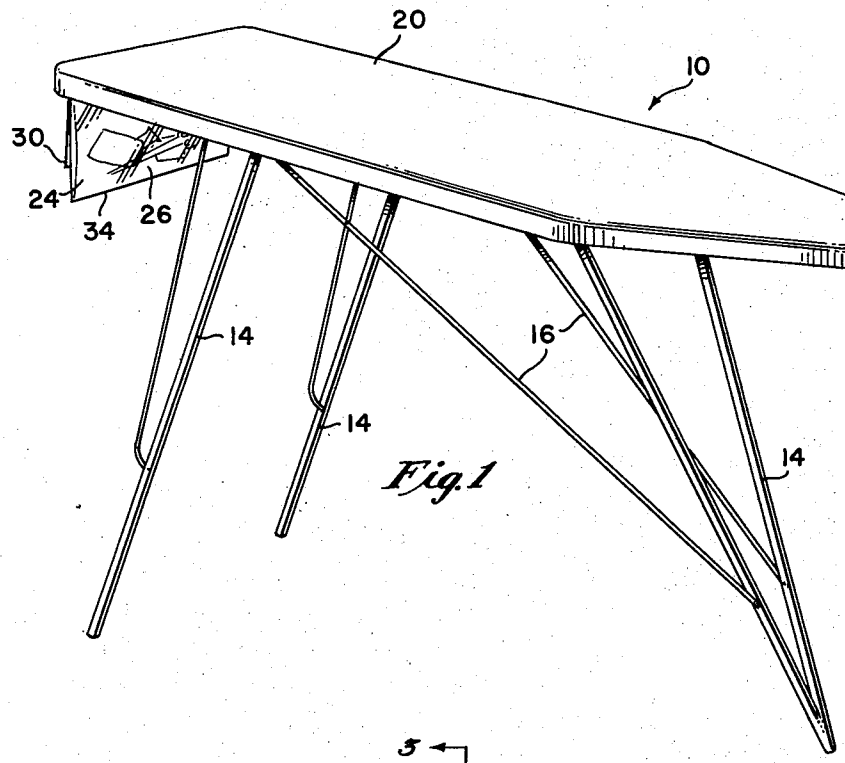


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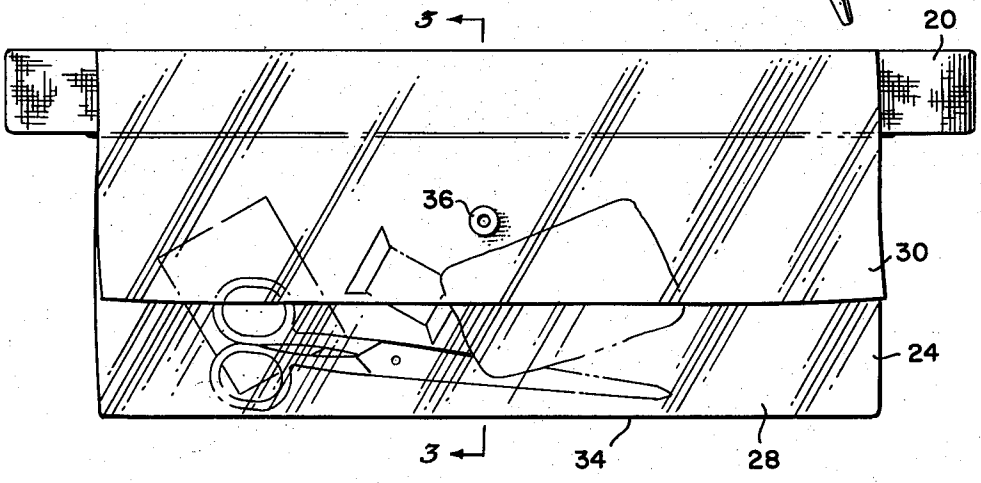


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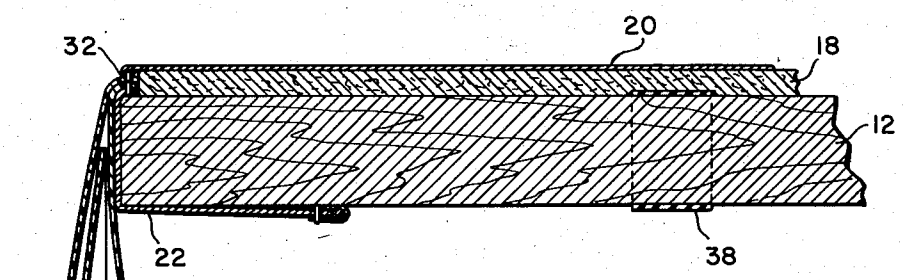


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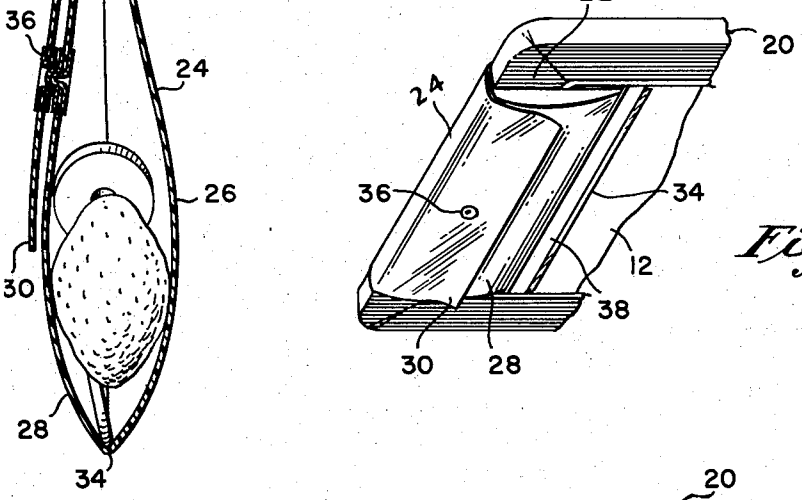


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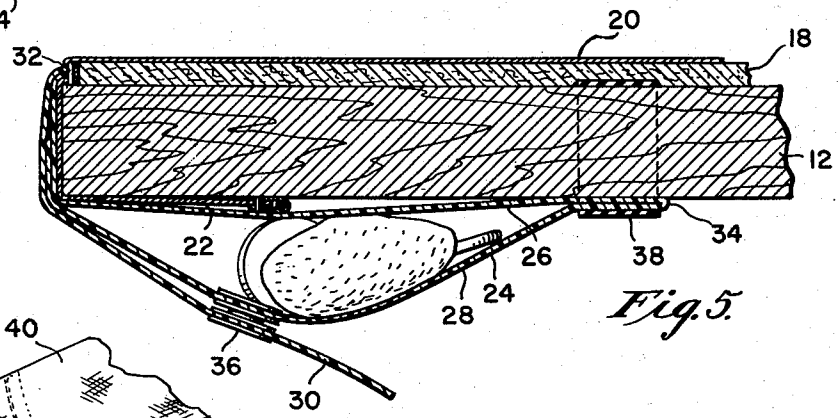


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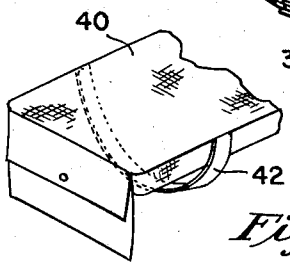


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This invention relates to ironing board covers, and it particularly relates to ironing board covers having pouch attachments thereon.

It is a great convenience, as most women know, to have various accessories easily available when ironing. Such accessories, as for example, sprinkler bottles, scissors, sponges, pressing cloths, needles and thread, measuring tapes, buttons, mending patches, and the like, are not always required at any one time; nevertheless, since they are rather small and tend to get easily lost or misplaced, it is preferable to have them all together in one container. However, even the container may be misplaced just at the time it is needed, or if available, there may be no convenient and accessible place to put it so that often the housewife just does not bother to take it out until it is actually needed; then, when she does need it, she must stop her ironing and go to get it. This is annoying and time-consuming.

There have heretofore been attempts made to solve the problem by providing removable attachments which were adapted to be hung or otherwise secured to the ironing board when the board was set up. However, these prior attachments were, themselves, often misplaced and even when secured to the ironing board, were clumsy, bulky and so much in the way that any attempt to use them was abandoned after a short time.

It is one object of the present invention to overcome the above as well as other disadvantages of the prior art by providing an article-holding pouch for ironing boards which is always conveniently at hand and which cannot become lost or misplaced.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an article-holding pouch for ironing boards which is easy to use and which is never in the way.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an article-holding pouch for ironing boards which is simple yet sturdy in construction and which is inexpensive to manufacture.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an article-holding pouch for ironing boards which is always available and in position for use but which is yet easily stored in a safe position when the ironing board is put away.

Other objects and many of the attendant advantages of this invention will be readily appreciated as the same becomes better understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an ironing board equipped with an ironing board cover and pouch assembly embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is an end elevational view of the cover and pouch means illustrated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view of one end of the ironing board and its associated parts, showing the pouch hanging down in operative position.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary, perspective view showing the pouch in storage position.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but showing the pouch in storage position.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of an alternative form of the invention.

Referring now in greater detail to the figures of the drawing wherein similar reference characters refer to similar parts, there is shown an ironing board assembly generally designated **10** comprising a board **12**, which may be constructed of wood, metal or similar material, mounted on legs **14** between which are connected supporting bars **16**.

Positioned on the board **12** is a pad **18** over which is disposed a cover **20**. The pad **18** may be made of any cushioning material, preferably one which is fire-retardant such as silicone or the like, while the cover **20** may also be made of any desirable flexible sheet material such as cotton, wool, canvas, asbestos, etc.

The cover **20** is provided with a pocket **22** at one end, the corresponding end of the board being tucked into this pocket, while the side edges of the cover overlap the board along each edge. At the end of the cover which includes the pocket **22** there is provided a pouch **24**.

This pouch **24** comprises a rear panel **26**, a front panel **28** and a covering flap **30**. The rear panel **26** and flap **30** are connected, as by stitching or the like indicated at **32**, to the end of the cover **20**; the stitching **32** here illustrated being the same stitching that is used to connect the pocket **22** to the cover **20**. The front panel **28** is integrally connected at its bottom edge to the bottom edge of the rear panel **26**; this connection being through a fold line **34**. The upper edge of the front panel **28** ends short of the upper edge of the rear panel to define an opening or mouth at the top of the pouch. The flap **30** is adapted to overlap this mouth in closed position and to be held in such closed position by a snap fastener **36**, the male element of the snap fastener being positioned centrally of the front panel **28** and the female element being positioned on flap **30**. If desired, a zipper, hook, or any other fastening means may be substituted for the snap fastener **36**.

The pouch **24** may be made of any desirable material but it should preferably be flexible and also desirably transparent or translucent such as regenerated cellulose, cellulose acetate, polyethylene, or similar materials.

Normally, when the board assembly is set up in operative position, the pouch **24** flips over and hangs down, as in Figs. 1 and 3. However, an ironing board is usually stored by standing it up on its broad end. Since the pouch **24** is fixed to the broad end, when the board is stood upright, the pouch would crumple thereunder and any articles therein might become broken or damaged. In order to prevent this there is provided a resilient band **38** made of rubber or the like. The upper run of this band **38** is secured between the pad **18** and the board **12** before the pad and cover are placed on the board. Then the pad and cover are placed thereover and the end of the board tucked into the cover pocket **22**.

In this manner, the band **38** is secured to the assembly and cannot fall off. The lower run of the band **38** is situated on the other side of the board in a position to encompass the pouch **24** in the manner shown in Figs. 4 and 5 when the pouch is tucked under the band. When in this position, the board can be stood upon end and the pouch will be securely and neatly folded against the undersurface of the board. When the board is to be used again, it is set up in position, the pouch is slipped out from the restraint of band **38**, and the pouch then automatically drops into its operative position ready to be used.

In Fig. 6 there is illustrated an alternative form of the

invention wherein the cover 40, otherwise similar to cover 20, is provided with a resilient strip 42 constructed of any desirable material but preferably of rubber-reinforced fabric. This lower loop portion of this strip 42 depends from the cover 40 to a position below the undersurface of the ironing board so that when it is desired to secure the pouch for storage, it is inserted into the loop formed by strip 42 in the same manner as is done when using band 38.

Obviously many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in the light of the above teachings. It is, therefore, to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described.

What is claimed as the invention is:

1. An ironing board cover comprising an elongated sheet having a relatively wide end and a relatively narrow end and adapted to conform to and overlie an ironing board having a pad thereon, said sheet having engaging means along at least a portion of its peripheral edge for engaging the side and under-edge portions of the board, a pouch at the wide end of the sheet, said pouch comprising front and rear walls, the upper edge of the rear wall of the pouch generally conforming to a portion of the said wide end of the sheet, said engaging means and said upper edge of the pouch being secured to the underside of the sheet by a relatively narrow inturned hem on the sheet, the said hem being adapted to lie outwardly of an end of the pad covering the said board, and the said pouch, in use, depending freely from the said wide end of the sheet when said sheet is on the board.

2. An ironing board cover comprising an elongated sheet having a relatively wide end and a relatively narrow end and adapted to conform to and overlie an ironing board having a pad thereon, said sheet having engaging means along at least a portion of its peripheral edge for engaging the side and under-edge portions of the board, a pouch at the wide end of the sheet, said pouch comprising front and rear walls, the upper edge of the rear wall of the pouch generally conforming to a portion of the said wide end of the sheet, said engaging means being operatively associated with but at least partially discontinuous with the said peripheral edge at the wide end of said sheet, said upper edge of the rear wall of the pouch being secured at said wide end of said sheet between the said peripheral edge and the said engaging means in a position adapted to lie outwardly of an end of the pad covering the said board, and the said pouch, in use, depending freely from the said wide end of the sheet when said sheet is on the board.

3. An ironing board cover comprising an elongated sheet having a relatively wide end and a relatively narrow end and adapted to conform to and overlie an ironing board having a pad thereon, said sheet having engaging means along at least a portion of its peripheral edge for engaging the side and under-edge portions of the board, a pouch at the wide end of the sheet, said pouch comprising front and rear walls, the upper edge of the rear wall of the pouch generally conforming to a portion of the said wide end of the sheet, said engaging means and said upper edge of the pouch being secured to the underside of the sheet by a relatively narrow inturned hem on the sheet, the said hem being adapted to lie outwardly of an end of the pad covering the said board, and means for releasably retaining said pouch in a storage position generally parallel to said sheet when it is on said board.

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