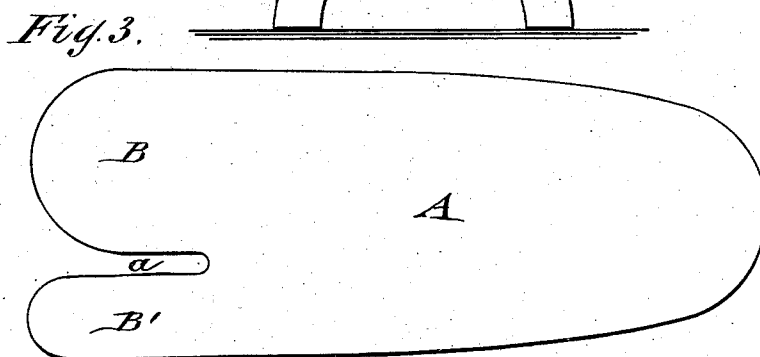
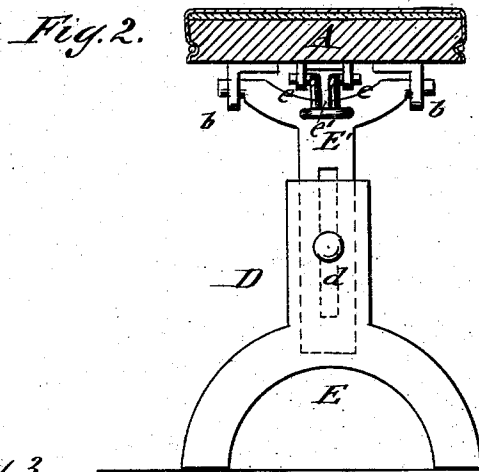
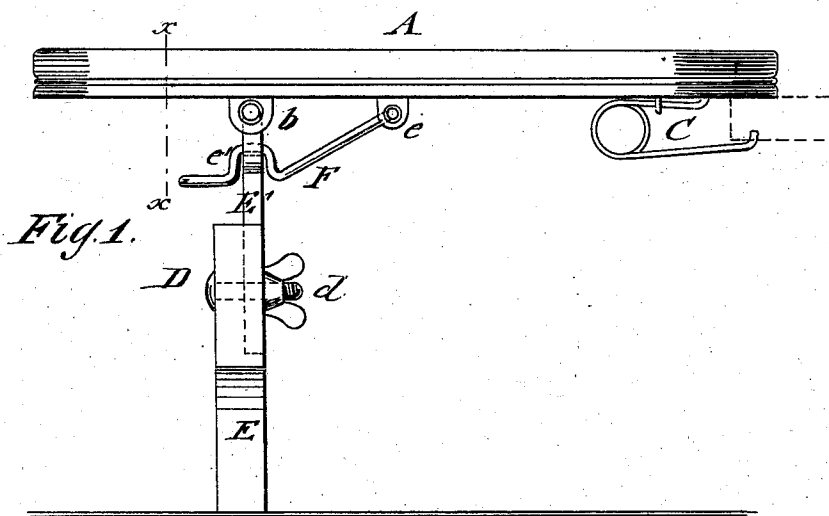


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IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, FRANCIS H. YOUNG and JOHN S. SHELDON, of Stanhope, in the county of Morris and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification :

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side view; Fig. 2, an end view, partly in vertical transverse section, on line *x x*, Fig. 1, and Fig. 3; a top view of our improved ironing-board.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention relates to an improved ironing-board on which shirts and other articles may be ironed with great facility, the board being readily stored away after use, and taking up but a small space.

The invention consists of an ironing-board whose front end is recessed to form a larger board for the bosoms and a smaller board for the sleeves, the front part being supported by a hinged adjustable leg and locking-brace that fold to the board after use.

In the drawing, A represents an ironing-board of the usual size, with rounded-off ends, which is divided at the front part by a longitudinal recess, *a*, into two smaller boards, of which the wider board B serves for the purpose of ironing bosoms, while the other narrower board B' serves for ironing shirt-sleeves, the main part of the board serving in the customary manner for ironing the other clothes.

The board A is preferably covered with heavy paper or pasteboard, which is again covered with calico or a woollen fabric, so as to keep the heat in the board and facilitate the ironing and smoothing of all kinds of goods thereon.

The covering is secured to the board by means of a fastening-wire that extends around the board, being laid into a circumferential groove in the edge of the board and fastened thereto at the ends. In this manner tags may be dispensed with, and the board readily covered again when the old cover is worn out.

The ironing-board A is attached at the rear end by a steel spring-clamp, C, which is secured to the board either to a table, chair,

window-sill, or other support; the spring-clamp being bent at the free end into hook-shape for catching into a hole bored at the under side of table, or to the top of a chair, so as to be retained steadily in position thereon.

The front part of the board is supported on an adjustable leg, D, that may be raised or lowered to any desired height. The leg is formed of two sections, E E', the lower socket section resting on outwardly-spread legs, while the upper section E' is hinged by curved arms with end pivots to perforated ears or lugs *b* at the under side of the board. The main piece of the upper section E' is slotted and guided in a recess of the lower section E, to be adjusted therein and fastened rigidly thereto by a screw-bolt and thumb-nut, *d*.

A hinged brace, F, is applied to ears *e* of the board back of the leg D, and seated by a curved part, *e'*, on the central part of the upper leg-section, so as to retain the same rigidly in position on the board. The front part of brace F is extended forward and made of ring-shape, for the purpose of being used as a rest or support for the flat-iron when both hands are temporarily required for arranging the clothes on the board.

When the brace is released from the upper leg-section the leg may be readily swung up to the board, and thus the entire board stored away in folded state, taking up but a small space, and being instantly put up again for use with convenience and ease.

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

1. An ironing-board divided by a longitudinal recess or slot at the front end into a wider and a narrower supplementary board for ironing bosoms and sleeves, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The leg-holding brace, bent to bind on the upper leg-section, and having an enlarged front end or rest for the flat-iron, substantially as described.

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