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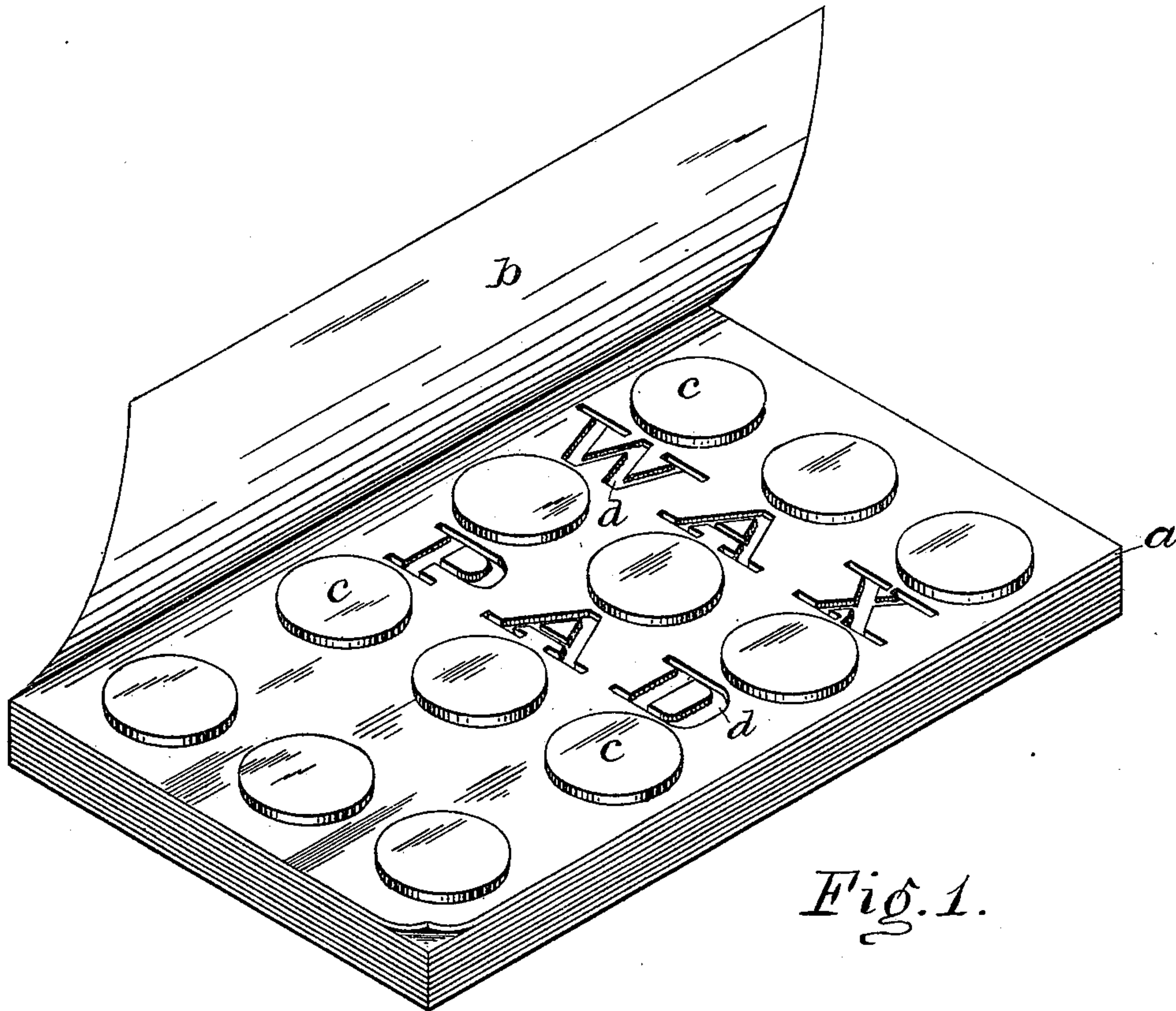


Fig. 1.

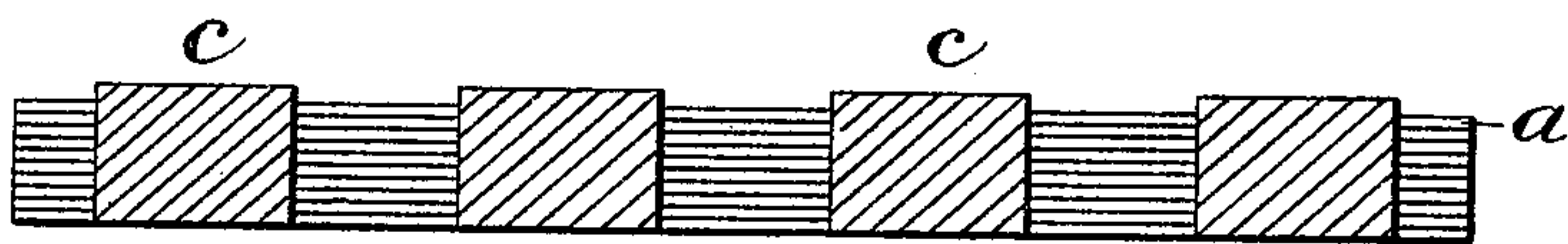


Fig. 2.

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WAX-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK KAUFMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Wax-Pads, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to pads for laundry purposes in which the wax is supplied in such a way that a smooth iron may be passed over the pad to take up a thin coating of wax to give a suitable gloss to the starched material to be ironed.

It has long been customary to use thin sheets of waxed paper, padded or otherwise bound together; but when the iron has been passed over such waxed sheets once or twice the wax is all taken up. It has also been sought to use a solid block of strawboard material with holes or recesses therein filled with wax, and when the wax has been used up down to the surface of the block it has been necessary to shave off a layer of the cardboard to bring into use the wax of the recess below the surface of the board.

It is the purpose, therefore, of my invention to supply a laundry-pad of convenient size and shape which will hold sufficient wax for extended use, and when the wax has been used to the surface of the pad a new supply of wax can at once be obtained by removing the top sheet of the pad.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved pad. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of same.

The pad is made up of any convenient number of sheets of cardboard, strawboard, or thick paper *a*, padded together in the usual way and for convenience provided with a thin top sheet *b* to form a top cover for the same. Each of the sheets of strawboard is formed with a series of holes, each hole of one sheet registering with the corresponding holes of the other sheets when they are padded together, so as to form a series of recesses.

These recesses I make preferably cylindrical in shape, although the shape of the recess can be varied, as desired. Into these recesses I fill in the wax *c*, allowing same to come above the surface of the top sheet of the pad about the thickness of one of the sheets of strawboard. This wax may be paraffin, beeswax, or a combination of paraffin and trilola, or any wax compound or substance that may be suitable for the purpose. In addition to this I form in each sheet of strawboard a series of depressions like those shown in the letters *d*, forming the words "wax pad," and these recesses or intaglio letters may be printed with ink in any desired colors. As the heated iron is used on the pad the wax melts, filling up the depressions, and there is no danger of the ink coming off on the iron, as the wax fills up the letters, effectually covering up and protecting the ink. In this way I am enabled to employ each separate sheet for such advertisements and the like as may be desired.

It will be evident that when the wax has been used off of the surface of the pad the top sheet may be readily torn off, and that the wax will then extend above the surface of the next succeeding sheet the thickness of the sheet that has been removed, and that in this way the entire pad can be used up until the bottom sheet is reached and all the wax has been used.

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

A wax-pad, consisting of a series of padded sheets of strawboard of substantial thickness, with intaglio letters on each sheet, and provided with a series of openings, the openings in one sheet being in register with the openings in each other sheet, when padded, to form receptacles, said receptacles being filled with wax, substantially as described.

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