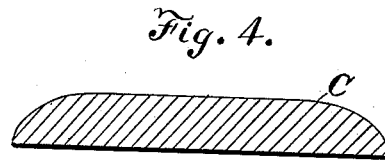
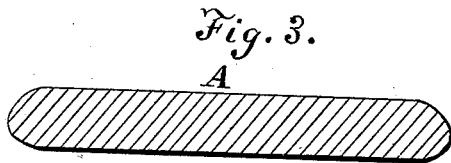
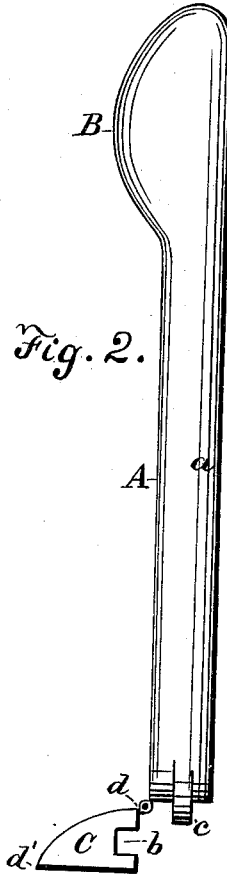
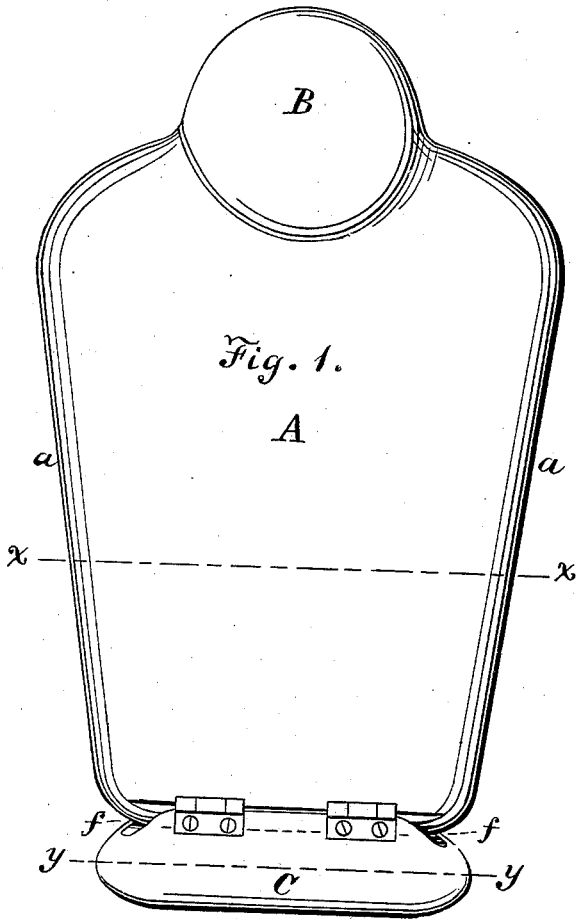


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IMPROVEMENT IN BOSOM-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALLACE W. NIXON, of Parkersburg, in the county of Wood and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bosom-Polishing Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a top view, with the clamping-piece folded down. Fig. 2 is a side view, with the clamping-piece turned up. Figs. 3 and 4 are transverse sections on lines *x* and *y* of Fig. 1.

My invention relates to a bosom-board having a hinged clamping-piece for firmly holding in place, for ironing and polishing, shirt-fronts; and the invention consists of such a board provided with a convex neck-piece for setting the shirt-band at an angle to the face of the bosom, to give a better set to the shirt and the collar around the neck, as hereinafter described, and as shown in the drawings.

A represents the bosom-board, the edges *a* of which are rounded, to avoid unnecessary strain or wear on the cloth. B represents a convex neck-piece, formed on or attached to the upper part of the board for raising the shirt-band at an angle to the face of the bosom to give a better fit and set to the shirt and collar around the neck of the wearer. It is evident that the neck-piece may be made with a greater or less angle, as may be required.

C represents the hinged clamp, provided with a groove, *b*, to receive the tongue *c* on the lower end of the board. The groove is made wide enough to allow the cloth, without injury to it, to be pressed by the tongue into the groove in clamping the bosom in position for ironing and polishing.

The hinged piece is rounded from the hinged edge *d* to the lower and under edge, *d'*, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, for throwing the pressure of the cloth below the pivotal center of the clamp, when it is folded down, for clamping the bosom firmly; and the ends of the clamp and the lower end of the board are rounded, forming the recesses *f, f*, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4 of the drawings, to receive the cloth of the lower part of the shirt-front, for clamping the bosom in position for ironing and polishing.

In adjusting the shirt on the board the clamp is turned up, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, and the shirt is placed over the board, so that the band will be on the convex neck-piece, and the shirt-front is straightened over the turned-up clamp, and the portions of the shirt extending laterally beyond the ends of the clamp are adjusted in the recesses *f, f*, and the clamp is then turned down, the tongue pressing into the groove the portions of the shirt in the recesses, and the edge *d'* bearing against the shirt-front extending over the clamp, thus thoroughly stretching and clamping on the board the shirt-front in position for ironing and polishing.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A bosom-board having at its front end a neck-piece, B, rising gradually on the face of the board, substantially as and for the purposes described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own invention I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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