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Fig. - 1 -

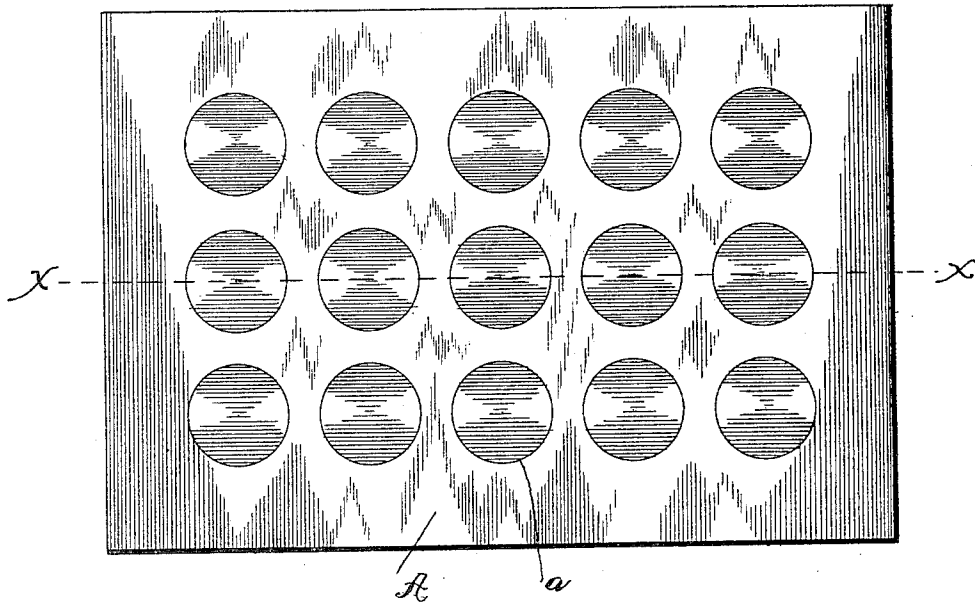
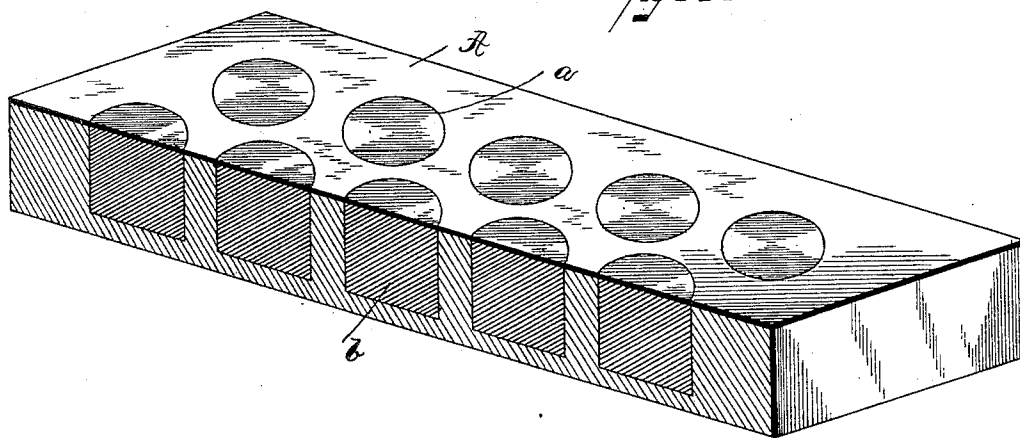


Fig. - 2 -



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## WAX-PAD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNA R. SHERWOOD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Fredericktown, in the county of Knox and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wax-Pads; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of an improved wax-pad; and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken on the line *xx*, Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in both the figures.

My invention has relation to wax-pads for smoothing-irons, whereby the heated surface of the iron preparatory to use may be passed over the top of the pad for the purpose of forming a thin coating or layer on the under surface of said iron, and also in providing a construction whereby all starchy, soiling, or other extraneous matter may be removed from the bottom thereof; and with these ends in view it consists in the improved construction which will be hereinafter more fully described in the specification, shown in the drawings, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings, the letter *A* represents the pad, said pad being constructed of straw-board, and provided on its upper face with a series of cups or receptacles *a*, which are designed to contain wax *b*, or equivalent substance.

It is customary in ironing clothes to give to the polishing-surface of the sad-iron a lubricating-film of wax, which, when transferred to the clothes, imparts a glossy surface thereto. In utilizing my device, therefore, the receptacles are first filled with the wax in a soft state, which, if desired, may be permitted to overflow, so as to form a thin layer or sheet over the upper face of the pad. The

heated surface of a smoothing-iron, after the wax has become hard, is now passed over the top of the pad, thus forming a thin coating or layer of wax on the under surface of the smoothing-iron and preparing it for use, and at the same time melting the wax within the receptacle, and thus more thoroughly spreading the same over the surface of the pad.

As stated, I prefer to construct the pad of straw-board, which presents the advantage of permitting the ready shaving thereof, so that when the thin layer or coating of wax upon the upper surface of the pad from the receptacles has been worn, and the wax within the receptacles has been exhausted to such an extent as to prevent the surface of the iron coming in contact therewith, this may be readily compensated for and the entire body of wax within said receptacle thus utilized.

It will be seen that my device is exceedingly simple in construction and inexpensive of production, and, inasmuch as the straw-board itself is effectual for cleaning sad-irons, all starchy, soiling, or other extraneous matter adhering to the iron may be removed by passing the same over that portion of the surface of the pad which may not be covered by the wax coating.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a wax-pad for sad-irons, consisting of a block or body composed of straw-board provided on its upper face with a series of wax-containing cups or receptacles, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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