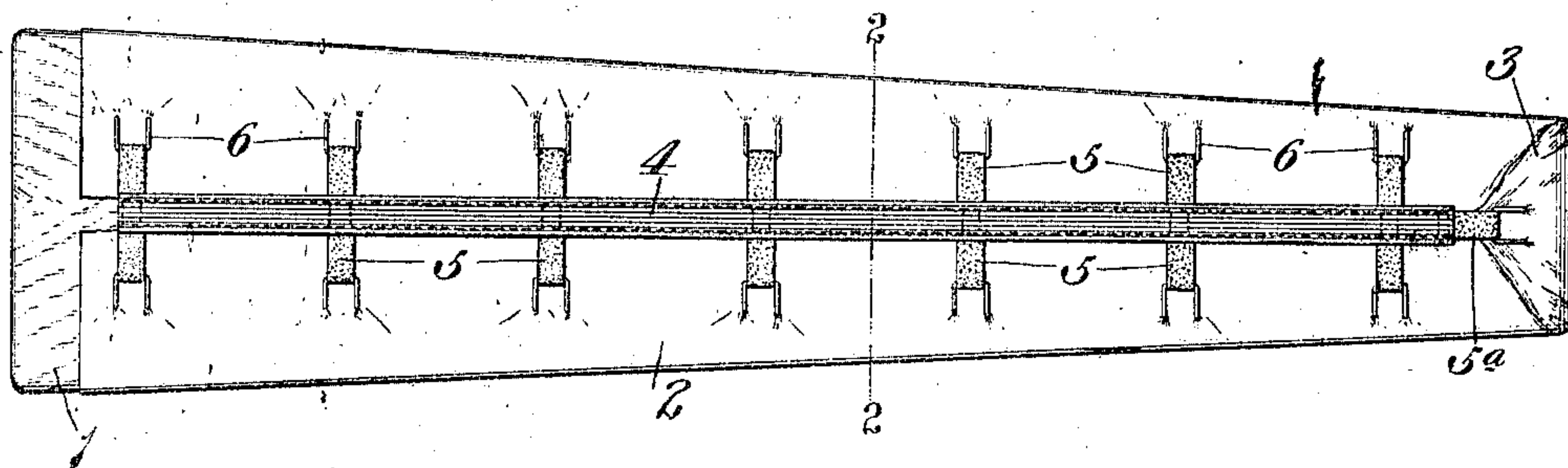


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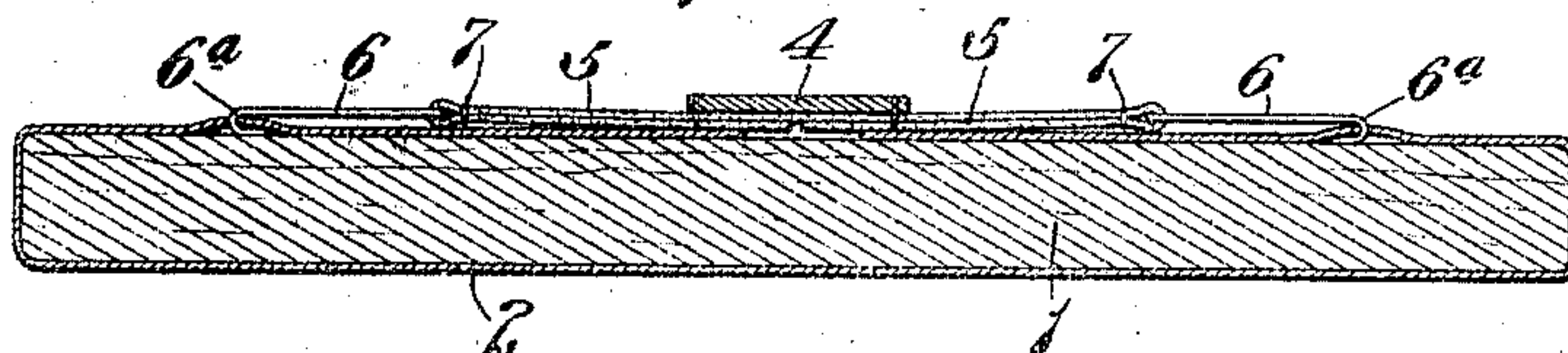
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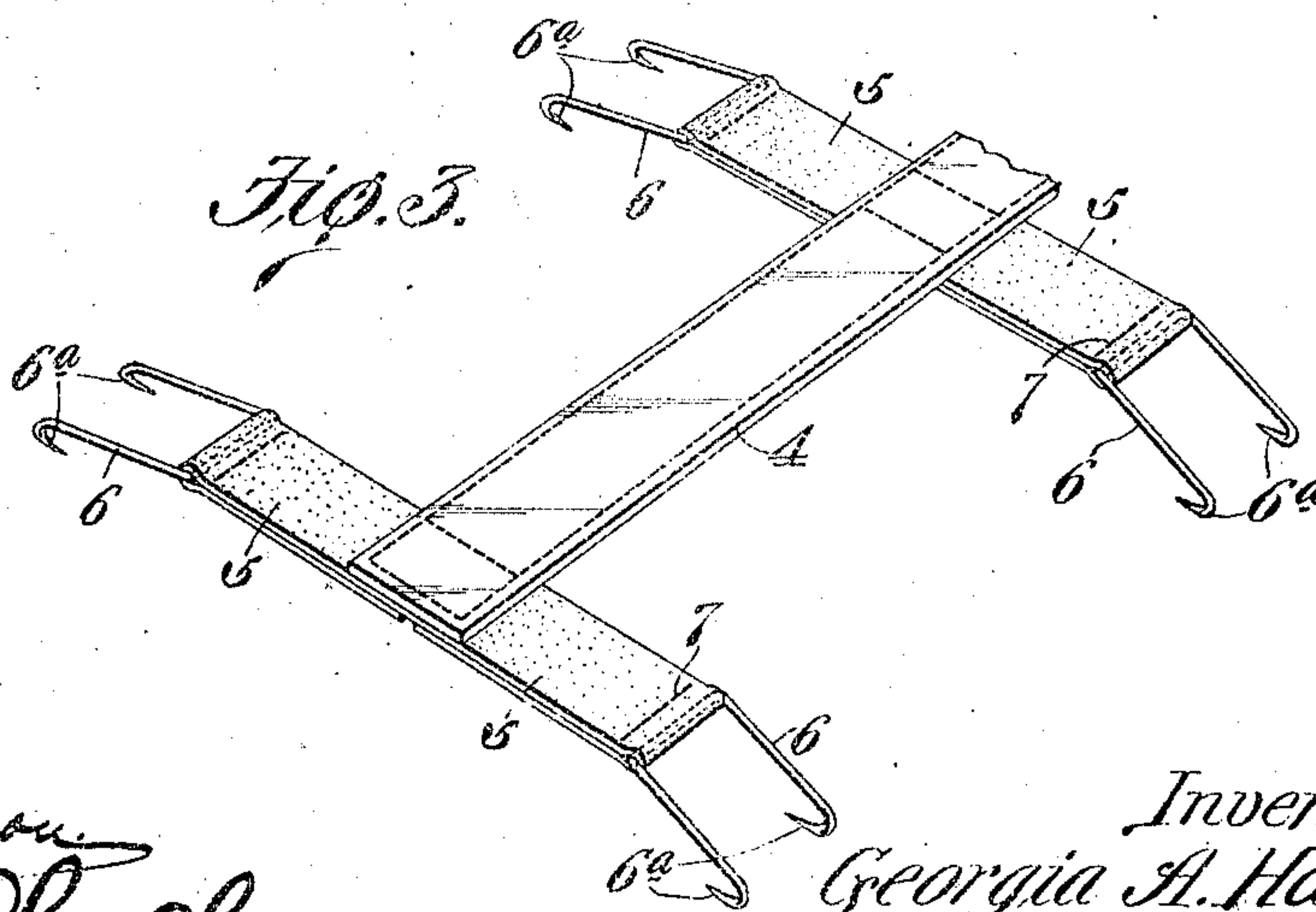
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGIA A. HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of St. Louis and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Fastening Devices for Ironing-Board Covers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a device for retaining the cloth cover of an ironing board in operative position.

One object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described that enables an ironing board cover to be placed upon the board or removed therefrom quickly.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described that will not tear or damage the cover with which it is used. And still another object of my invention is to provide a device of the character described that presents a neat and ornamental appearance and which can be manufactured at a small cost.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a bottom plan view of an ironing board provided with one of my improved cover fastening devices; Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view taken on approximately the line 2—2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a portion of my improved fastening device.

Referring to the drawings which illustrate the preferred form of my invention, 1 designates an ironing board, and 2 designates the cloth cover that extends over the upper face of the board and partially over the under side of the board, as shown in Fig. 1, the longitudinal edges of said cover terminating adjacent the center of the board, and the upper end 3 of the cover being lapped over the upper end of the board.

My improved fastening device is arranged on the under side of the board, and consists of a central member 4 provided with a plurality of laterally projecting arms 5 that carry hooks 6 for engaging the cover 2 so as to retain it in position. The arms 5 are preferably formed of elastic material, and the central member 4 is formed of some fabric which is flexible but not elastic. I prefer to provide the central member 4 with a plurality of pairs of arms 5 that project laterally from the side edges thereof, and an elastic arm 5<sup>a</sup> is connected to the upper end of the member 4, as shown in Fig. 1, so as to engage the portion 3 of the cover that laps

over the upper end of the board. The central member 4 is preferably made wide enough to cover the meeting edges of the cloth cover 2; and the pairs of arms 5 are spaced an equal distance apart so as to present a neat and uniform appearance.

It is immaterial, so far as my broad idea is concerned, how the arms 5 are connected to the central member 4 but I prefer to form each pair of arms from a strip of rubber webbing or other suitable elastic material that is doubled so as to form a long loop which is connected intermediate its ends to the central member 4, the hooks 6 being arranged at the opposite ends of said loop and secured thereto by one or more rows of stitches 7. I prefer to use substantially U-shaped hooks that are provided with sharp prongs or teeth 6<sup>a</sup> that project into the cover. A hook of this character can be formed from a piece of wire and consequently can be manufactured at a low cost, and it is not apt to rust the cover or tear same. Furthermore, a hook of this construction can be connected to the cover and disconnected therefrom quickly so that very little time is required to place the cover on the board or remove it therefrom. The central member 4 can be formed from any suitable fabric and provided with several rows of stitches so as to strengthen same, and the elastic arms 5 and 5<sup>a</sup> can be connected to said member by rows of stitches.

After the cover 2 has been wrapped around the board in the manner shown in Fig. 1, the hooks on the arms 5 and 5<sup>a</sup> are inserted in said cover, the elasticity of said arms causing the cover to be drawn tightly around the board and thus securely retaining said cover in position. When it is desired to remove the cover said hooks are merely disengaged from the cover so as to release same.

An ironing board cover fastening device of the character above described can be manufactured at a small cost; it presents a neat and ornamental appearance and hides the meeting edges of the cover; it enables the cover to be placed upon the board and removed therefrom quickly, and it securely retains the cover in position without liability of tearing the cover or rusting same, the hooks 6 being preferably formed from metal that will not rust.

Having thus described my invention, what



I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An ironing board cover fastening device comprising a central member formed of non-elastic material, arms projecting laterally from the side edges of said member and each being formed of a strip of elastic webbing doubled to form a loop which is connected intermediate its ends to said central member, and hooks secured to the opposite ends of said loops for engaging the cover.

2. An ironing board cover fastening device comprising a central member that extends longitudinally of the board on the under side of same so as to cover the meeting edges of the cover which is wrapped around the board, pieces of elastic webbing connected to said member and projecting laterally from the side edges thereof, and U-shaped

hooks connected to said pieces of webbing and provided with sharp-pointed prongs or projections.

3. An ironing board cover fastening device comprising a central member which consists of a strip of fabric provided with rows of stitches, loops of elastic webbing connected to said member so as to form a plurality of pairs of arms that project laterally from the side edges of said member, a loop of elastic webbing connected to the upper end of said member, and U-shaped hooks arranged in the free ends of said loops and secured thereto by rows of stitches which pass through the loops.

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