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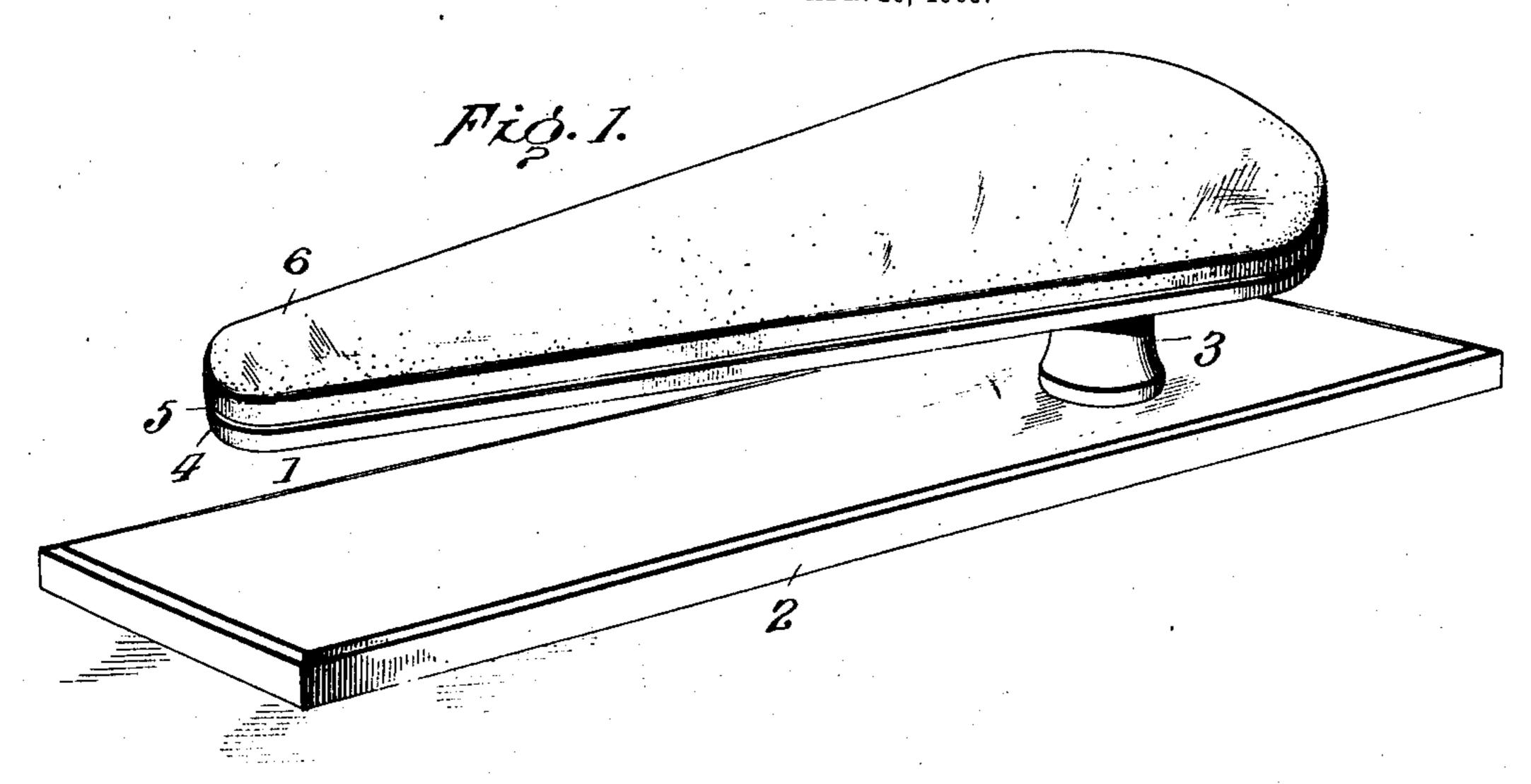
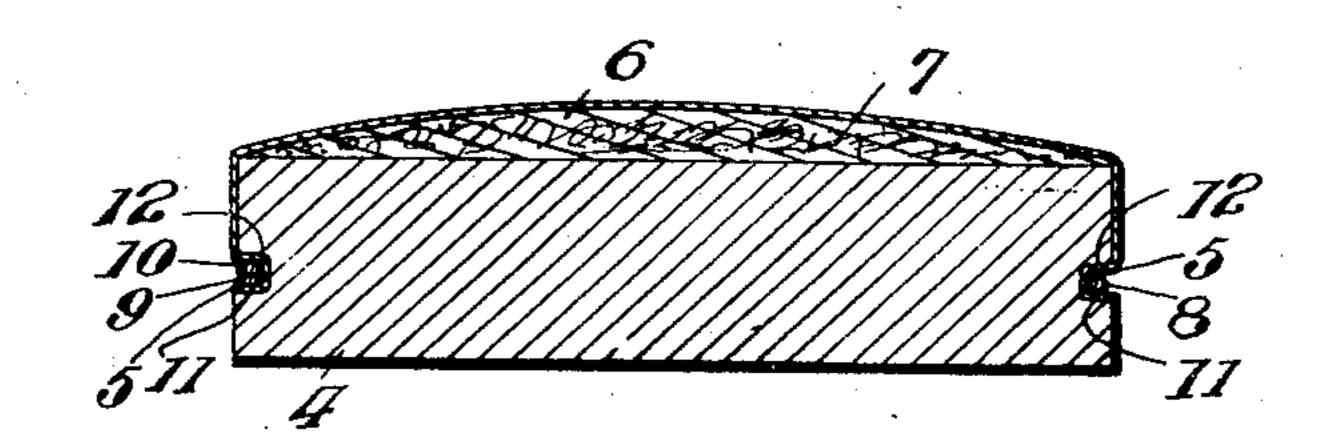
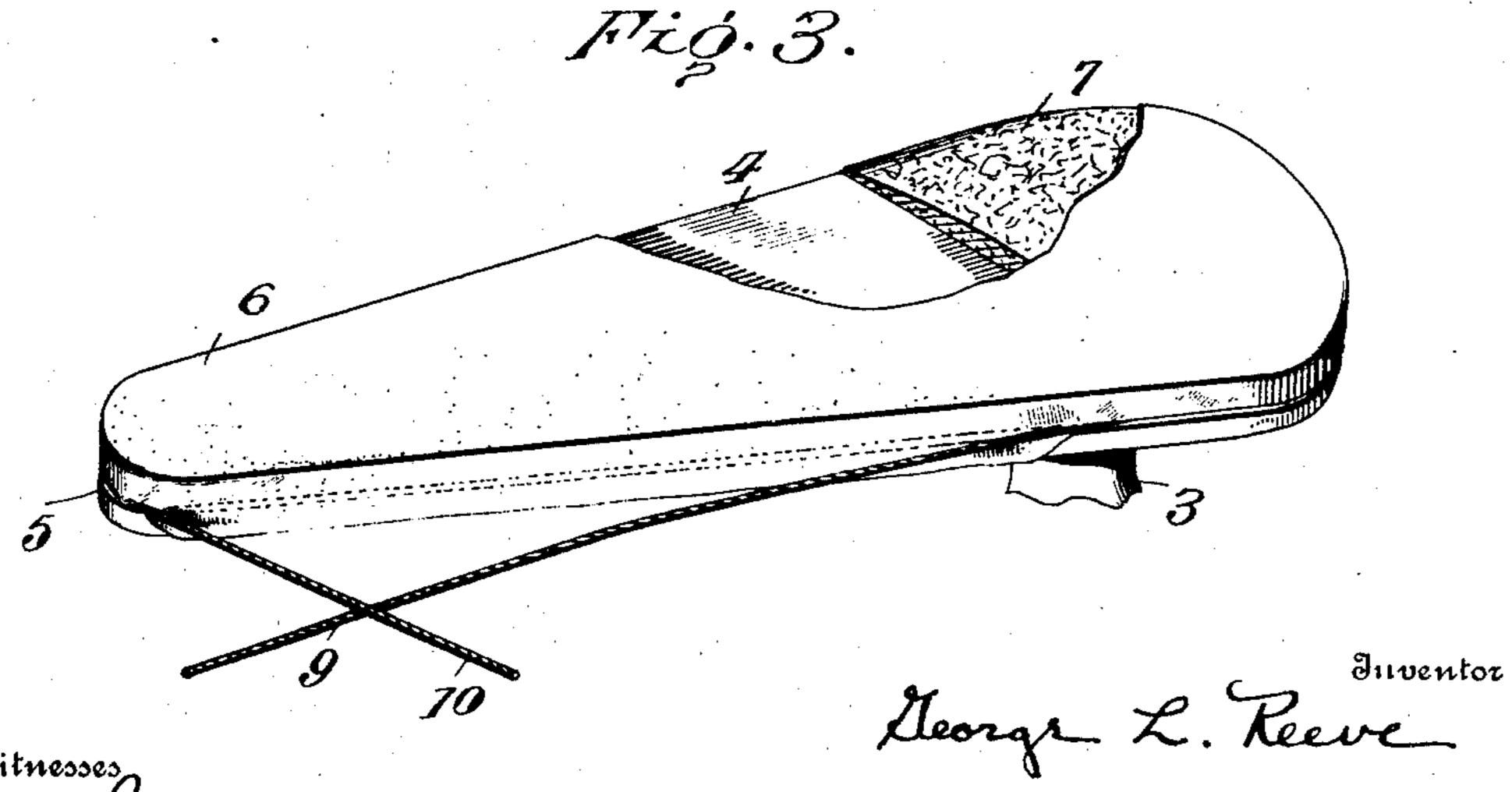


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, George L. Reeve, of Cortland, in the county of Cortland and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices for Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to ironing-boards, and more particularly to fastening devices thereto for. Such boards have previous to my invention been provided with grooves and with covers held in place by cords in said grooves; but these cords have not been held in place by wedging action. It is also true that garments to be ironed have been held in place on a board by removable keys acting independently of each other in a groove; but this construction is not that hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring to the drawings accompanying and forming part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ironing-board to which my fastening device is applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged vertical sectional view through the point of fastening. Fig. 3 is a detail view in perspective of the several elements of the device shown for clearness somewhat out of of their final positions.

1 is an ironing-board comprising a sup-30 porting-board 2, a spacing and sustaining member 3, and the ironing-board proper, 4, all firmly fastened together by suitable means, as a bolt and nut, which need not be shown. 5 is a groove running around the side or edge,

and designed to hold a portion of the element to be fastened to the board—in this case the flexible cover 6, preferably of cloth. The groove is shown as rectangular in cross-section, and this is the most suitable but not the necessary shape.

7 is the pad or auxiliary covering usual in ironing-boards. It may be of any suitable material and may even be dispensed with altogether where the cover 6 is sufficiently thick.

8 is a fastener and is preferably, as shown, a relatively flexible cord, twine, wire, or rope, which holds the cover 6 in position by clamp-

ing it to the groove 5. This clamping action 50 is due to the relative size of the groove and cord or twine, which with that portion of the cover 6 in the groove 5 so nearly takes up the width of the groove that when the cord is drawn taut and its ends 9 10 are pulled past 55 each other and forced into substantially the same vertical plane they wedge tightly against each other and the sides 11 12 of the groove and hold the cord 8 and the cover 6 firmly in place.

The manner of applying this fastening is simple and should be obvious from the drawings and the above description. Briefly, however, it is as follows: The auxiliary pad 7 is fastened to the board by any suitable means. 65 The cover 6 is then placed over the same, its edges projecting down over the edges or sides of the board 4. The cord or twine is then forced into the groove 5, carrying in with it a portion of the cover 6, the cover is smoothed 70 carefully, the ends of the cords are drawn taut past each other, so that two thicknesses of cord are forced parallel to each other into substantially the same vertical plane, the ends of the cord are then cut off at a suitable 75 distance from the point of fastening and tucked in firmly, and the superfluous portion of the cover below the cord is removed with a sharp knife. As the groove is deep enough to conceal the cord, a perfectly sightly and 80 neat appearance as well as a firm fastening is secured.

The extreme simplicity, cheapness, and efficiency of the device commend it.

What I claim as my invention, and desire 85 to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An ironing-board comprising a base having a groove, a cover for said base, and continuous means surrounding said base and adapted by wedging action at a portion only 90 of the groove to hold the cover in position.

2. In an ironing-board, a base having a groove, a cover for said base, a cord having its ends forced past each other into substantially the same plane in said groove, to hold 95 said cord and cover firmly to said base.

3. In an ironing-board, a base, a groove in the side or edge of the same, an element to be fastened to said base, fastening means holding said element to said groove and having two substantially parallel separable wedging portions cooperating with the sides of the groove to effect this result.

4. In an ironing-board, a base having a groove therein, a cover, and relatively flexible means to hold said cover to said base, said means having its ends drawn past each other

so as to wedge the cover against the sides of to the groove.

Signed by me at Cortland, New York, this 18th day of April, 1905.

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