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IMPROVED CUTTING OR LAP-BOARD.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same

I, NORMAN O'DONNELL, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Ohio, have invented a new and useful Cutting-Board or Lap-Board, of which the following is a specification.

Nature and Objects of the Invention.

My invention consists of an improved manufacture of the lap-board employed by seamstresses and others for cutting out their work upon.

These boards are, it is well known, commonly made of wood, and, besides being cumbersome, are liable to become split or broken along the grain.

My improvement consists in making such boards of tar-board or straw-board, such as employed by bookbinders for the covers of books and portfolios, or I may use other thick paper-board, either plain or stiffened around its margin with rattan or wire, or other material.

In the accompanying drawing—

A represents a cutting or lap-board, with the customary coving, *a*, to receive the operator's person.

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, the cutting or lap-board herein described, constructed with a body of mill-board, tar-board, straw-board, or analogous thick paper-board, with a cloth or other suitable covering, and formed with a coving or concavity, *a*, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony of which invention I hereunto set my hand.

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