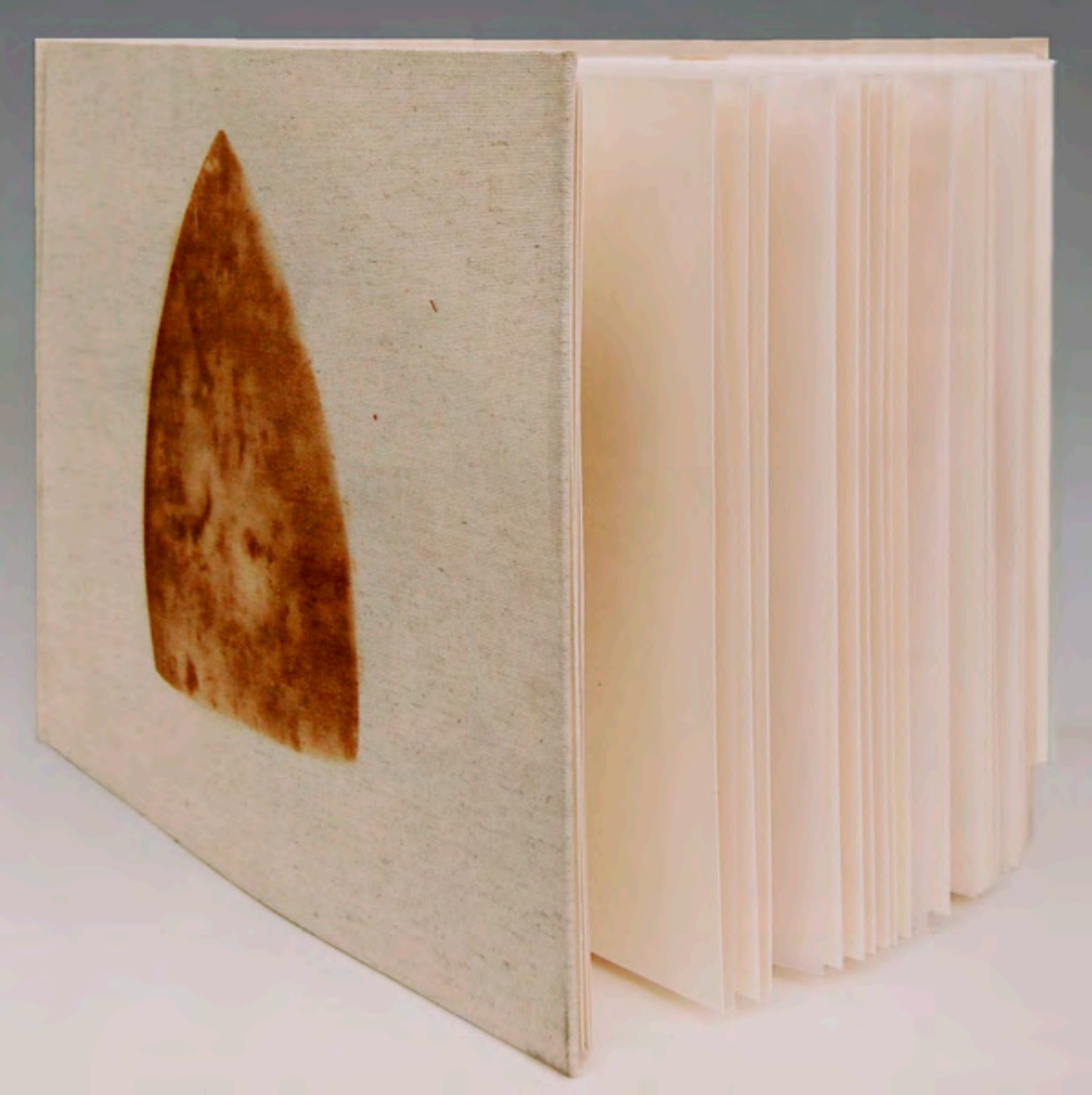

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ANCIENT TERRACOTTA SMOOTHER
2nd century AD from the Middle East

ANCIENT TERRACOTTA [illegible]
3rd century AD from the Middle East

Ironing

CHINESE PAN IRON

Metal pans filled with charcoal were used for smoothing fabrics in China in the first century BC. The pan was moved across clothing to remove wrinkles.

female

CLAY IRON, circa 1700
The container was filled with sand and used to smooth fine silks.

test its
temperature..."

CLAY JUGAN, circa 1700

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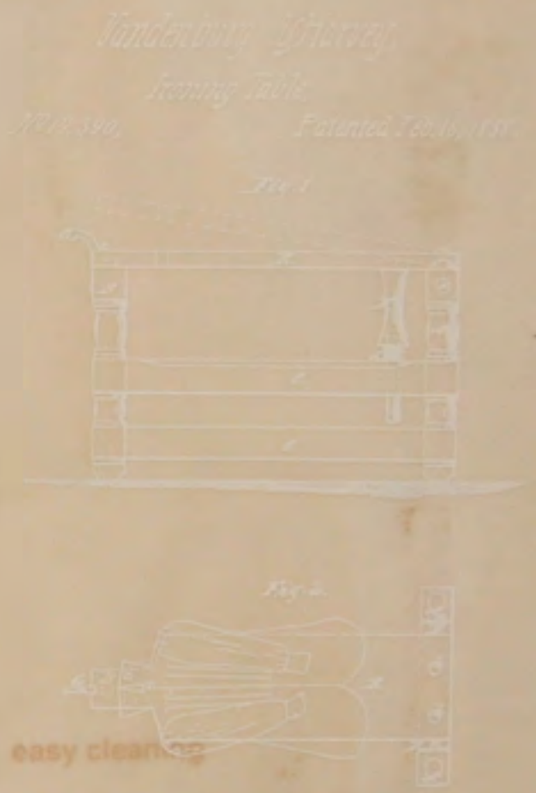
REMOVABLE HANDLE IRON
Czech patent, 19th century



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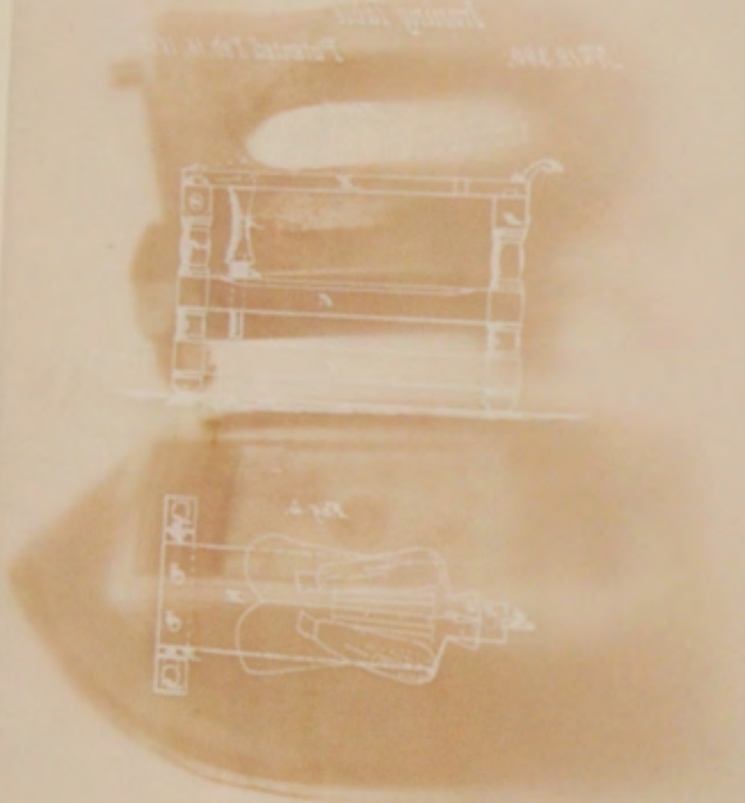

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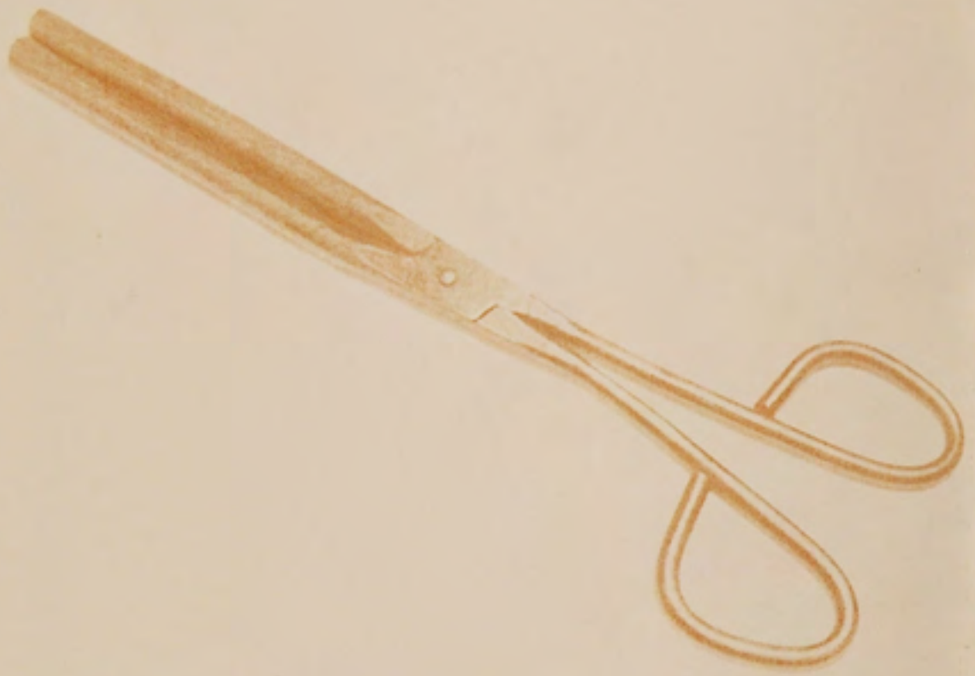
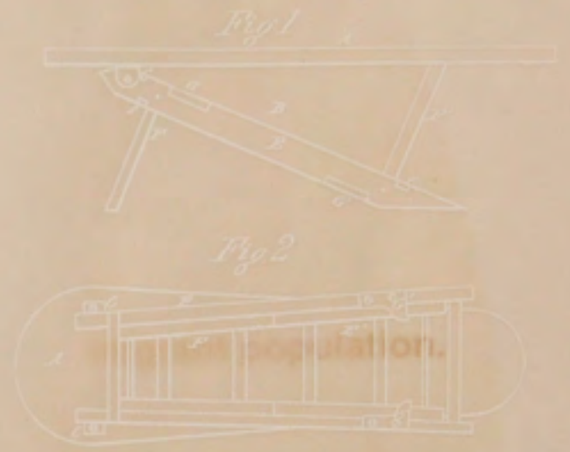


CRIMPING, GOFFERING TONGS, circa 19th century
Steel stamped as flat polished scissors with flat inner leg fully fluted.
Used for fully patterned frills or lace edgings.



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GENEVA HAND FLUTER, circa 1866
antique fluting iron

highly
vulnerable

HAND FLUTER,

hinged fluting iron

highly

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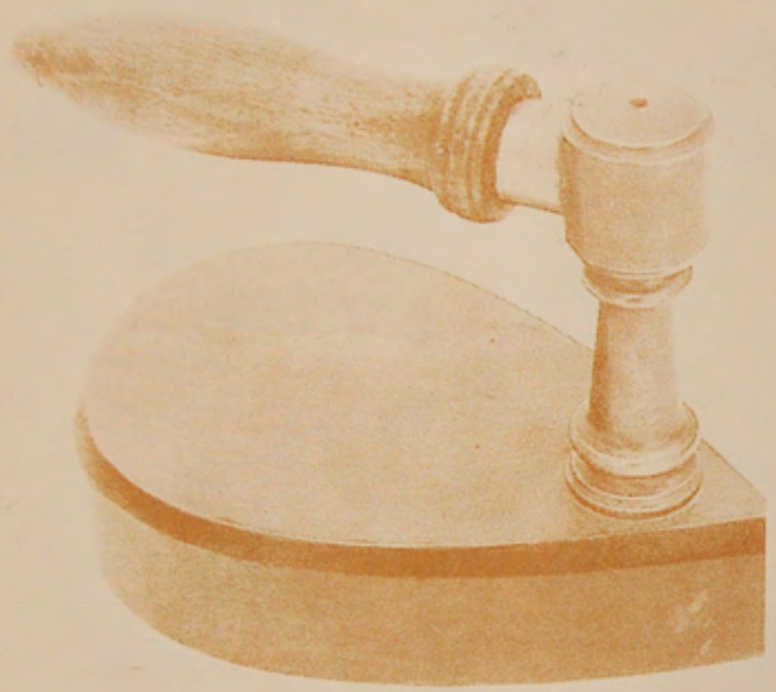
THERMOCELL IRON, circa 1926
with a detachable handle

housekeepers

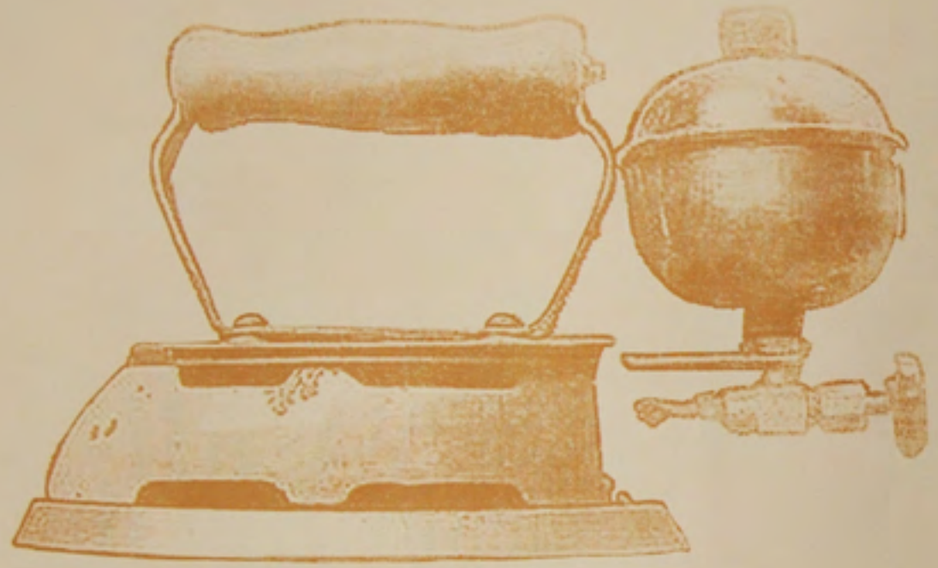


BELGIAN TEARDROP SHAPED FLATIRON
mid 19th century

BELGIAN TEARDROP SHAPED FLASK

mid 19th century

poorly paid



SPIRIT IRON, late 19th century

This iron was heated by gasoline, kerosene, alcohol, natural gas or acetylene.

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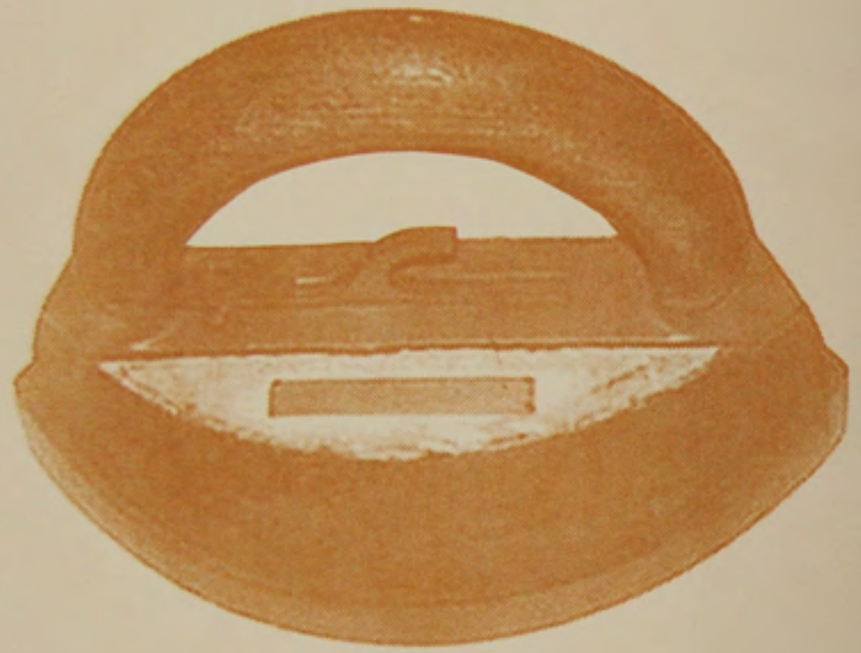

MARY FLORENCE POTTS' REMOVABLE HANDLE SAD IRON, 1871

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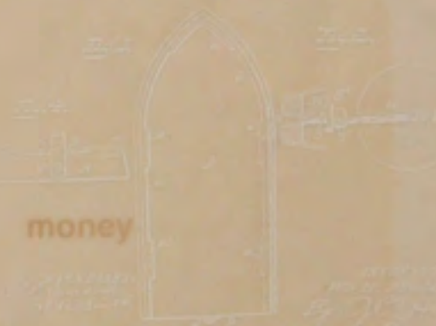

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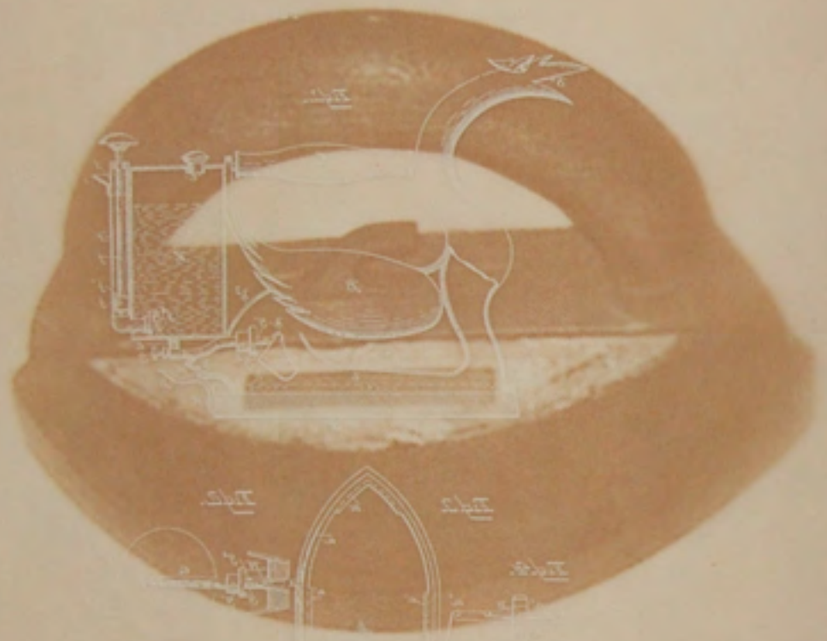

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EGG IRON, circa 1850

This heated metal egg was used for tacking awkward shapes like puffed sleeves or gathered cuffs.

Safe

GOFFERING IRON, 16th century

Red hot iron poker was placed inside a hollow tube. Primarily used to iron intricate ruffles and tucks without pressure.

GOFFERING IRON, 1[illegible]

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Virtually

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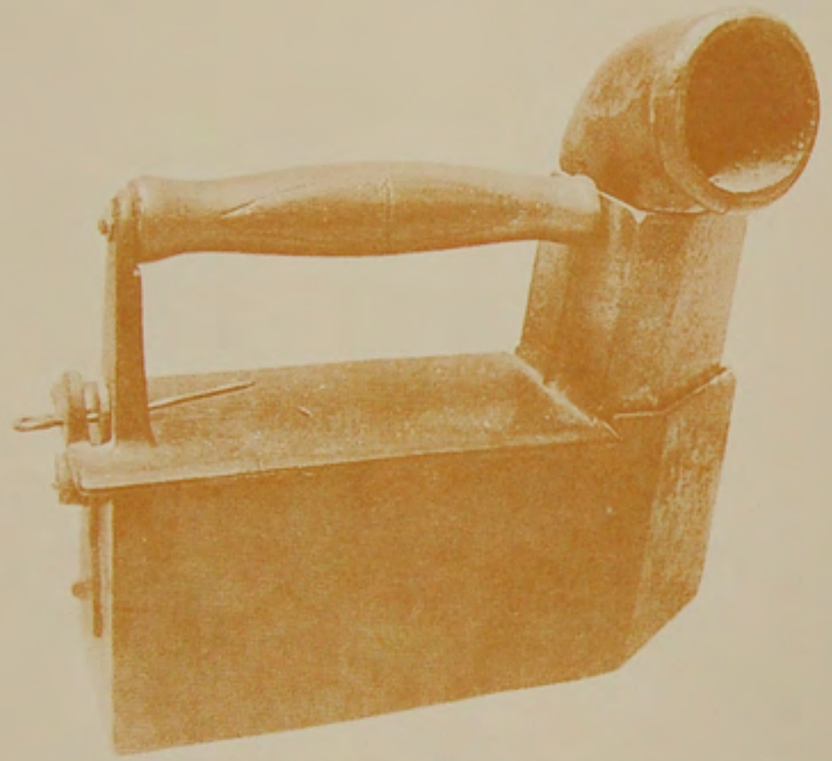

CHARCOAL IRON

This iron has a removable chimney to allow for a replacement with a different chimney facing the other direction. The draft in the body channels the air more efficiently.

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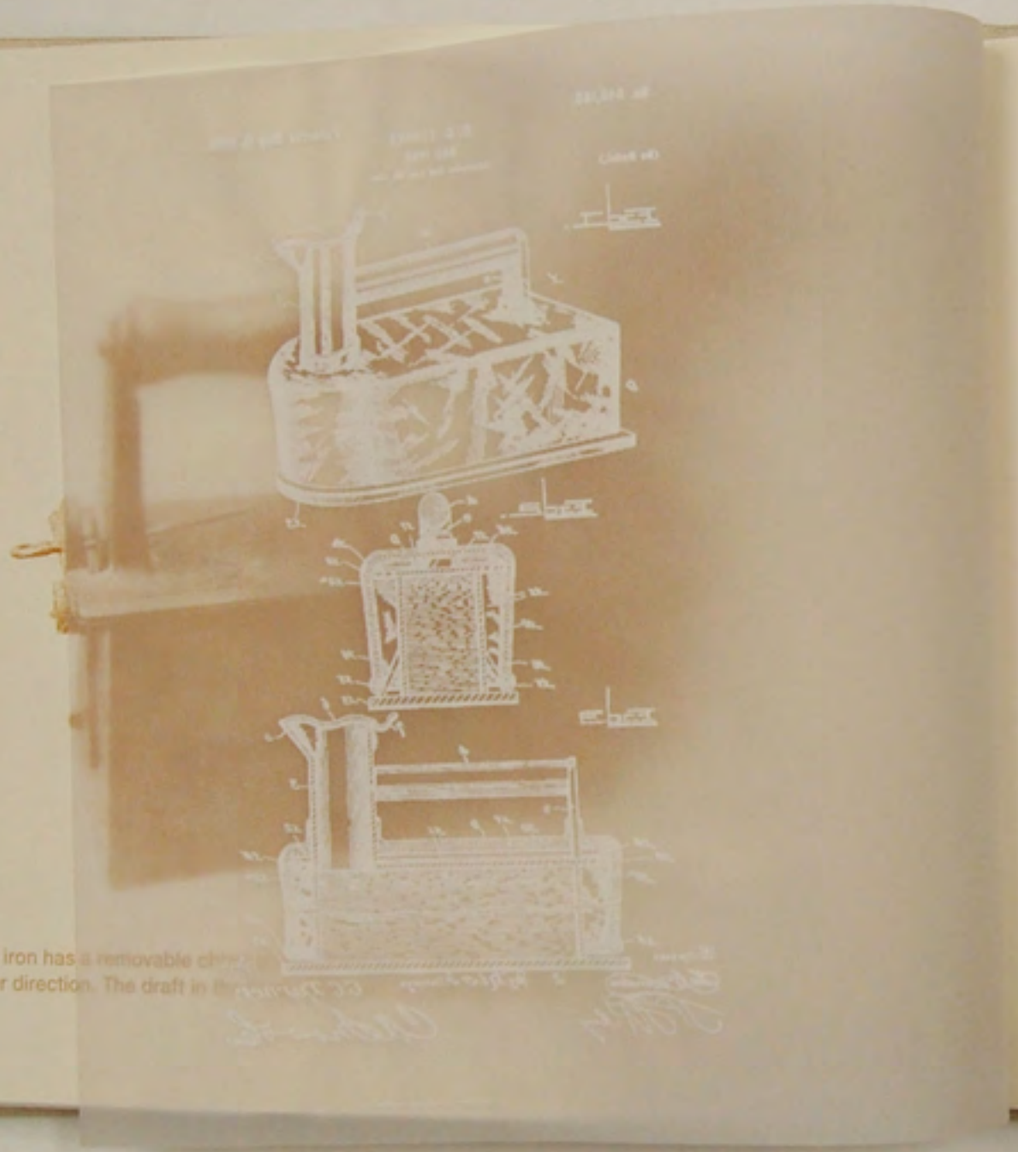

This iron has a removable chimney in one direction. The draft in the opposite direction

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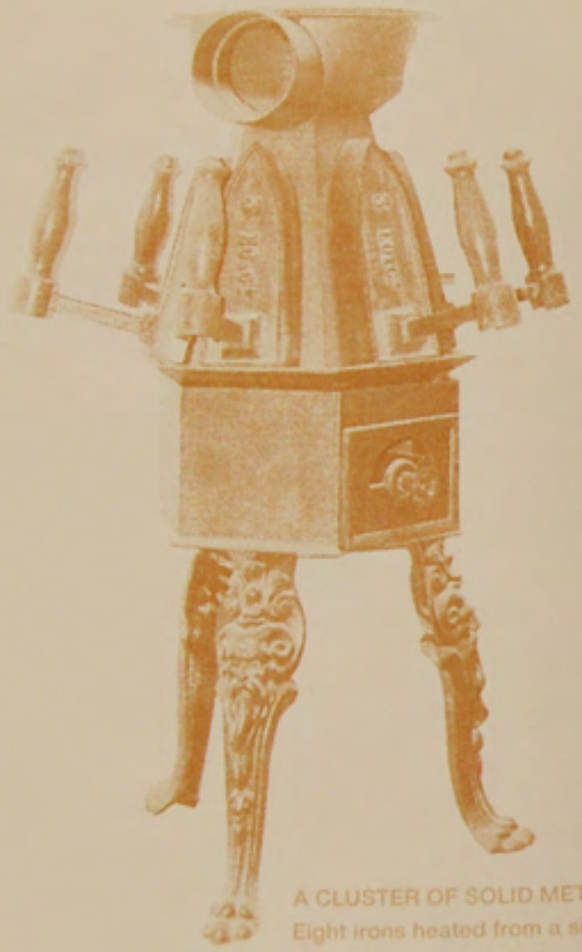

A CLUSTER OF SOLID METAL IRONS
Eight irons heated from a single souce.

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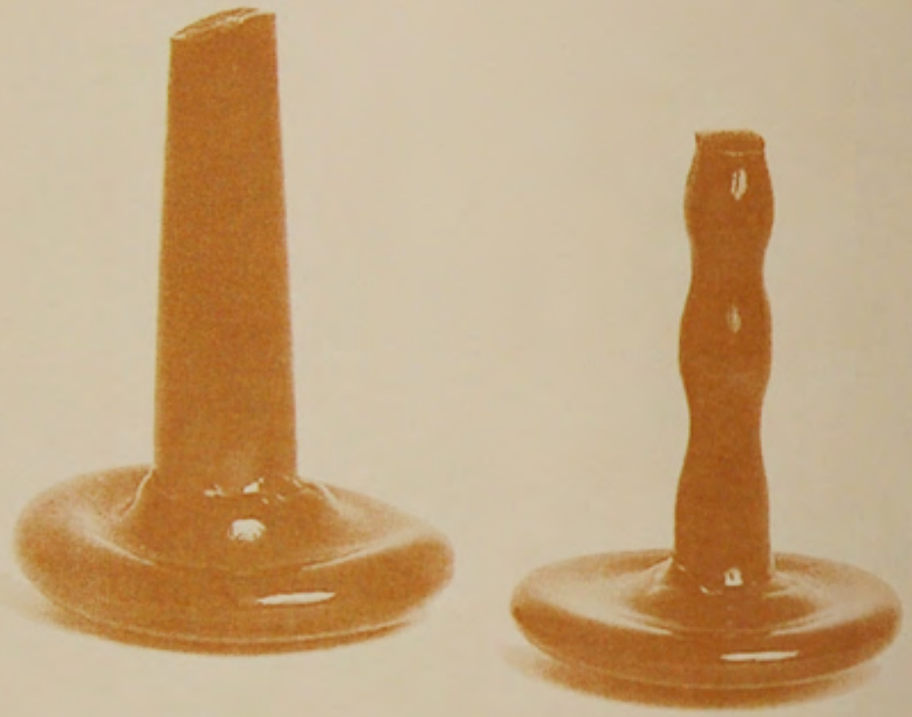

GLASS SMOOTHERS, early 19th century

Early irons made from glass were used as early as the 10th century by the Vikings. The mushroom shaped smoother was warmed up, and rubbed across fabric.

"Encerrado,"

POLISHING IRON
The convex surface of this iron produces a gloss on starched fabric.

POLISHING IRON.
The convex surface of this iron produces a glo

below

more

more

ASBESTOS SAD IRONS, circa 1900

Called sad because they were heavy, some of these sad irons weighed up to 15 lbs and were hard to move. The weight assisted in pressing of the cloth.

ASBESTOS SAD IRONS

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sick

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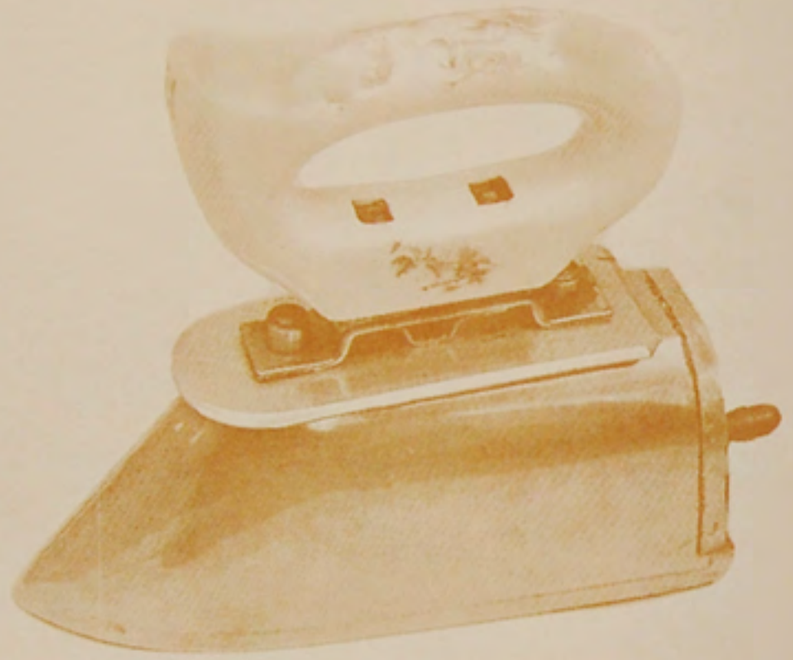


GERMAN BOX IRON

The hollow interior of this iron is fitted with a red hot piece of metal, known as the heater.

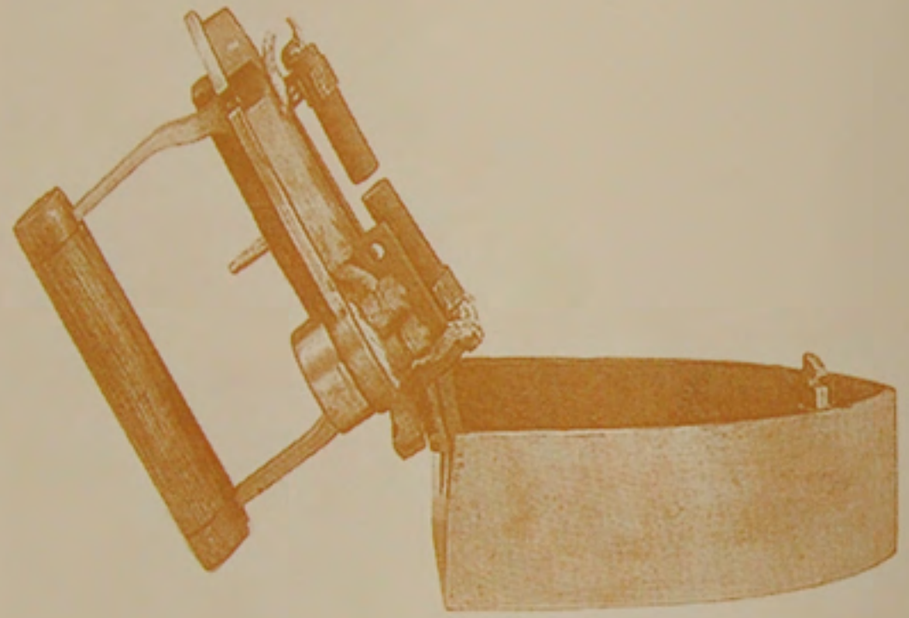
foreign born.

GERMAN BOX IRON

The outer surface of this iron is filled with a red hot

foreign born.

color.



ELECTRIC IRON, circa 1905
The iron was heated by carbon arc and electrodes.

two

and two

ELECTRIC SIGN, circa 1970
The first sign lighted by carbon arc and electricity

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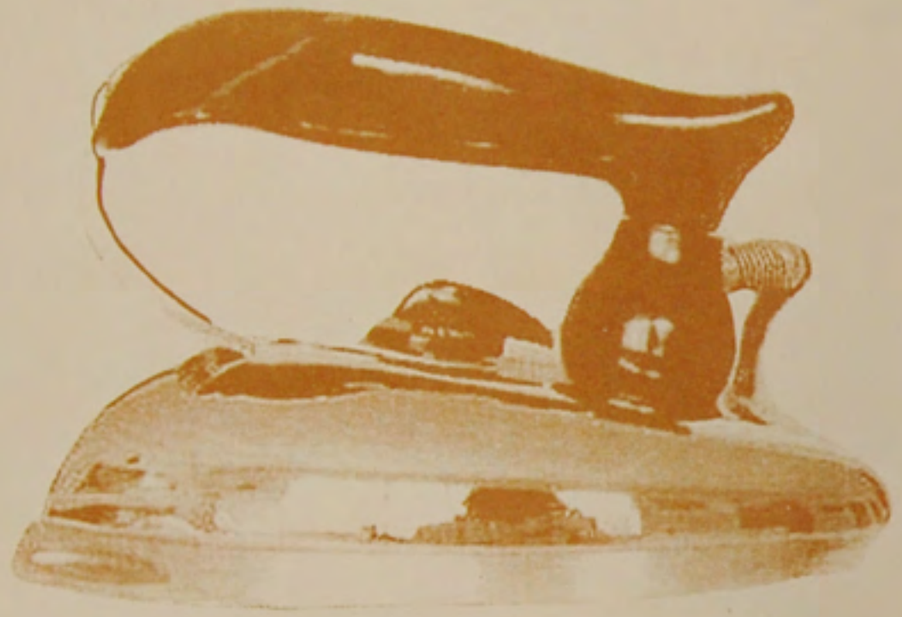

STREAMLINED BAKELITE IRON

Between 1934 - 1950 new materials such as bakelite, chromium, plated steel and aluminum were introduced. These irons, with their softly molded curves, were the epitomy of a modern iron.

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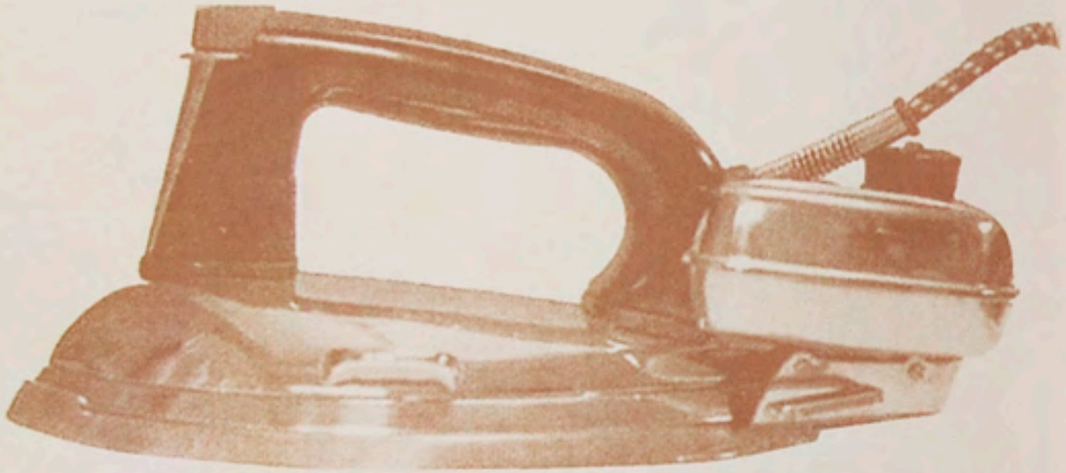

EARLY ELECTRIC STEAM IRON

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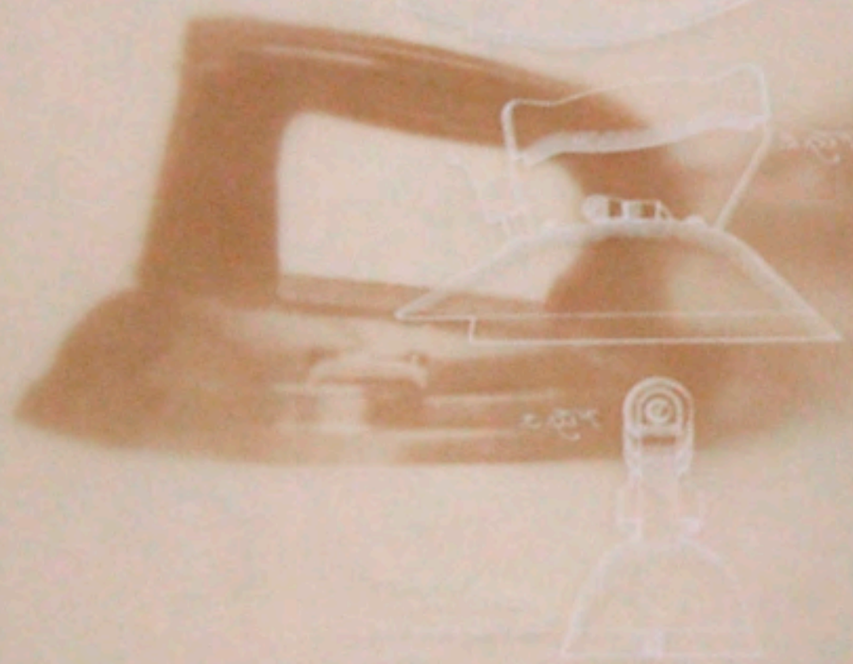

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5%
of Americans iron their socks.

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