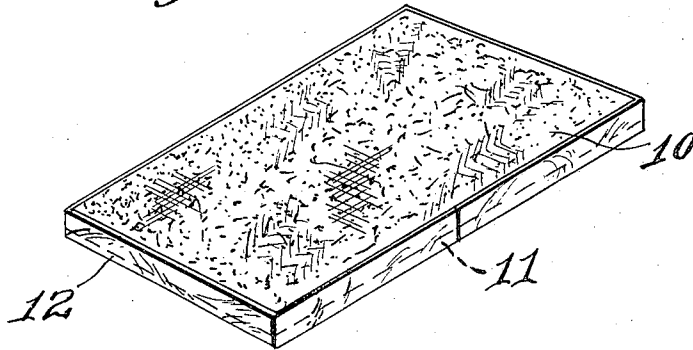


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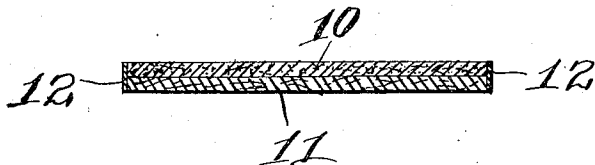
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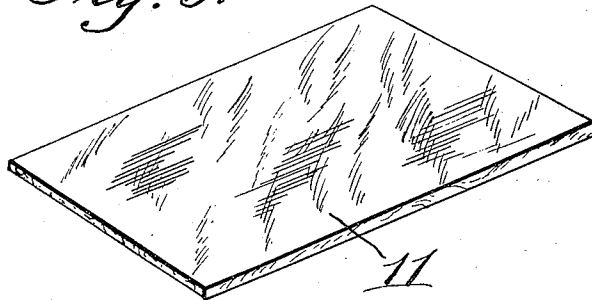
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH R. EMERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Topeka, in the county of Shawnee, State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Asbestos Ironing Pads; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved pad for waxing and cleaning sad-irons used in ironing wearing apparel, etc., and the object of the invention is to provide an ideal device of this character which will supply the proper degree of wax to the surface of the iron so as to make the work of ironing much easier and more efficient, but will also remove all traces of burnt starch and roughness that may adhere to the iron thus preventing the iron from adhering to and scorching the clothes.

A further object of the invention is to provide an ironing pad which can be manufactured at a moderate cost and placed within the reach of every one, the device embodying a covering of thin sheet asbestos under which is disposed a pad of blotting paper saturated with a mixture of wax and paraffin or other suitable lubricating substance and both being bound with a binding of gummed paper or tape or cloth so that the advantages heretofore specified will be obtained.

With the above objects and others in view as will appear as the specification proceeds, the invention comprises certain novel combinations and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter more particularly pointed out and claimed.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application, wherein like characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved ironing pad,

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view thereof,

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the pad of saturated blotting paper employed in the device.

Referring to the drawings in detail, my improved ironing pad is shown as comprising a covering or upper pad 10 of thin sheet

asbestos of the required dimensions and geometrical outline, the device being preferably oblong in plan. Under this covering is disposed a pad 11 of blotting paper or other similar absorbent material which is saturated with a mixture of wax, paraffin or other suitable lubricating substance of a like nature which will be readily absorbed and which will provide the proper lubrication for an iron. The two super-imposed layers or pads are bound with a binding indicated at 12, of any suitable flexible material such as paper or cloth and glued in place.

By this means, a very serviceable and efficient ironing pad is provided, as the asbestos cleans the iron perfectly by reason of being of abrasive mineral material without scratching the ironing surface so as to clean the iron perfectly and remove all traces of burnt starch and roughness which might otherwise cause the iron to adhere to the apparel or clothing. Also the heat of the iron draws the wax or other lubricant through the asbestos to the surface and waxes the iron in just the proper degree so that excess lubrication by ordinary methods of waxing an iron, is avoided. Thus the work of ironing can be more easily and efficiently carried out, saving time and labor to the operator or housewife using the same. When the supply of paraffin or wax has become exhausted from the lower layer of the ironing pad or in other words from the strip of blotting paper, melted paraffin or wax may be poured onto the strip of blotting paper and thus the supply renewed. It should be further noted that if the strip of blotting paper should be torn in any way it can be removed together with the binding strip 12 and a new strip of blotting paper placed against the strip of asbestos and secured by a new binding strip.

It will further be apparent that by the use of the improved asbestos ironing pad having an asbestos covering through which the wax or lubricant is drawn, scorching or burning of the clothes will be prevented, the asbestos having just enough roughness to be effective as a cleanser without scratching the polished surface of the iron. The article is an economical one as both sides are usable if desired, though not ordinarily necessary as it can be manufactured at a moderate cost and therefore placed within the reach of every one. The action of cleansing and waxing the iron at the same time by reason of

the asbestos and the lubricant being drawn therethrough, is of special importance.

What is claimed is:—

A reversible ironing pad, consisting of a  
5 sheet of blotting paper saturated with a  
meltable lubricant having disposed against  
one face a sheet of asbestos, and a single  
flexible tape disposed about the side and end

edges only of the sheets and glued to said sheets.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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