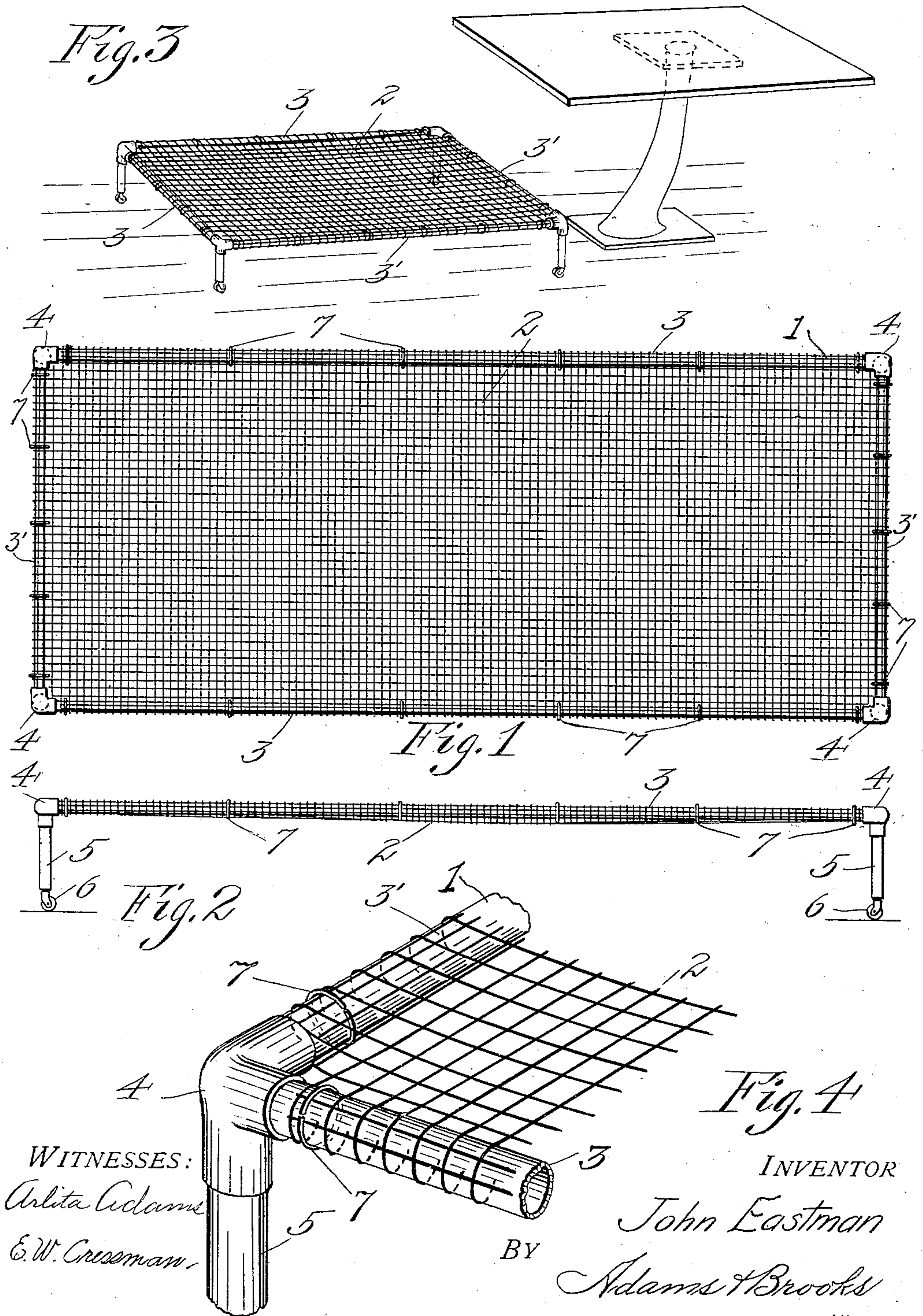


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN EASTMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city of Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Laundry-Crates, of which the following is a specification.

My invention aims primarily to provide an efficient device for use in laundries which can be positioned adjacent the ironing board to receive the clothes as ironed, and hold the same from coming in contact with the floor, until, they are removed, it being particularly adapted for temporarily supporting the clothes as ironed by one operator who performs one step in the ironing process, as ironing the goods flat, prior to their removal to another operator, as for example, "the folder" or the person who irons the goods in a folded condition. Further by reason of my improvement a load of clothes can be readily conveyed to any desired point for discharge.

A further object is to provide a comparatively simple construction, the clothes support of which will be of open formation so as to be light and of a sanitary nature.

With the above and other objects in view, to be referred to as the description progresses, the invention resides in the construction, parts and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and succinctly defined in the appended claims.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views: Figure 1 is a view in top plan of a crate constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the invention arranged adjacent an ironing board, as in practice, and Fig. 4 is a detail fragmentary view in perspective, on enlarged scale, of a portion of the frame and illustrating more particularly the manner in which the foraminous support is secured thereto.

The invention comprises an open substantially rectangular frame 1 across which extends a foraminous support 2, said support being formed of unyielding material and slightly concaved so as to more effectually hold the goods resting thereon.

Frame 1 comprises side and end rails 3, 3' respectively, which are preferably formed of tubing and connected at their ends by couplings 4. Couplings 4 are provided on their under sides with sockets in which legs 5 provided with rollers 6, are secured.

Support 2 is composed of spaced longitudinal and transverse bars which are interwoven, the same as now considered, consisting of suitable wire mesh, and have hook shaped end portions engaged over the adjacent rails of frame 1.

Rings, as 7, which are split (see Fig. 4) pass about the rails or frame 1 and over the hooked over portions of the support 2 so as to secure said support more firmly to the frame.

Adjacent couplings 4, support 2 is cut out so as to fit neatly thereabout (see Fig. 4).

While I have herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of my invention, I reserve the right to make such alterations and changes in the minor details of construction thereof as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States of America, is:

A laundry crate comprising an approximately rectangular frame composed of end and side rails, legs secured to said frame, a concaved rigid foraminous support having its edge portion engaged over the end and side rails of said frame, and split rings securing said support to said frame.

Signed at Seattle, Washington, this 11th day of September 1907.

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