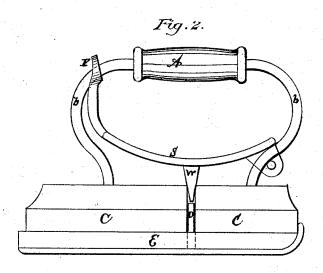
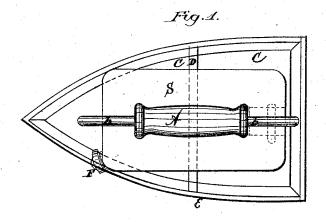
## J. M. WHITING.

SAD-IRONS.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAD-IRONS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES M. WHITING, of Providence, Rhode Island, have invented certain Improvements in Sad-Irons, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists in the use of a combined shield, wedge, and thumb-piece in a vertically-divided iron.

Figure 1 is a plan of my improved sad-iron.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

In Fig. 1, A represents a cast-iron handle, and b b a steel spring, passing through handle A, and suitably curved to enter irons c c, constituting a spring sufficient to hold the shoe E firmly while in use. D represents a vertical rib of shoe e, placed across the same to correspond with opening in irons cc, which clasp the rib, and hold the shoe while in use, as above described. s is a shield; W, a wedge, and F a thumb-piece, combined in one, and pivoted to spring  $\bar{b}$  at one end by means of lugs and pin, as shown.

It will readily be seen that, by pressing down the shield, the wedge W is forced between irons cc, releasing shoe e from pressure of spring b b, thus allowing the shoe to

What I claim as new, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is-

The combination of irons c c, springs b b, guard s, wedge W, and shoe e with vertical rib, as shown and described.

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