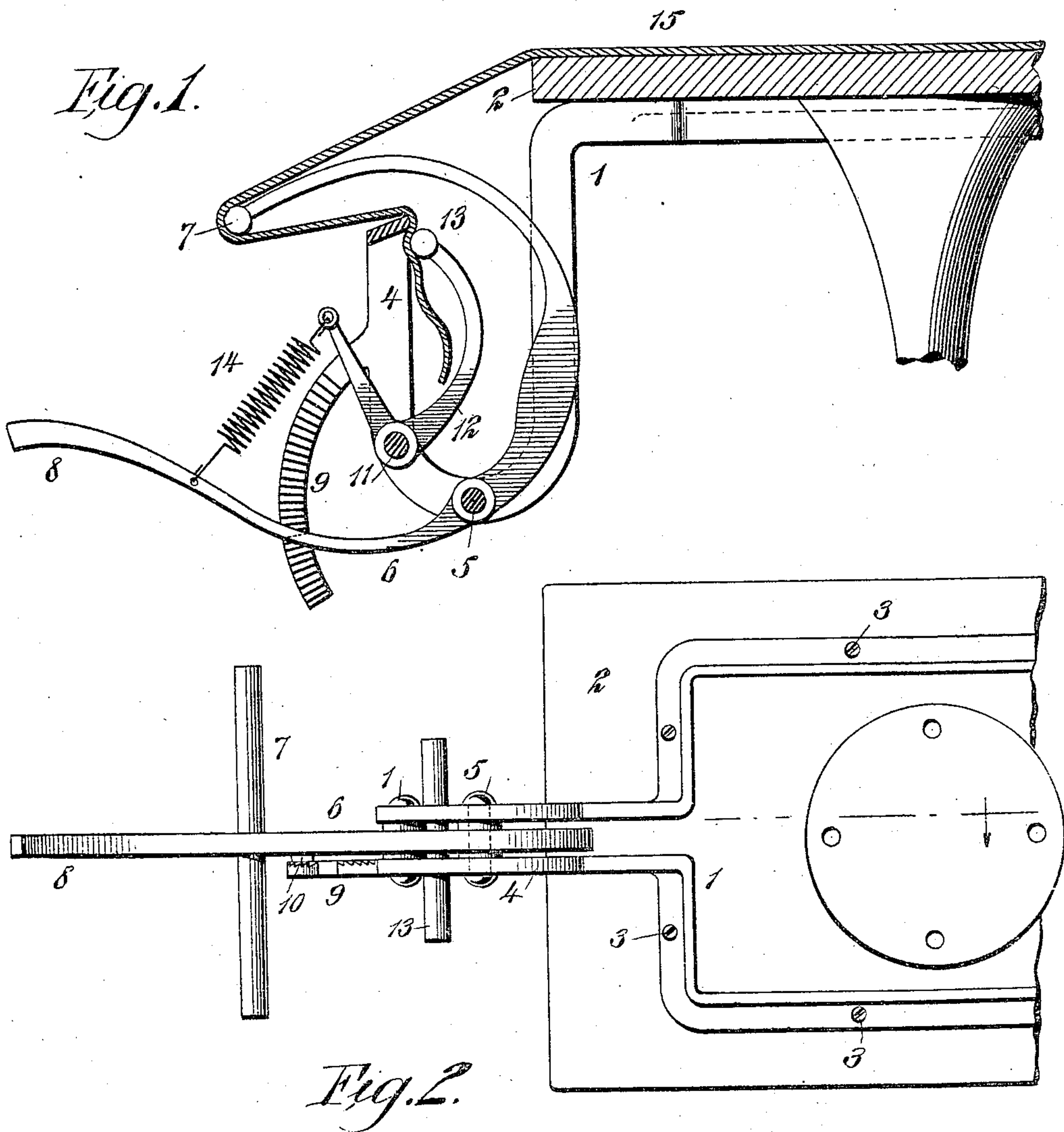


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN KONSEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bosom Stretchers and Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates especially to devices employed in laundries, and similar establishments, for holding and stretching the bosoms of shirts while being ironed; for stretching and holding other articles of clothing; for use in sponging cloth, etc., and has for its object the provision of a simple, cheap and effective apparatus of this character.

To attain the desired end, my invention consists in certain novel and useful combinations or arrangements of parts, and peculiarities of construction and operation, all of which will be hereinafter first fully described, and then pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a side elevation of my device, shown as applied to a bosom board. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view thereof.

Similar numerals of reference wherever they occur, indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

1 is a metal yoke which may be attached to a bosom board 2, or the under side of a table by means of screws 3, or removably held in place by any of the well-known clamping means. This yoke 1 is provided with a U-shaped extension 4 wherein is pivoted at 5 a curved piece or member 6 carrying at one extremity a cross-bar 7, the other end of said piece being a manipulating handle, 8. At one side of the U-shaped piece 4 is a segmental rack 9 wherewith a tooth 10 on the piece 6 is adapted to engage. Pivoted at 11 is a bell-crank 12, the inner arm whereof carries a cross-bar 13, the other end engaging a spring 14 connected to the manipulating handle 8.

In operation, the cross-bar 7 is first thrown back near the edge of the board 2, the cross-bar 13 resting against the inner portion of the U-shaped extension 4. A shirt 15, or the equivalent, is placed on the board 2, the over-hanging portion of the garment being carried down into the U-shaped piece. The manipulating handle 8 is now depressed, such action first bringing the cross-bar 13 against the cloth next to the outer portion of the U-shaped piece, holding it against slipping; as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing. The continued depression of the part 8 carries the cross-bar 7 outward, stretching the cloth to the desired tension, the parts being held in place by the rack 9 and tooth 10. When it is desired to release the garment, a slight touch on the handle 8 disengages the rack and tooth, the parts all automatically returning to their initial position.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A bosom stretcher and holder in which is comprised a yoke provided with a U-shaped extension, said yoke being adapted for securing to a bosom board or table; a curved member pivoted in the U-shaped extension and having a cross-bar at one extremity, the other extremity constituting a manipulating handle; a rack carried by the U-shaped extension and a tooth by the above mentioned curved member; a bell-crank pivoted in the U-shaped extension, said crank having at one extremity a cross-bar, and engaging a spring at the other extremity which passes to the curved member, the whole combined and arranged to operate substantially as shown and described.

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

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