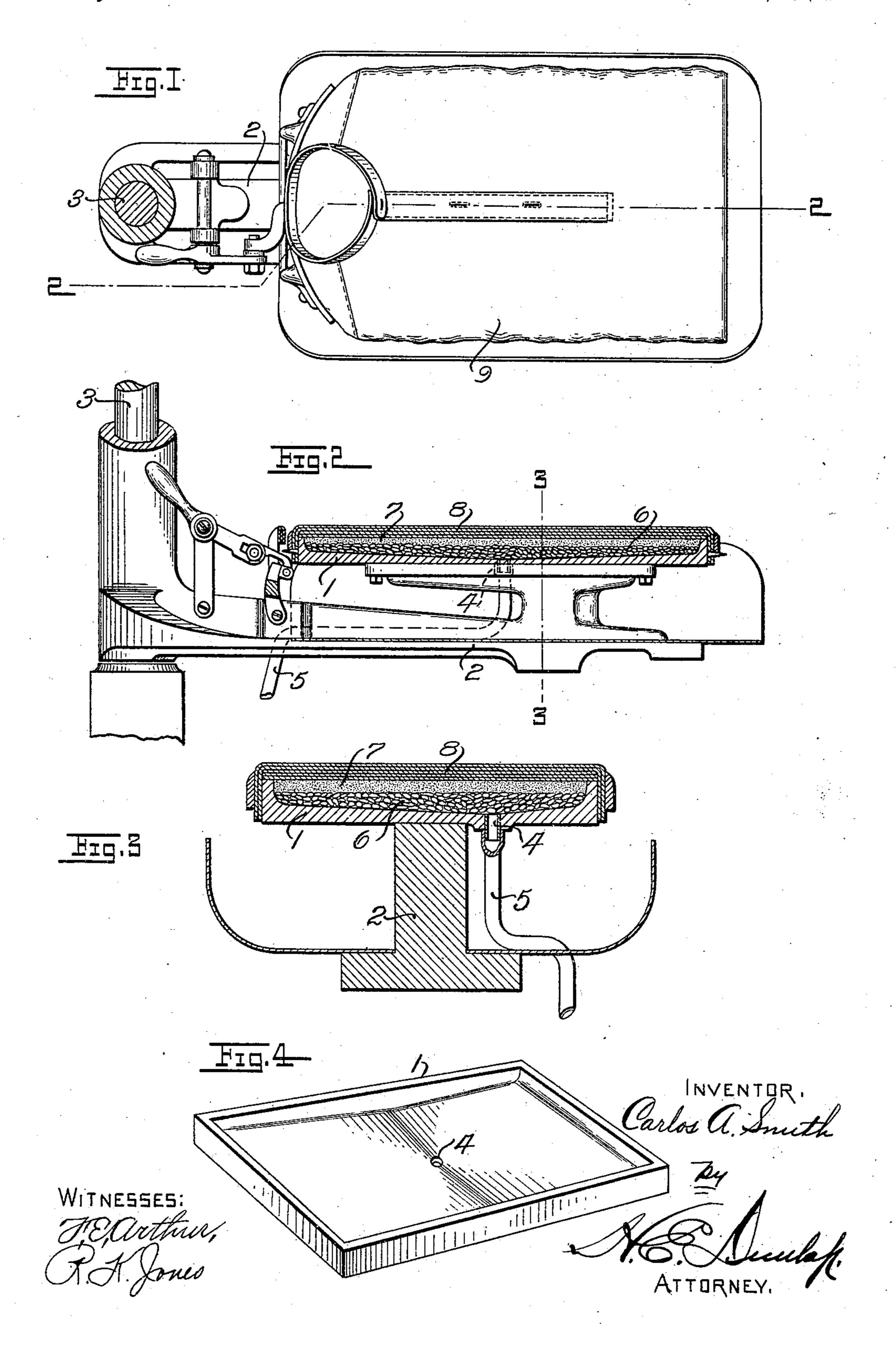
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Carlos A. Smith, a citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Bellaire, county of Belmont, 5 and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Moisture Collecting and Conducting Devices for Pressing-Machines, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices whereby the moisture in garments being ironed on a laundry ironing or pressing machine is collected and conducted to a suitable point.

The primary object of the invention is to 15 provide an ironing table for pressure ironing machines having means for collecting and conducting away the moisture contained by the garments ironed thereon.

A further object is to provide an ironing 20 bed of sand or like material which shall be resilient and which will obviate the necessity for employing pads of the character usually employed.

A further object is to provide an extremely | 25 simple, durable and inexpensive device of | the character mentioned.

With these and other objects in view, the invention finally consists in the particular construction, arrangement and combination 30 of parts which will hereinafter be fully described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view of the inven-35 tion with a shirt mounted thereon; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on the line 2-2, Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the line 3-3, Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the bed-plate.

Referring to said drawings, in which like reference characters designate like parts throughout the several views—1 indicates a bed-plate mounted upon the semi-rotatable supporting arm 2 carried by pedestal 3 of 45 a laundry pressing or ironing machine. Said bed-plate is hollowed out so as to make the same substantially pan-shaped, as is clearly shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4, and the bottom thereof is inclined in opposite direc-50 tions to a suitably located drain-opening 4 from which leads a flexible drain-pipe or

hose 5.

6 indicates a layer of coarse gravel or |

crushed quartz which has superposed there-over a layer of sand 7 which constitutes a 55 bed upon which rests one or a plurality of layers or thicknesses of cloth or resilient padding 8 upon which the garments 9 to be ironed are placed as ordinarily.

In practice, a heated ironing plate is 60 brought into contact with the garment which has previously been stretched over the top of the ironing table, as ordinarily, and the garment is ironed by the pressure and heat of said plate. The moisture in the garments 65 is converted by the heat into steam or vapor which is driven through the padding 8, sand bed 7 and gravel or quartz bed 6, and in its passage is condensed. The resultant water gravitates along the bottom of the bed-plate 70 and passes outward through the drain-opening 4, from whence it is conducted away through drain-pipe 5.

As is apparent from the foregoing, an extremely simple and inexpensive means for 75 disposing of the moisture from the garments ironed is provided by the construction described.

It will be obvious that various changes within the scope of the appended claims may 80 be resorted to in the construction and arrangement of parts constituting the invention without departing from the general spirit or scope thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what 85 I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In an ironing table for laundry pressing machines, a bed-plate provided with draining means, a layer of coarse stone upon 90 said bed-plate, a layer of sand overlying said stone, and a fabric covering for the sand.

2. In an ironing table for laundry pressing machines, a receptacle-like bed-plate, means for draining said bed-plate, a layer 95 of coarse rock-like material covering the bottom of said bed-plate, a layer of sand covering the first-mentioned layer, and a pervious covering for said sand.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 100 in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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