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Fig. 1.

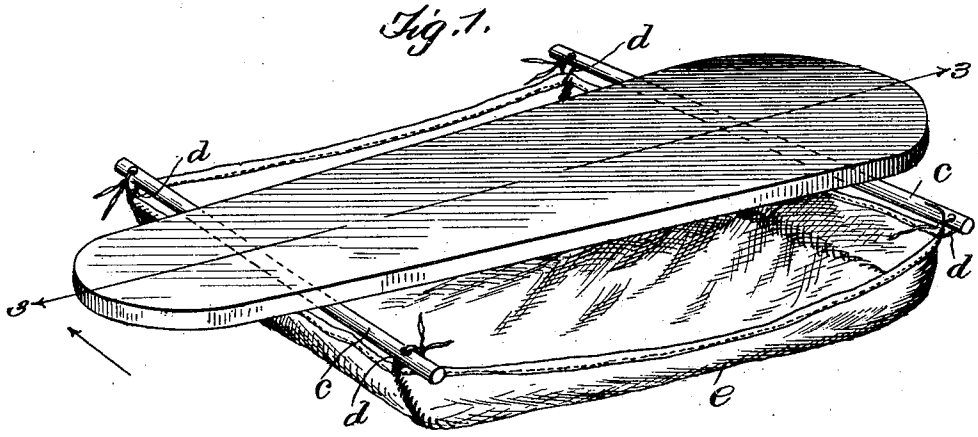


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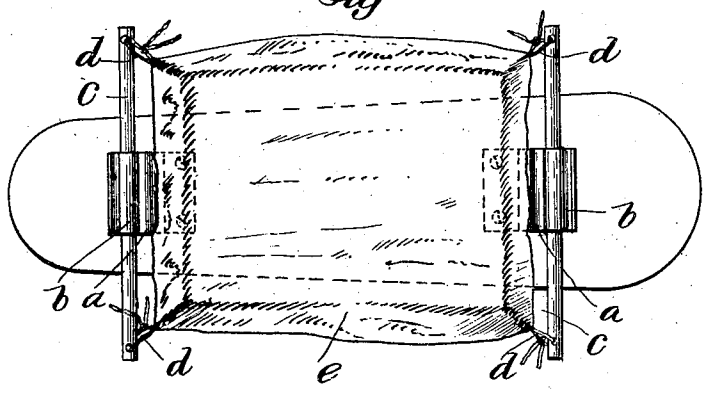
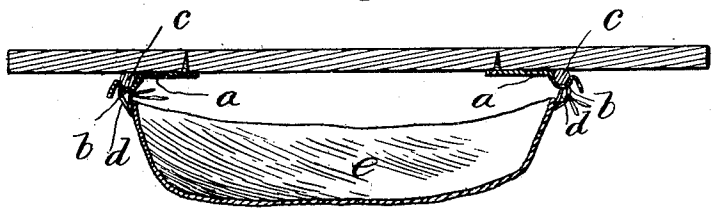


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE J. TREAT, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Perry, in the county of Lake and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Board Attachments, of which the following is a full and clear specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device; Fig. 2 is a bottom view of the same; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section thereof.

The object of this invention is to provide an ironing-board with a device which may be readily attached and detached and which when in place will serve as a sort of hammock suspended under the board in such relation thereto that it will support the hanging portion of a dress or skirt while the article is being ironed and thus prevent the article being soiled by contact with the floor, and to the accomplishment of this object and such others as may hereinafter appear, the invention consists of the parts and combination of parts hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which the same reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views.

I fasten on the bottom of the board two clamps *a*, *a*, one near each end, and each consisting preferably of a flat plate fastened to the board at one end and having its opposite free end bent to form a grooved seat *b*. Removably clamped against the bottom of the board by each one of these seats *b* is a rod *c*, the resilience of the clamps being sufficient to hold the rod in its adjusted position and also to permit the rods to be inserted and removed. The rods are independently slidable endwisely back and forth under the board and attached to the ends of the rods by means of suitable cord or tape fastenings *d* are the four corners of a flexible hammock-like receptacle *e*.

It will be observed that this attachment is especially adapted for those garments such as dresses and skirts which in the ironing process are slipped over the board. To slip the garment on the board it is simply necessary to first detach one of the rods by springing it sidewise from under one of the clamps, and then when the rod is again inserted in the clamp the hammock will swing in such position under the board as to receive and support the hanging portion of the skirt or other article and thus prevent the hanging portion from dragging on the floor as the garment is rotated from time to time during the ironing process.

It will be observed that the end-wise adjustability of the rods enables the hammock to be adjusted transversely with respect to the board to so position the hammock that it will receive various sizes and styles of garments. It will also be observed that the entire attachment may be detached from the board and conveniently rolled up on the rods into a compact package and conveniently stored away or shipped. It will be observed also that the hammock is made detachable from the rods so that it may be removed therefrom and washed from time to time. It will be further observed that the rods are considerably longer than the board is wide whereby a wide range of adjustability is secured in both directions across the board, thus enabling the attachment to be not only adjusted to suit different sizes and styles of garments but to suit right-handed as well as left-handed persons.

I have described the invention as particularly applicable to articles of wearing apparel of the dress or skirt type but it will be understood that the attachment is equally useful for receiving and supporting and protecting the hanging portions of other articles while being ironed, and it will be understood also that the depending portions of the article will not only be protected against soiling by the floor but also by contact with the clothing and shoes of the ironer. It will be observed also that by making the rods long enough to extend beyond the edges of the board and by having the hammock wider than the board the hammock will receive and protect the depending portion of the article even though these portions depend from both edges of the board at the same time.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent; is:—

1. In combination with an ironing-board, a pair of clamps attached to the under side thereof, a rod removably clamped against the under side of the board by each clamp and extending beyond the side edges of the board and being transversely adjustable with

respect thereto, and a hammock and connections detachably attaching its respective corners to the respective ends of said rods.

2. In combination with an ironing-board, a pair of rods attached transversely direct to the under side of the board, one of the rods being detachable and both rods being endwisely adjustable, and a hammock suspended from said rods.

3. In combination with an ironing-board, a pair of rods, and spring clamps for detachably attaching both the rods to the under side of the board, said rods running transversely of the board and extending beyond both side edges thereof, and a hammock suspended from the ends of said rods.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses this 6th day of May, 1908.

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