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AT LONG last scientists have come up with a magic formula for the world's most hated chore – yes the art of ironing has been pondered upon by boffins at Bristol University who have been working with Morphy Richards.

In the equation there are 5 key elements, the material of the shirt and fabric thickness – and this combined with the fluidity of the material governs the ease with which creases occur. The area of the soleplate plus frictional drag of the iron is influenced by steam and water output and then the amount of elbow grease you put in comes into play.

All this information is bound to win you star prize at a pub quiz at some point but our collection of ironing equipment will help reduce on the time it takes and the tedium involved.

Pressing matters



LAURASTAR MAGICSS

£799

Another eye-watering price tag, but then you are investing in a masterpiece of modern technology, and it's from the A-Lister favourite shop. The movement of the iron controls the steam, it knows when you're pushing forward and increases the amount of steam produced, it has an automatic cable rewind mechanism and looks like a machine to be taken very seriously.

www.harrods.com



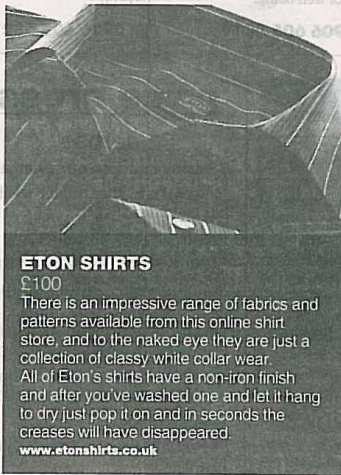
MORPHY RICHARDS PRECISE STEAM

£39.99

Making manual ironing just a little easier the Morphy Richards machine has four settings on the dial, you just match the dot on the iron with the one on your garment care label and it'll adjust to the correct steam level and perfect heat.

No holes, no burns and no shine.

www.morphyrichards.com



ETON SHIRTS

£100

There is an impressive range of fabrics and patterns available from this online shirt store, and to the naked eye they are just a collection of classy white collar wear.

All of Eton's shirts have a non-iron finish and after you've washed one and let it hang to dry just pop it on and in seconds the creases will have disappeared.

www.etonshirts.co.uk

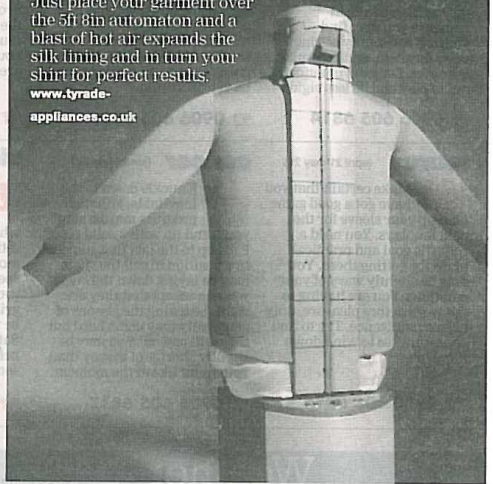
SIEMENS DRESSMAN

£1,058.95

This futuristic machine is now available to all, this de-crease machine uses the power of hot air and a parachute silk lining to smooth shirts in about eight seconds.

Just place your garment over the 5ft 8in automaton and a blast of hot air expands the silk lining and in turn your shirt for perfect results.

www.tyrad-appliances.co.uk



IRONMAN

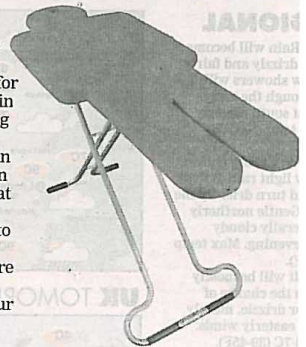
£99.95

The unique shape of the Ironman has helped it claim number one spot for both form and function in the international ironing board championships.

It is shaped in the human form and therefore it can de-crease our clothes that little bit better, and just happens to look good into the bargain.

A range of four covers are available if you still haven't grown out of your dressing up stage.

www.firebox.com



RUSSELL HOBBS DIGITAL IRON

£49.99

One of the world's first digital irons, this machine has a microprocessor on board and that was enough to impress me.

Turns out there is much more to it, this apparently helps it maintain an even temperature and beeps when it's reached. This iron is also a powerhouse at vertical teaming, so you can run it over suits that you've dropped on the floor or straighten up those curtains.

www.russellhobbs.com

