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Fig. 1.

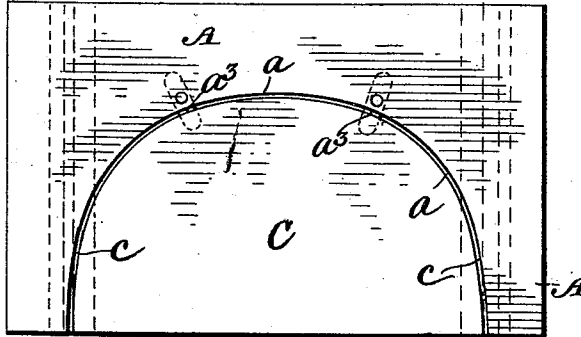


Fig. 2.

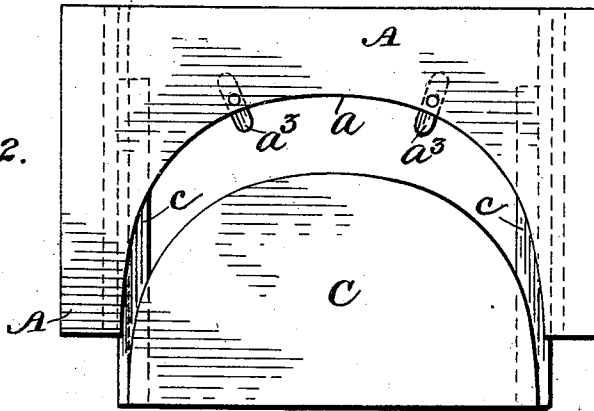


Fig. 3.

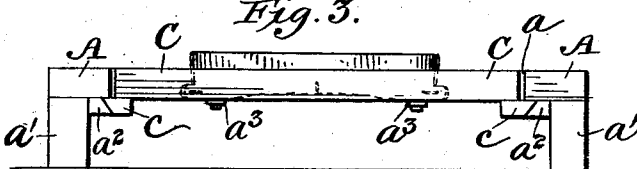
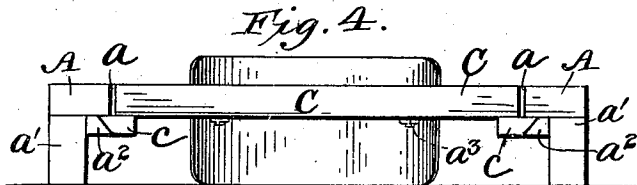


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARTER BARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clamping Devices for Holding Collars, Cuffs, &c., for Ironing; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to devices for clamping and holding collars and cuffs, &c., while their rough edges are being ironed.

The invention consists of certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, all of which will be hereinafter more particularly set forth and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a plan view of the clamping device embodying my invention shown in a closed position. Fig. 2 represents the same in an open position, the turn-buttons having their ends projecting. Fig. 3 represents a front elevation of said device with a collar clamped therein. Fig. 4 represents a similar elevation with a cuff clamped in said device.

A in the drawings represents the base, having a segmental recess *a* with a vertical wall cut in one side thereof. This base is provided with supporting-legs *a'* to hold it the desired distance above the table, so that a cuff resting with its lower edge upon the table will extend a short distance above the top of said base. Strips *a²*, having upwardly and outwardly inclined inner sides, are secured to the under side of the base, on opposite sides of the same, to form guides for the slides *c* of the segmental block C. The curved vertical edge of the block C corresponds with the curve of the edge of the recess in the base, and the slides *c*, which have upwardly and outwardly inclined outer sides, are attached on opposite sides of the under side of said block C, so that they project beyond the edges of the same.

The inclined sides of the slides *c* engage the respective inclined sides of the strips *a²*, and the tops of the extended edges of the said slides engage the under side of the base A, and thus said block C can move freely in and out, but is prevented from having any vertical movement in either direction.

The under side of the base A is provided with turn-buttons *a³*, so located that they can be turned to cause their ends to project beyond the edge of the segmental recess in said base. The office of these buttons is to support a collar and prevent its upper edge coming below the top of the base when it is having said edge ironed, as shown in Fig. 3. The curvature of both the edge of the block C and the wall of the recess in the base is approximately that of the natural curvature imparted to collars or cuffs in ironing the same, so that they do not have to be crumpled or mugged in ironing their rough edges by being bent out of their normal position.

When operating the clamp, it is first opened into the position shown in Fig. 2 and the cuff, collar, or other article inserted between the curved edge of the block C and the wall of the recess. The block is then pushed inward until the article is firmly clamped in position, when it can readily be ironed.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of a base formed with an approximately semicircular recess having a vertical wall, guiding-strips, and turn-buttons, and an approximately semicircular sliding block having slides adapted to be supported by said guiding-strips, whereby said block can be slid into the recess and clamp a collar, cuff, or other article firmly between it and the vertical wall of the recess, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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