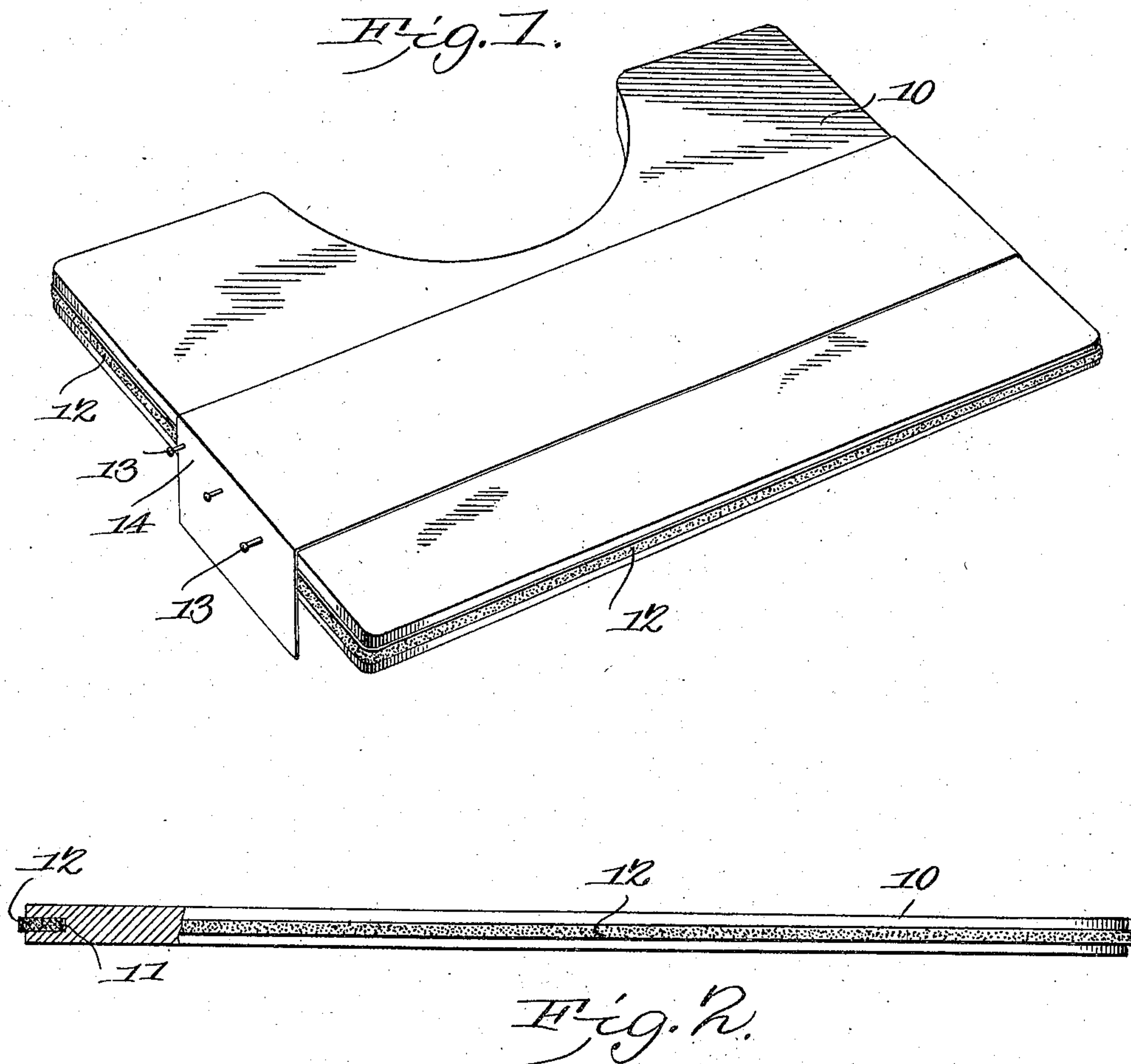


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, KATE MARSTON MOORE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Middletown, in the county of Butler and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Lap-Board or Sewing-Table, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to lap-boards, sewing-tables, and the like, and has for an object to provide a device of the class embodying new and improved features of simplicity, convenience, and efficiency.

It is well known that lap-boards and sewing-tables are often employed for "cutting out" garments and that for accurately and conveniently performing such operation the "goods" must be maintained in an unwrinkled and comparatively taut condition.

It is an object of this invention to provide a lap-board or table having means whereby a fabric may be secured thereto.

It is a further object to provide a lap-board or table having a strip of felt or similar material secured in a furrow or marginal groove formed in the periphery and into which a pin may be stuck after passing through the fabric.

With these and other objects in view the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of the parts as will be hereinafter described, shown in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention shown as a lap-board and with a fabric thereon and pins inserted through the fabric and into the felt. Fig. 2 is a view of the invention in edge elevation with one corner broken away to show the manner of inserting the felt strip.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures of the drawings.

The invention forming the subject-matter of this application may be embodied in a lap-board, a table, or any like article, and is here shown as the lap-board 10, about the periphery of which is formed a marginal groove or furrow 11 midway between the top and bottom surfaces and substantially parallel with such surfaces.

Within the groove 11 is secured a strip 12 of any approved penetrable material, as felt, into which pins, as 13, may be easily stuck. Ordinarily the pins 13 will first be inserted through the fabric, as 14; but the strip 12 may be used, if desired, in lieu of a pincushion.

It will be understood that the groove 11 and strip may extend part way or entirely around, as convenience may make desirable, as in a table it may be found desirable to insert into all sides, while in a lap-board the side containing the concave recess will generally not require the strip.

A sewing-table or lap-board provided with this invention will be found useful in holding work while a seam is being basted or sewed—as, for instance, sewing trimming of any description upon the edge of goods.

The invention will also be found of convenience applied to a large number of articles of furniture, as dining-tables, by the use of which the table-cloth may be secured upon the table, also upon kitchen, library, and writing tables, office-desks, dressers, and dressing-tables, sewing-machine tables, and the like, in all of which cases pins are a convenience and the strip may be used as a pincushion and to secure fabrics, paper, and the like when desired.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is—

A lap-board comprising a substantially rectangular body portion having its opposite faces provided with flat continuous bearing-surfaces and three of its marginal edges formed with inwardly-extending grooves disposed intermediate the bearing-surfaces and arranged parallel therewith, and a continuous strip of penetrable material seated in said groove and projecting laterally beyond the adjacent edges of said body portion.

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

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