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Fig. 1.

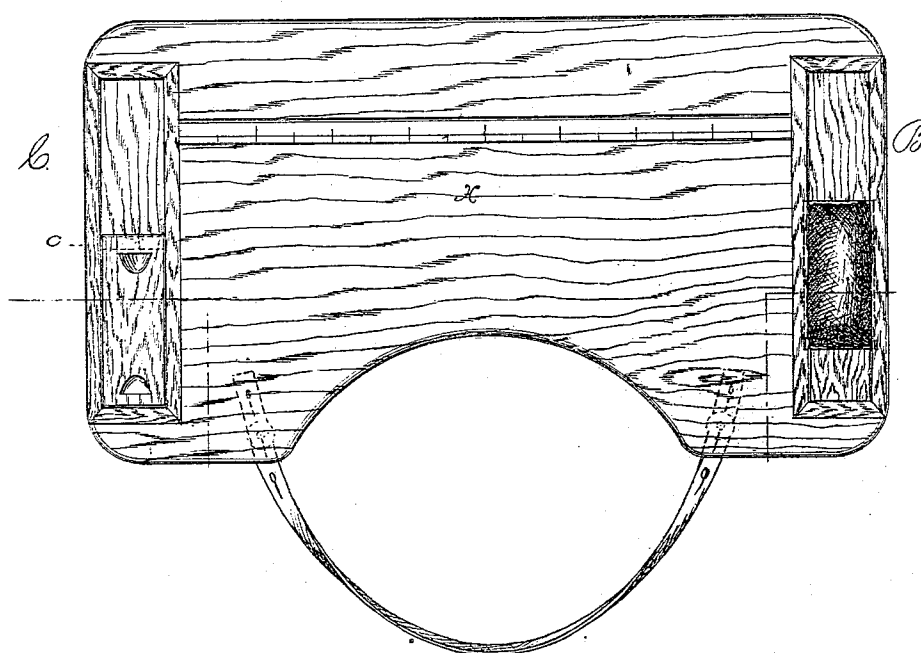
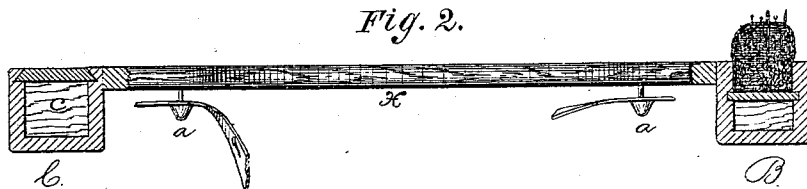


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM M. IRELAND and CHASE ANDREWS, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lap-Boards; and we hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, which shows a plan view of the improvement, Figure 1, and a section view, Fig. 2.

Our invention consists in constructing a lap-board with tills or trays applied to its ends to subserve the purposes hereinafter specified.

Fig. 1 shows the board X as constructed from a single piece, having attached at either end a till or tray, for the reception of scissors, thread, thimble, and other appliances of the seamstress, making a safe and secure receptacle, and saving the annoyance of those articles constantly slipping to the floor. They are so attached to the end of the board, by letting in to their whole width, that said board is thereby prevented from warping or splitting, thus serving a double purpose. They also project below the board X or are flush with its upper surface, principally to enable them to constitute holding-arms or devices which will, in practice, adapt the board to be held very firmly against lateral movement, and without effort, by reason of their contact with the dress or limbs of the person using it. Till B is provided with a pin-cushion attached to a sliding cover running in grooves, allowing the same to be moved from side to side to suit the convenience of the worker, whether for use or to be out of the way of the work. Till C is cut in half by a parti-

tion, c, and provided with a sliding cover running the entire length of the till, but covering only half at a time, the object of which is that, first, the cover shall not come out to be lost or broken, and, second, there is always an open till at that end of the board for use while at work, and when the board is put away the cover is slid over the till containing the worker's appliances, making a safe receptacle and saving the necessity of putting them away in another place. The board X is, preferably, provided with a measuring-rule let into a groove running lengthwise with the grain of the wood. A strap is also attached to the under side of the board at points designated by letters *a a*, to pass around the waist of the worker to prevent the board from slipping forward from the lap.

The board may be made of any kind of wood, and of any convenient size, the tills to be of sufficient width and depth for the object specified.

What is here claimed is—

1. The improved lap-board, formed of the board X with the tills B and C applied to its ends so as to project downward, substantially as hereinbefore described.

2. The combination, with the devices of the above claim, of the inlaid measuring-rule, the attaching-strap, and the tills B and C, provided, respectively, with the sliding cover and cushion, all as shown and described.

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