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## BOSOM-PRONING BOARDS.

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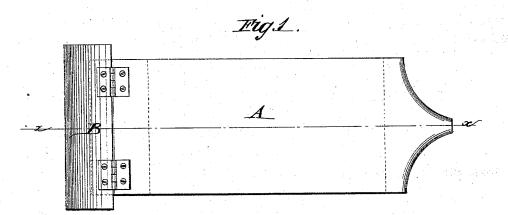
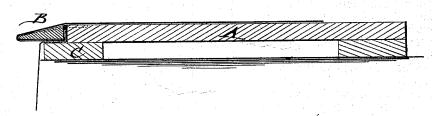


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOSOM IRONING-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUTHER A. VAN KUREN, of Binghamton, in the county of Broome and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Bosom Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view, and Fig. 2 a vertical longitudinal section on line  $x \tilde{x}$ , Fig. 1, of my improved ironing-board for shirt-bosoms.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-

spending parts.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved ironing-board for shirt-bosoms, by which the bosoms may be stretched to the required tension in an easy, quick, and readilyadjusted manner.

The invention consists of a bosom-board, with bottom cross strips and beveled bar or

piece hinged at one end of the board.

In the drawing, A represents a board for ironing shirt-bosoms, which is curved and pointed at one end for the neck-band, and provided with a hinged cross-piece or bar, B, at the opposite end that fastens, in connection with the extended cross-strip C, the lower part of the shirt. The hinged piece B is made beveled at the upper side, so that the strain is brought below the hinges, and thereby the swinging piece retained in position on the

cross-strip.

When the shirt is to be applied the crosspiece B is swung up, and the proper tension on the board is then given to the bosom by the hands. The shirt and cross-piece are then jointly carried down on the cross-strip and held securely by the same and the board, as the line of tension is below the hanging of the stretching-bar. The hinged bar B is extended at both sides over the board, to admit the readier swinging into downward and upward positions.

The bosom is by means of the swinging bar readily stretched to the required degree of tension, and tightly held for being ironed until

released by the raising of the bar.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Pat-

The combination of a bosom-ironing board, having projecting cross or base strip, with a hinged and beveled bar or cross-piece, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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