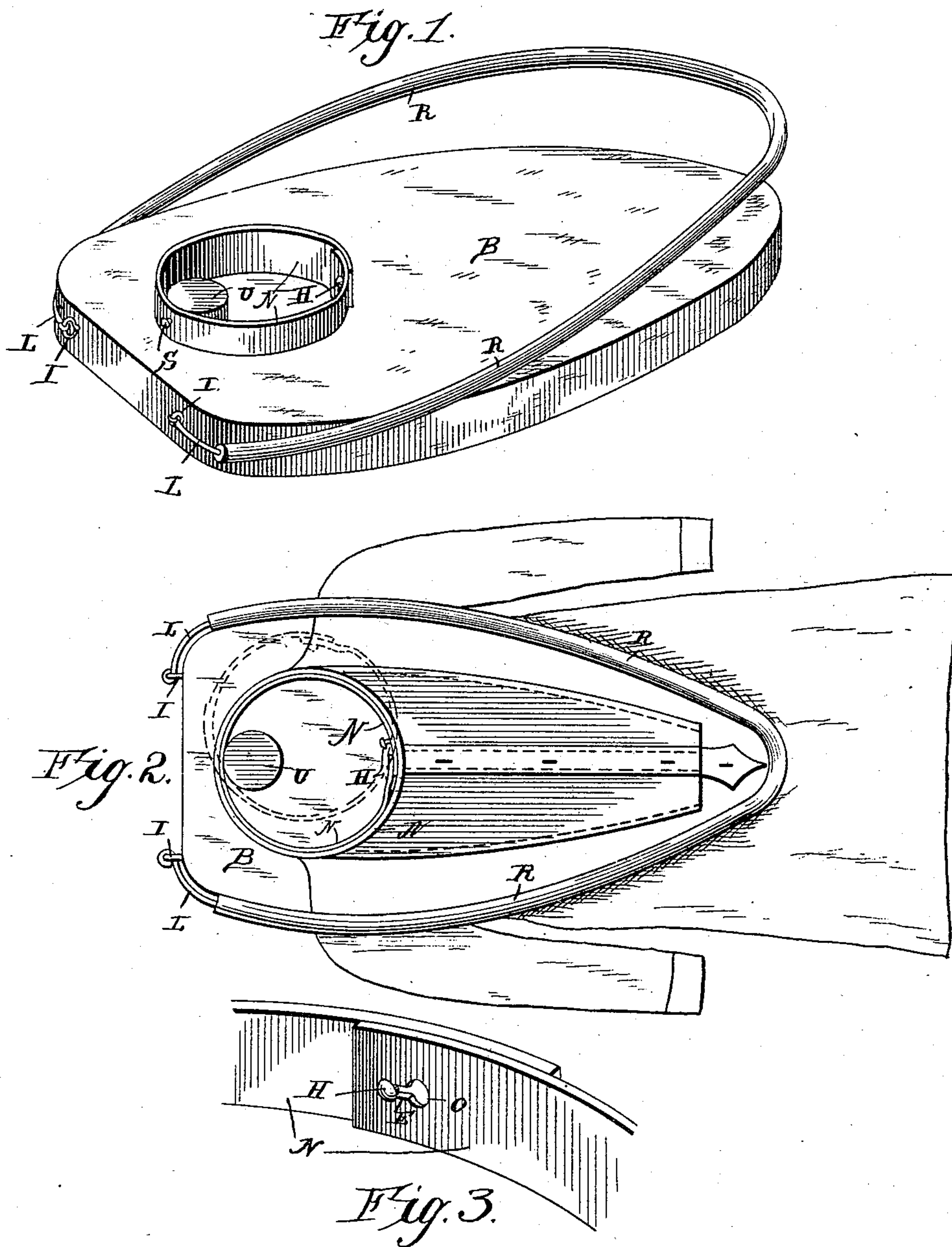


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNIE L. MEANS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nicholasville, in the county of Jessamine and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ironing-boards; and the object of the same is to produce a device of this character possessing certain improvements of construction, all as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and as illustrated in the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of this device with the loop slightly raised. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same, showing a shirt held in position thereon. Fig. 3 is a detail in perspective of the lock between the ends of the neckband.

Referring to the said drawings, the letter B designates the board, having eyes I in its upper end, and in these eyes are linked the ends of a loop L, covered with rubber tubing R throughout its length. The loop approximates the contour of the board, which is about the shape of an ordinary shirt-bosom, and when this board is placed inside of a shirt and the rubber-covered loop is borne down it clamps the body of the shirt tightly against the edges of the board by the close fit of the loop and the compression of the tubing in a manner which will be understood.

Rising from the face of the board, near its upper end, is an upright U, and loosely secured to the upper side of this upright by a screw S is the center of a flat spring forming the neckband N. One end of this band is provided with an opening O, having a reduced extension E, while the other end is provided with a headed stud H, whose head passes freely through the opening, but whose shank fits tightly within the extension. When the shirt is put in place, the stud is engaged in the extension, as shown in Fig. 1; but be-

fore the loop is brought down the ends of the collar-band of the shirt are connected around the neckband N, after which the ends of the latter are disconnected and the resilience of the band causes these ends to distend. The collar-band is thereby spread outwardly, and the shirt may be ironed with ease.

By the loose connection of the neckband N with the upright U a lateral swinging of the neckband is permitted, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2. Hence if the shirt-bosom is wider than the board and cannot easily be ironed thereon the loop L is raised, the shirt and neckband swung to one side, so as to bring the edge of the bosom over the board and the loop L replaced, and that edge of the bosom can be ironed. The board is of the size of an ordinary shirt-bosom, and the above expedient is only resorted to when the shirt-bosom is of extra large size.

What I claim as new is—

1. In an ironing-board, the combination, with the board proper and means for clamping the shirt thereon, of an upright U, rising from the upper end thereof, and a flat spring N, loosely secured at its center to the upper side of said upright and having a hole O with an extension E in one end and an inwardly-projecting headed stud H on the other end, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In an ironing-board, the board provided with the circular upright U and a flat circular spring N, loosely secured at its center to the said piece and having its ends detachably secured together, as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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