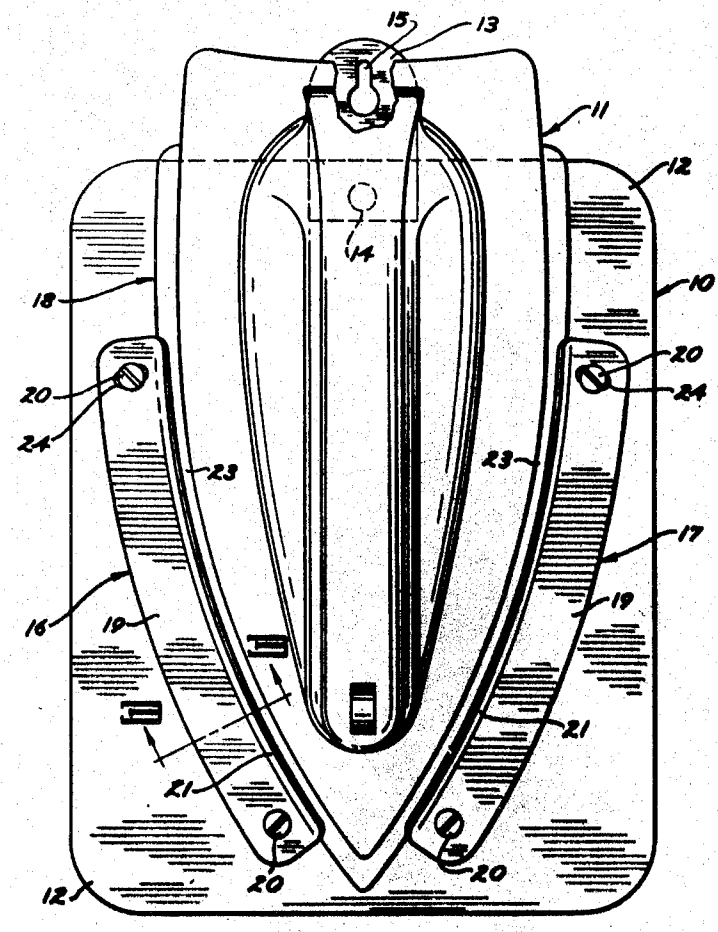
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FIG 1



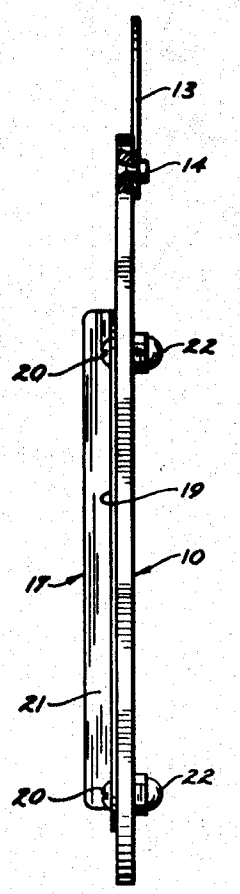


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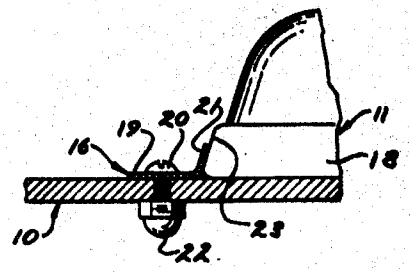


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This invention relates to holders for pressing irons and the primary object is to provide an improved device for this purpose which may be placed on the ironing table as a support for the iron when it is momentarily not in use, or hung upon a wall or other support as a storage place for the iron for longer periods. Another object is to provide a storage support which will support the iron pointed end down, which is the neatest position therefor, and which will hold the iron safely against displacement and yet allow the iron to be quickly and easily put in place or removed as may be required. A further object is to provide an iron holder which is readily adjustable to irons of different widths, which holds the iron only by the sides of its shoe to prevent marring the highly polished plated upper surfaces of the iron, and is exceedingly simple, neat and attractive in appearance, and inexpensive.

These and other more detailed and specific objects will be disclosed in the course of the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a frontal elevation of my improved holder showing a pressing iron supported point down therein.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the holder alone.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary sectional view along the line 3—3 in Fig. 1.

Referring now more particularly and by reference characters to the drawing, 10 designates generally a rectangular base or back plate of heat resisting or insulating material and which forms a supporting surface for a pressing iron 11. The corners 12 of the plate 10 may be rounded off as shown and at the center of one end of the plate there is provided means by which the plate may be suspended in a generally upright position upon a wall or other support. As here shown such means comprises a metal tab 13 secured to the plate by a rivet 14 and having a key-hole slot 15 to engage a nail or screw in the wall, as will be readily understood.

To hold the iron 11 I provide a pair of retaining or supporting members indicated generally at 16 and 17 which are mounted on the forward face of the plate 10 in downwardly converging, transversely spaced positions, these members also being incurved or arcuately formed to correspond to the usual forwardly rounded and pointed shape of the bottom shoe or sole plate 18 of the iron. More particularly the members 16 and 17 are formed from metal strips and have base or mounting flanges 19 adapted to be secured by screws 20 at upper and lower ends to the plate,

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and forwardly projecting iron engaging flanges or rims 21 extending along and turned from the inner ends of said base flanges. As best shown in Figs. 2 and 3 the mounting screws 20 are held in place and the members 16—17 clamped tight by acorn nuts 22 at the rear of the plate 10 and these units will then act nicely as feet to support the plate in a horizontal position on an ironing table or other support.

As seen to best advantage in Fig. 3, but as also evident in Fig. 1, the flanges 21 angle or converge in a forward direction with respect to each other and thus fit the correspondingly upwardly and converging lateral edges 23 of the iron shoe or sole plate 18. It will now be apparent that the iron may be placed upon the plate 10 and moved pointed end foremost between the members 16 and 17 until the edges of the shoe are engaged by the flanges 21. By their angular positions the flanges 21 will then hold the iron to the plate and when the latter is hung in an upright position these flanges will prevent both forward and downward displacement of the iron. The iron may simply be lowered between the flanges until it comes to rest securely supported with its pointed or forward end down, and as will be apparent in Fig. 1 the iron thus will be attractively supported and displayed.

Referring also to Fig. 1 it will be noted that I provide, for the reception of the upper mounting screws 20, arcuate slots 24 which are cut in the mounting flanges 19, and this construction permits the upper ends of the support members 16—17 to be adjusted, swinging about the lower end pivots formed by the lower screws 20, to accommodate irons of different widths and different forward tapers or shapes. It is found that this adjustment with proper initial curvature of the members 16 and 17 will make it possible to fit all commonly used, modern irons very nicely.

The narrow flanges 21 engage only the sides 23 of the iron shoe 18 and this is sufficient to obtain a positive grip on the iron, makes the structure neater and more clean cut in appearance and insures that the usual highly polished plated surfaces of the body of the iron will not be marred in any way.

It is understood that suitable modifications may be made in the structure as disclosed, provided such modifications come within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

Having now therefore fully illustrated and described my invention, what I claim to be new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. In a pressing iron holder of the character

described, a plate of heat resisting material adapted to be hung in an upright position from a support, retaining means for the iron comprising downwardly converging members attached to the forward face of the plate and projecting angularly forward therefrom for laterally engaging the iron and holding it in a point down position on the plate, and said members being pivotally attached at lower ends to the plate and relatively swingable at upper ends about said pivots to vary the spacing between the members and fit them to irons of different widths.

2. In a pressing iron holder of the character described, a plate of heat resisting material adapted to be hung in an upright position from a support, retaining means for the iron comprising downwardly converging members attached to the forward face of the plate and projecting angularly forward therefrom for laterally engaging the iron and holding it in a point down position on the plate, and said members being pivotally attached at lower ends to the plate and arcuately slotted for the reception of fasteners at their upper ends whereby said upper ends may be relatively adjusted to accommodate irons of different widths.

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