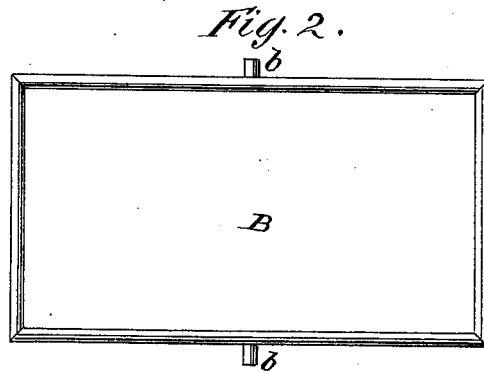
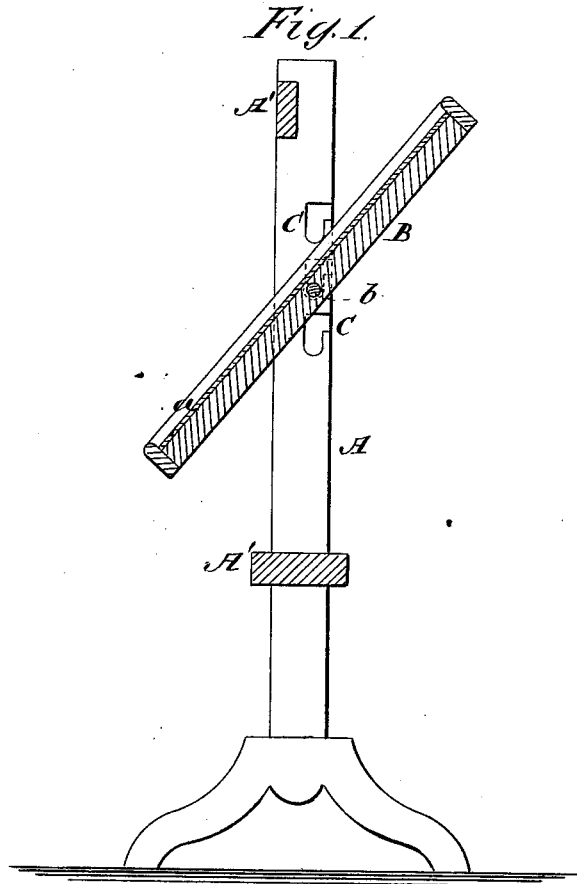


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN FREDERICK FRESE, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Smoothing and Glossing Fabrics, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to means for smoothing and glossing fabrics; and the nature of my invention consists in an adjustable frame or smoothing-board, which is pivoted to standards and constructed with a metallic surface, on which the moist and starched fabrics are smoothed and dried, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawing, Figure 1 is a section taken vertically through the smoothing-board and frame. Fig. 2 is a face view of the smoothing-board.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The supporting-frame consists of two standards, A, connected together by horizontal bars A' A'. The inner sides of the standards A have L-shaped grooves *c* cut in them, adapted to receive pivots *b*, which are fixed to the sides of a rectangular frame surrounding a

smoothing-board, B. This smoothing-board B consists of a backing of solid material, which is covered on one side with zinc, or any other suitable metallic facing.

The board B is adjustable, so that it can be set at any desired angle from a horizontal plane and raised or lowered.

The operation of my invention is as follows: The moist starched fabrics are spread upon the metallic surface *a* of the board B, and smoothed out, by any suitable tool, so that they will lie closely. They are then exposed to the sun, or to the heat of a stove, until dry, when it will be found, on removing them, that they are smoothed and glossed as though they were ironed.

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

The metal-faced board B, adjustably applied to standards A, in the manner and for the purpose described.

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