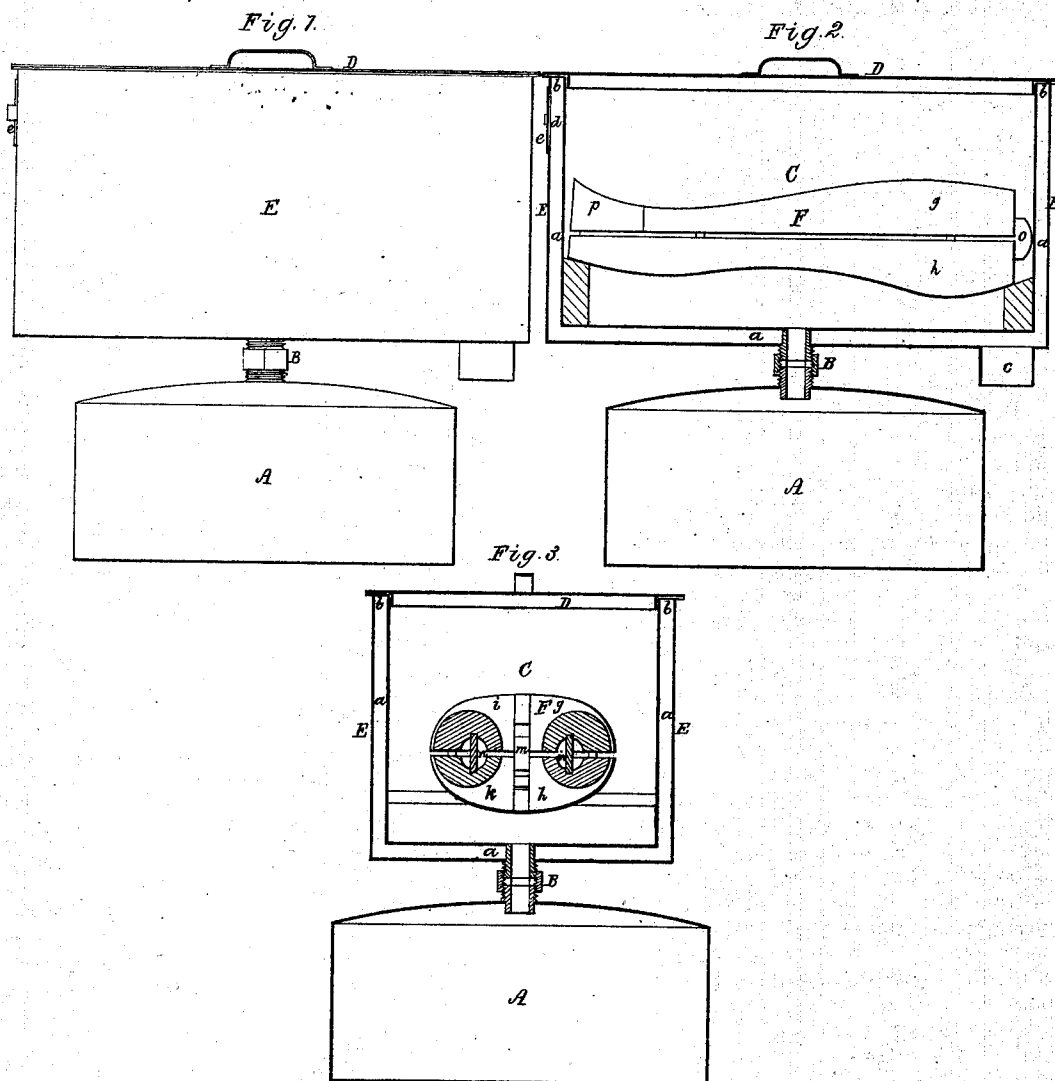


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IMPROVEMENT IN STEAMING AND DRYING APPARATUS FOR SHAPING PANTALOONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLEN B. VIETS, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Apparatus for Shaping Pantaloons; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, Fig. 2 a longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 a transverse section, of it.

In such drawings, A represents a steam-generator or boiler, over which, and connected to it by a screw-coupling, B, is a steaming-chamber, C. This chamber is open at top, and there provided with a removable cover, D. Furthermore, the chamber, on its sides, ends, and bottom, is inclosed within another or drying chamber or case, E, so that there may be a space, *a*, between the two, and extending under the bottom and against the sides and ends of the chamber C, such space being covered at top, as shown at *b*. There is an opening or induct, *c*, leading out of the bottom of the space *a*, near one end of the chamber E, and there is also an eduction-opening, *d*, in the opposite end of the chamber or case E, such opening being provided with a damper, *e*. Within the steaming-chamber is the pantaloons-former F, which may rest on the bottom of the chamber or in suitable supports placed thereon.

The shape of the former may be varied as the pantaloons, drawers, or garments to be shaped may need or require.

After the former may have been introduced within a pair of trowsers, and the wedges driven so as to cause it to fit closely to them and stretch them to the desired extent, the whole is to be placed within the steaming-chamber, after which the cover of the latter is to be

put in place over the said chamber, and steam from the steam-generator is to be allowed or caused to flow into the said chamber. After the trowsers may have been sufficiently steamed, the steam is to be arrested from further ingress into the steaming-chamber, after which hot air or the heated volatile products of combustion of fuel or a lamp or burner are to be introduced into and suffered to flow through the heating-chamber or space *a*, in order to heat the air within the steaming-chamber so as to desiccate the trowsers. On removing them from the former it will be found that they will be shaped as they usually are by the process of ironing or pressing, and all danger of burning or scorching them will be avoided.

Thus it will be seen that my process of shaping pantaloons has material advantages over the common method of doing so by a hot pressing-iron and a mold or leg-shaping apparatus as usually employed by tailors and pressers.

I claim—

1. The combination of the steam-generator A and the steaming and drying chambers C E, constructed, arranged, and applied together substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of a former, F, constructed substantially as described, and the steaming and drying chambers C E, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination of the former F, the steaming and drying chambers C E, and the steam-generator A, all being arranged and applied together substantially in manner and for the purpose as specified.

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