To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Ruben Bass, of Brooklyn, New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Apparatus for Pressing Velvet, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparatus adapted to be used for pressing velvet and it consists in the novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide apparatus of the character indicated which includes a holder and a series of sections detachably mounted thereon with means for holding the sections in position upon the holder. The said sections are provided with pins or needles upon which the velvet is supported during the pressing operation and consequently as these pins or needles become bent or disfigured in the course of use the particular section having the disfigured pins or needles may be removed and the apparatus and another section having pins or needles of intended configuration may be substituted in its stead.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the apparatus. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the sections of the apparatus.

The apparatus comprises a board or plate 1 having at its edges over turned flanges 2. Detachable sections are adapted to be mounted upon the plate 1 and the sections include body portions 3 which in turn carry upstanding pins or needles 4. Strips 5 are attached to the undersides of the body portions 3 and the ends of the said strips project beyond the ends of the body portions 3 as best shown in Fig. 3 of the drawing. The extending end portions of the strips 5 are received in the spaces between the body of the plate 1 and the inner sides of the flanges 2 as best indicated in Fig. 2 of the drawing. When so positioned the ends of the body portions 3 are in contact with the inner edges of the flanges 2. A follow plate 6 is slidably mounted upon the board 1 and is provided with a slot 7 which receives a threaded stud 8 mounted upon the board 1. A wing nut 9 is screwed upon the upper portion of the stud 8 and a washer 10 is interposed below the lower side of the said nut and the upper surface of the plate 6. Therefore it will be seen that when the nut 9 is tightened upon the stud 8 the follow plate 6 is clamped in position between the washer 10 and the board 1. The end portions of the plate 6 are slidably received in the spaces between the upper surface of the board 1 and the inner surfaces of the flanges 2 and the said plate is provided with an upstanding flange 12 the ends of which terminate in close proximity to the inner edges of the flanges 2 and one side of which bears against the edge of the adjacent section provided with the pins 4. Consequently it will be seen that when the follow plate 6 is moved upward toward the sections having the pins 4 the said sections are forced in close contact with each other at their edges and by securing the plate 6 with relation to the board 1 by manipulating the nut 9 the said sections are held in proper position with relation to each other. When the pins or needles on any particular section become distorted in consequence of use the nut 9 may be loosened whereby the follow plate 6 may be moved away from the sections and if desired completely detached from the board 1. After this has been done the sections carrying the pins 4 may be removed from the board 1 and new sections may be substituted for those sections having damaged or distorted pins.

During the operation of pressing the velvet the velvet is laid upon the upstanding ends of the pins 4 with the pile of the velvet 90 disposed in a downward direction between the pins. Then a heated iron is applied to the back of the velvet and the heat escaping from the same, and where a dampened cloth is employed the heat transforms the moisture in the cloth into steam which passes through the texture of the cloth and along the pile thereof and straightens the pile up.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:

1. An apparatus adapted to be used for pressing velvet and the like comprising a base board having edge flanges, sections having end portions adapted to enter the spaces between the base board and the flanges thereof, said sections being provided with upstanding pins and a follower mounted upon the base board and adapted to hold the sections in position thereon.

2. An apparatus adapted to be used for pressing velvet and the like comprising a base board having edge flanges, sections having end portions adapted to enter the spaces between the base board and the flanges thereof, said sections being provided with upstanding pins and a follower mounted upon the base board and adapted to hold the sections in position thereon.
A base board having spaced flanges, sections having end portions adapted to enter the spaces between the board and the flanges thereof, said sections having upstanding pins, a follower slidably mounted upon the base board, means for securing the follower with relation to the base board, said follower having end portions which enter the spaces between the base board and the flanges thereof, said follower being provided with an upstanding flange adapted to engage the edge of the adjacent section.

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

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