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TAILOR'S PRESS BOARD.

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Fig. 1.

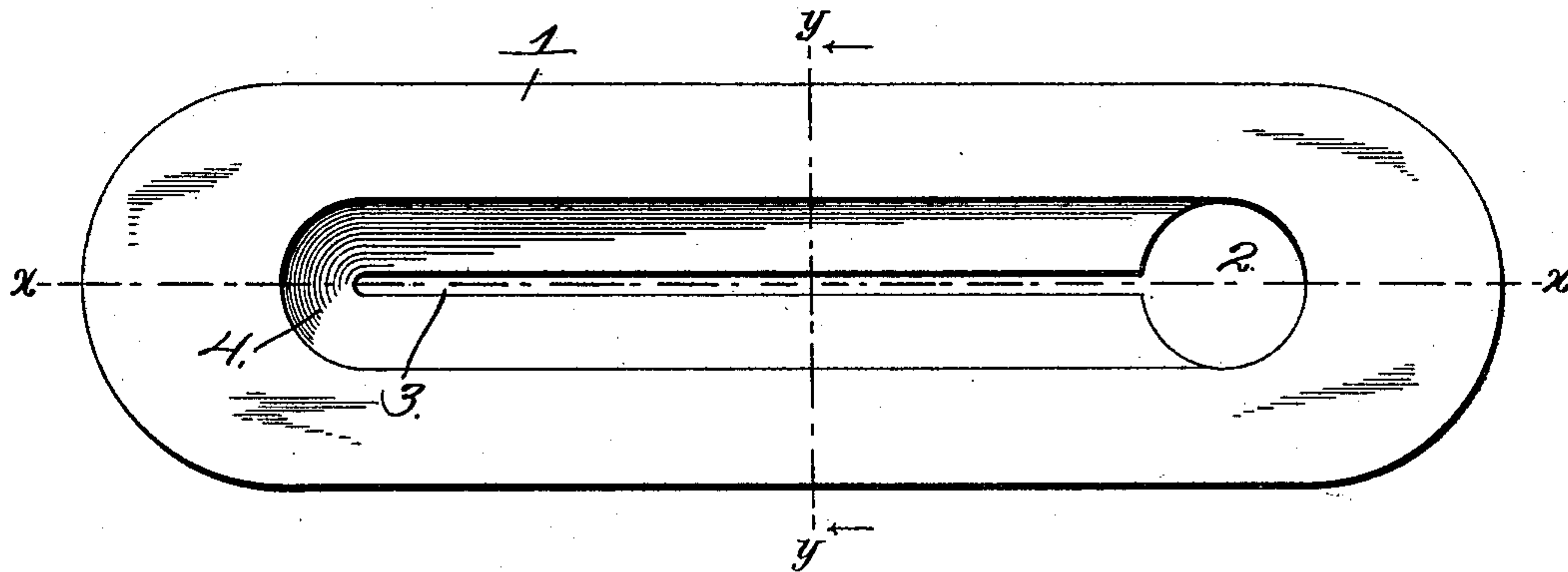


Fig. 2.

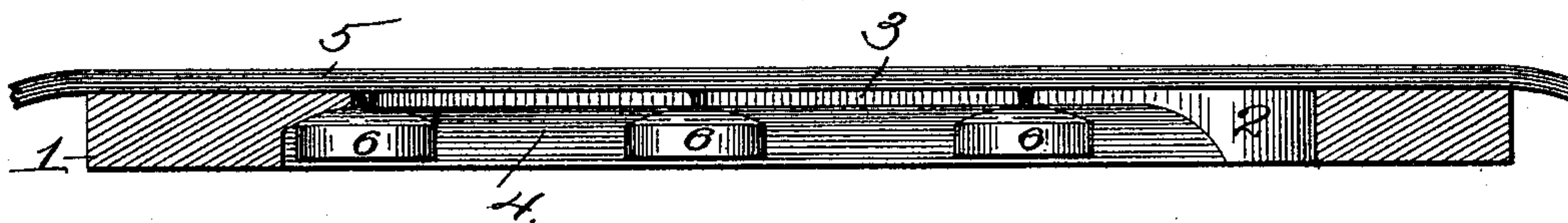
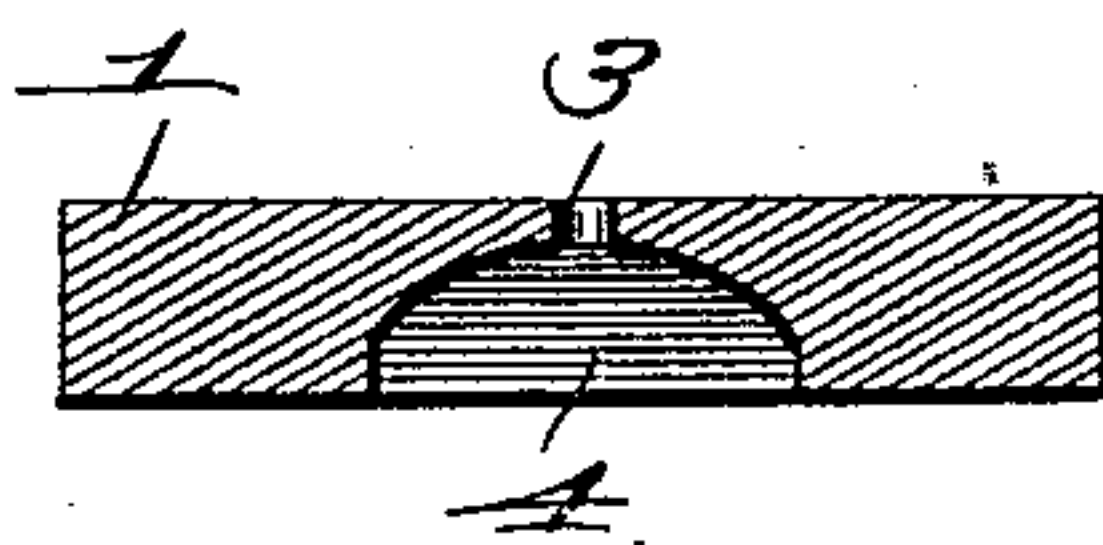


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FELIX F. RUTZ, of Pittsburg, Crawford county, Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tailors' Press-Boards, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to a tailor's press-board, and more particularly to a device for receiving and holding the buttons of a coat in order that it may be easily, quickly, and properly pressed; and my object is to produce a device of this character which is exceedingly simple and cheap of manufacture.

With this object in view the invention consists in its peculiar and novel construction, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In order that the invention may be fully understood, reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents an inverted plan view of a press-board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a vertical longitudinal section of the same on the line *xx* of Fig. 1, arranged in proper relation to a coat or garment to be pressed. Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken on the line *yy* of Fig. 1.

In the said drawings, 1 designates a board or plate of any suitable material and preferably about eighteen inches in length by five inches in width and one inch in thickness, though these proportions may obviously be varied. Near one end the board is provided with a circular hole 2, exceeding in diameter slightly buttons ordinarily employed on coats of any style, and communicating with said hole is a longitudinal slot 3, which extends centrally of the board and for nearly its entire length. The board at its under side, at the opposite margins of said slot, is grooved or channeled, as shown at 4, to a depth exceeding the thickness of any buttons used upon coats and like

garments. The groove 4 at one end extends a short distance beyond the end of the slot.

In practice when it is desired to press the coat at the side provided with the buttons the latter are successively inserted through the opening 2 and slid along the groove or channel 4 and slot 3 until all of said buttons 6 have been arranged substantially in the position shown in Fig. 2 and the coat 5 is resting squarely and flatly upon the upper side of the board. When in this position, it is obvious that the coat may be pressed to great advantage and without straining the buttons or goods in the slightest degree. Ordinarily the tailor is compelled to strain the buttons or goods more or less in attempting to press the garment properly, and to do thorough and reliable work in this line it is oftentimes necessary to remove the buttons entirely and then re-sew them in place after the pressing operation is completed, which obviously is at a considerable expense in time and labor.

From the above description it is obvious that I have produced a press-board for garment-pressing purposes which will meet all demands that may be made upon it and which is exceedingly simple and cheap of manufacture.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A press-board for coats and other garments provided with buttons, comprising a board having a hole at one end, a longitudinal slot communicating with said hole, and a channel or groove communicating with said slot, substantially as shown and described.

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

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