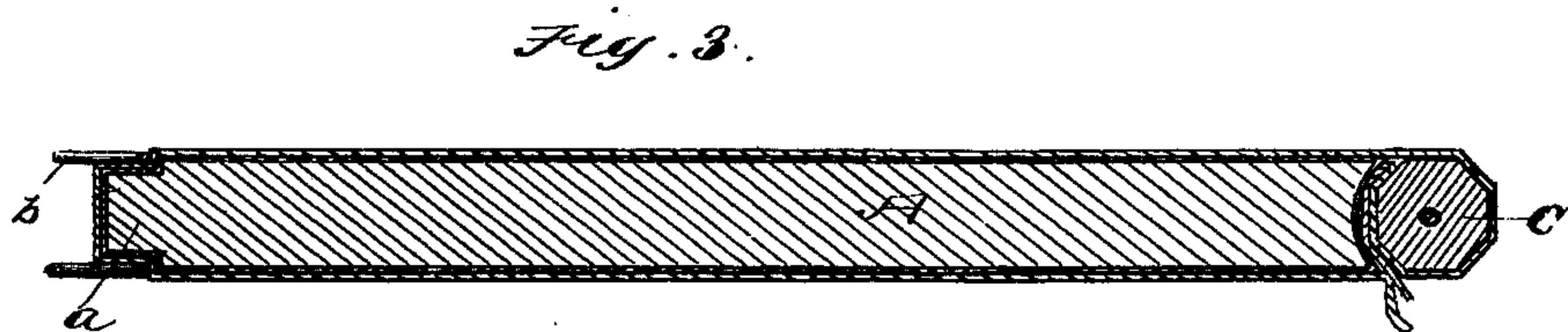
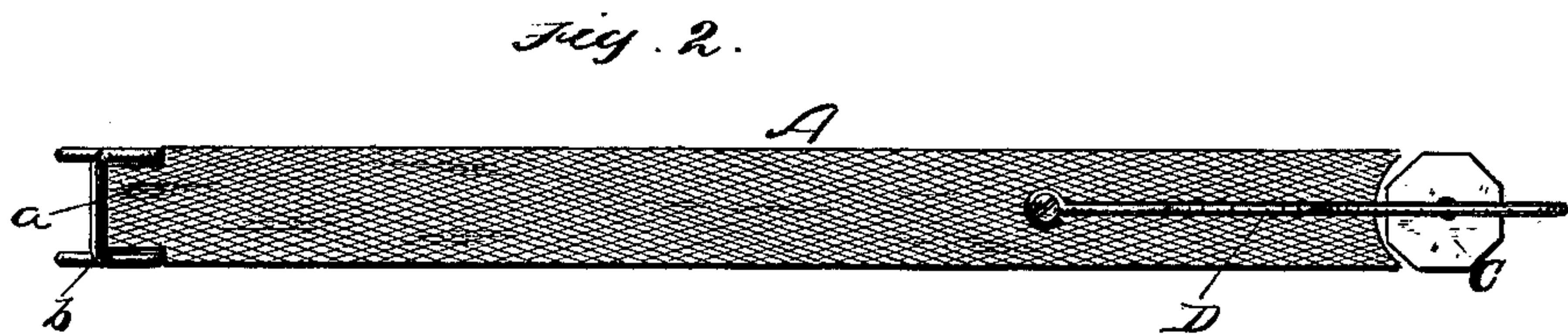
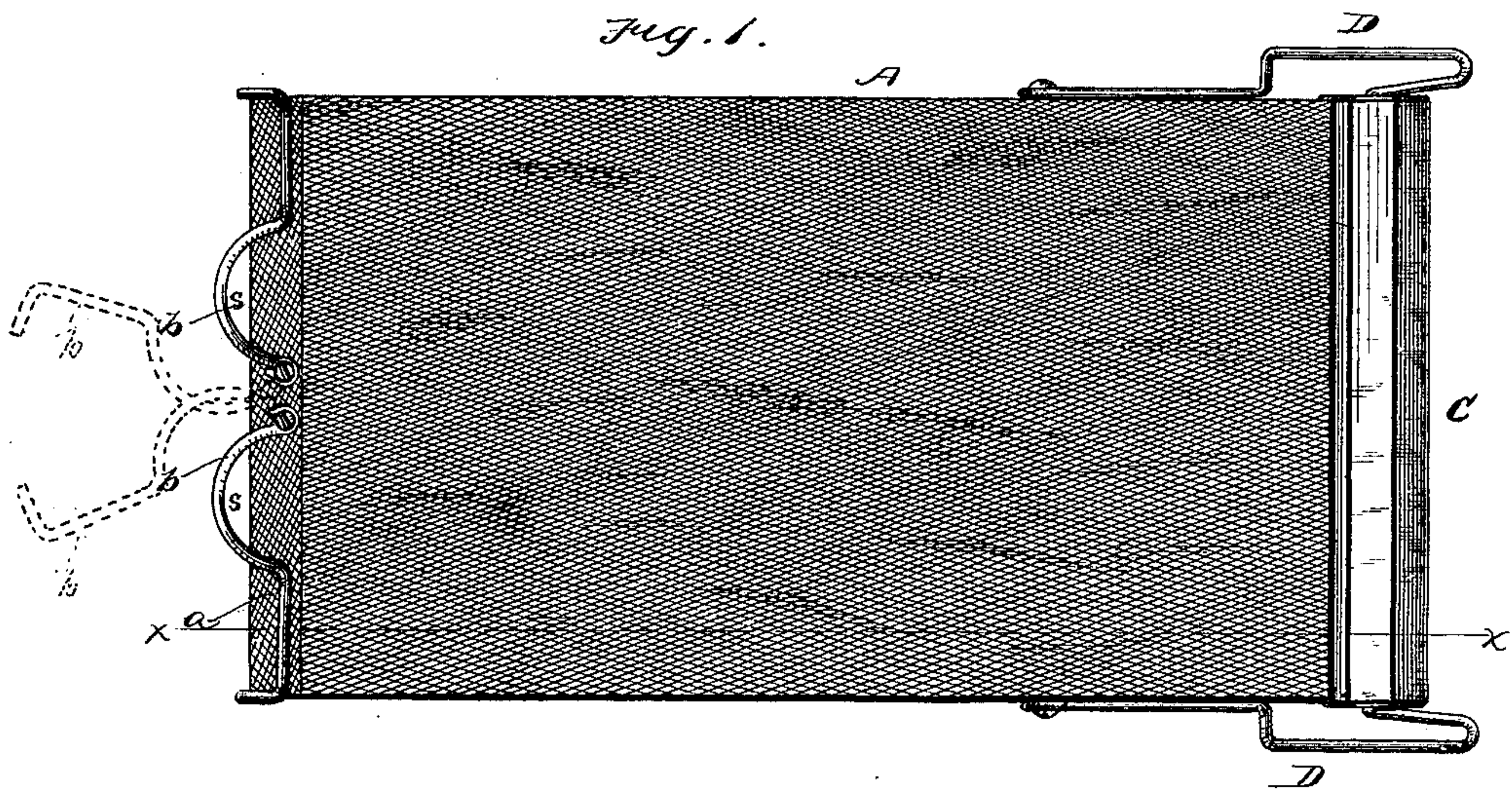


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AMOS P. RYAN, of Waynesburg, in the county of Greene and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Bosom-Board; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved bosom-board; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the same, and Fig. 3 a longitudinal section taken on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

My invention has for its object to improve the construction of bosom-boards; and it consists in certain improved means for holding the shoulders of the shirt and protecting the neck-band while the bosom is being ironed, which will be hereinafter described.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the board, made preferably of wood and faced or covered on both sides with cloth, in the usual manner.

The upper end of the board is rabbeted or shouldered on both sides, as shown at *a*, Figs. 1 and 2, and is provided with two pivoted clamps or holders, *b b*, which embrace the said rabbeted portion, and, when turned down, lie flush with or slightly below the ironing-faces of the board, so as to allow the ironing implement to pass over without disengaging them.

The lower end of the board is preferably concaved or grooved, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and a polygonally-shaped roller, C, mounted on a pivoted wire bail, D, co-operates with said lower end to draw the bosom smooth and taut and hold it in that position while being ironed.

The wire bail is pivoted to the edges of the board, so that the roller can be swung to either side, and has sufficient elasticity to hold the roller against the edge of the board with a yielding pressure.

In the use of my improved board the neck-

band of the shirt is first ironed, after which the clamps or holders *b b* are raised into the position shown in dotted lines, Fig. 1, and the board inserted within the shirt, the holders or clamps projecting out through the neck-opening, and the upper end of the board resting against the shoulders of the shirt. In this position the neck-band of the shirt stands out beyond the top edge of the board. The clamps *b b* are then turned over the shoulders of the shirt, as shown in Fig. 3, their sides lying flush with or below the face of the board on which the bosom rests. The lower end of the shirt is next drawn over the roller C and tucked between the latter and the end of the board, after which the roller is forced down, turning the while on its axis and causing the bosom to be drawn tightly and smoothly over the face of the board.

To prevent the previously-ironed neck-band from being crushed by the turning down of the clamps the latter are preferably made curved or bow-shaped near their pivots, as shown at *s*, Fig. 1, for its accommodation.

By this construction the neck-band is not only allowed to stand up unrumpled, but is also protected from contact with other objects.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, with the reversible board A, having its upper end rabbeted or shouldered, as described, of the pivoted clamps *b b*, adapted to embrace said rabbeted portion, and when turned down to lie flush with or below the faces of the board, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

2. The clamps *b b*, made curved or bow-shaped near their pivots, for the accommodation and protection of the ironed neck-band of the shirt, substantially as described.

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