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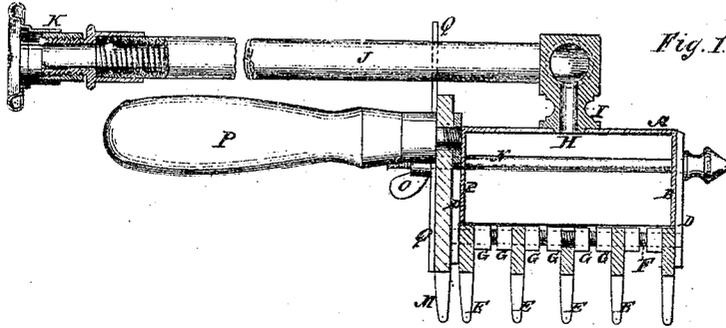


Fig. 1.

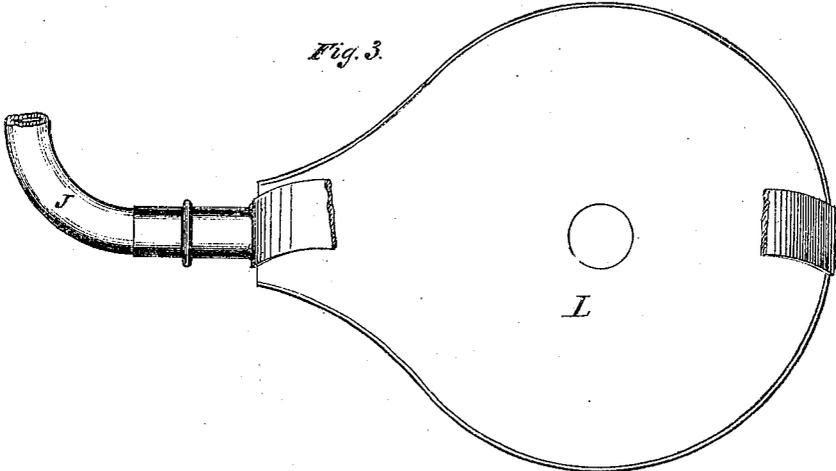


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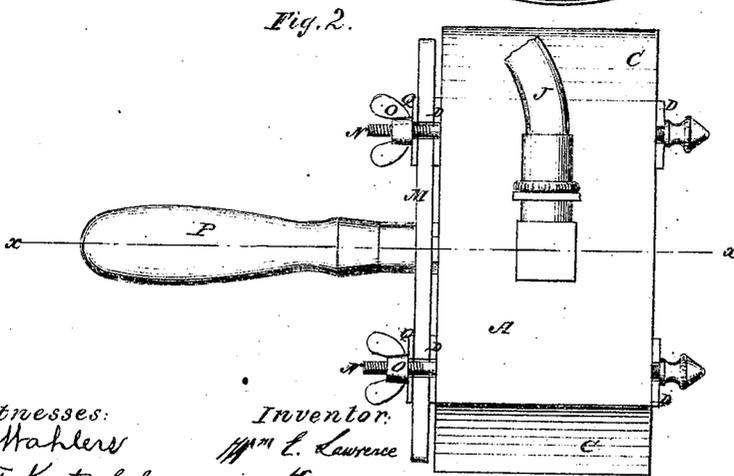


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHAN JACOB MÄRKI, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

My invention relates to an ironing-board provided at one end with a pair of folding supporting-legs and a folding support for the hot irons.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my board with the legs extended and the support for the irons adjusted for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the under side of the board with the legs and iron support folded, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the under side of the board with the legs extended, showing the manner in which the legs are fastened.

In using ironing-boards as heretofore constructed, which consisted merely of a flat board of proper shape, it has been customary to support them on the backs of two chairs, or with one end on a table or window-sill and the other on a chair, and to place the hot iron, when not in use, on a plate or block laid loosely upon the board. When thus supported the board was very easily displaced and thrown upon the floor, thus causing great annoyance, soiling the clothes, and endangering the person of the operator by throwing the hot iron down. When ironing skirts and similar articles, which require to be slipped onto or around the board, the latter was especially liable to be overturned when its end was raised to slip the skirt on.

The object of my invention is to produce a board having rigid supporting-legs at one end, so that the opposite end may be raised or moved without danger of the board falling, and so also that the end without legs will, when rested on a chair, sill, or table, have no tendency to slide off therefrom, the said legs being so arranged as to fold up when the board is not in use.

In the drawing, A represents the body or board proper, and B a pair of legs hinged

transversely to the under side of the same, near one end, so that they may be either folded against the board or turned out at right angles thereto, as desired. To the under side of the board, behind the legs B, is hinged a block or brace, C, having an arm or neck, *a*, which has a hole, *b*, through its end, as shown in Fig. 2, the said block being so arranged that, like the legs, it may be folded against the board or turned outward. The two legs B are connected rigidly together, and have a slot, *c*, made through between them, as shown in Fig. 2. If, now, the block C is turned up on edge and then the legs B turned outward the tongue or arm *a* of the block will protrude through the slot *c* of the legs, so that by passing a key or wedge, *e*, through the hole *b* the legs will be firmly and rigidly locked in position, so that, when placed on the floor, they will support the end of the board A.

In using the board the end without legs may be rested on any convenient support—as a chair or table—and, as the legs are rigid, there will be no danger of the board slipping off.

To the under side of the board, near one end, a perforated metal plate, D, is pivoted, so that when the board is in use it may be turned outward to form a shelf or rest for the iron.

When the board is to be placed away the key is withdrawn, the legs B and block C folded down, and the plate D turned around under the board. When thus closed my board takes up little more room than the ordinary board.

It is obvious that any other suitable device may be substituted for the block C to brace or hold the legs B.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

An ironing-board consisting of the body A, having the hinged legs B with the locking devices C *d*, or their equivalents, applied thereto, substantially as described.

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