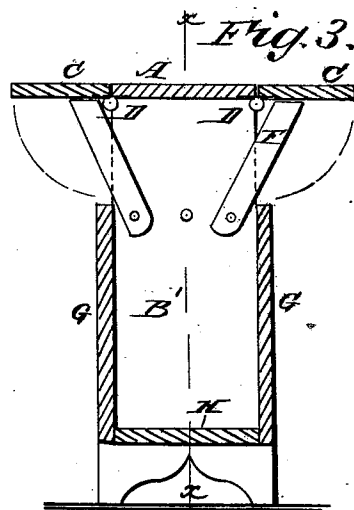
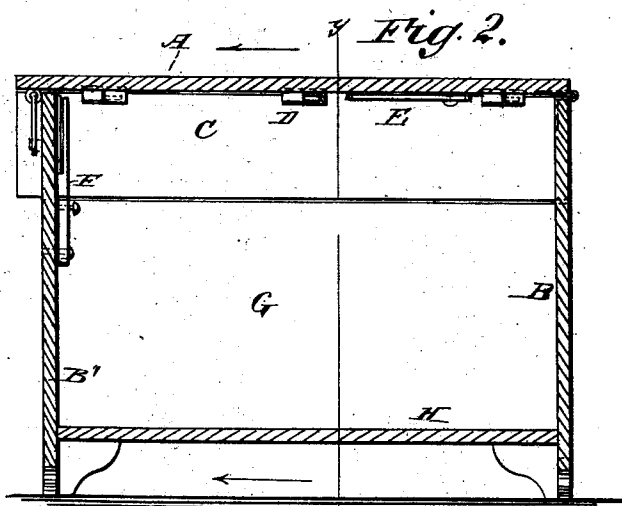
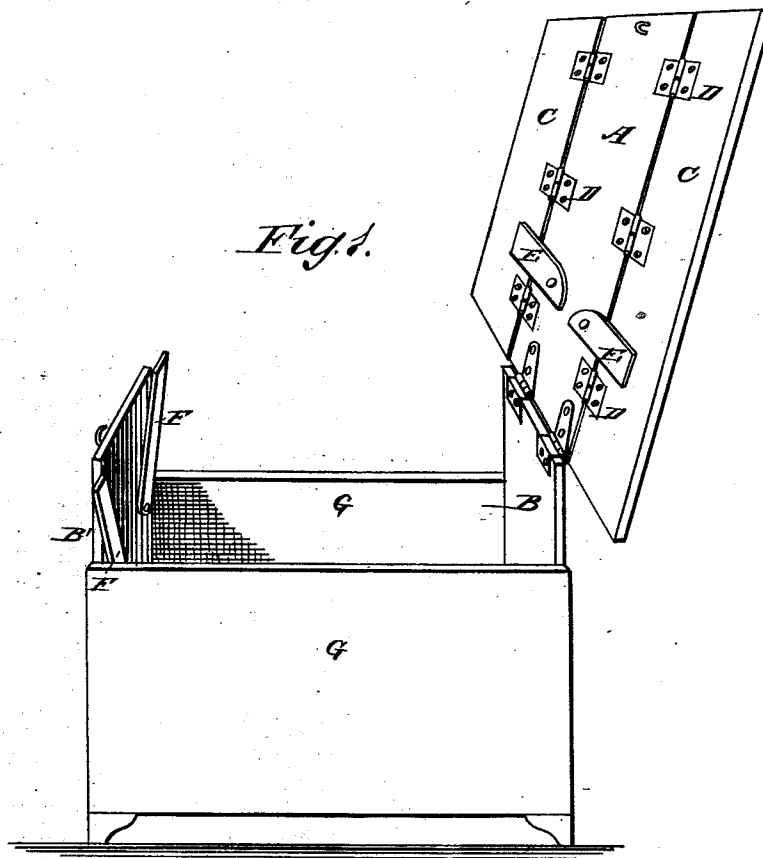


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SKIRT-IRONING BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, MARY H. BALDWIN, of Hamlin, in the county of Frio and State of Texas, have invented a new and Improved Skirt-Ironing Board, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved skirt-ironing board which is simple in construction and convenient in use, and can be adapted for ironing other articles.

The invention consists in an ironing-board provided with hinged detachable leaves and with devices for holding said leaves open, which board is hinged or pivoted to the end piece of a frame, the lower part of which forms a box to receive that part of the article that hangs down, while the rest is being ironed, thus protecting it from dust and dirt and keeping it moist.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved skirt-ironing board, showing the ironing-board and the leaves raised. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 3, showing the ironing-board resting on its supports and the leaves lowered. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional elevation of the same on the line *y y*, Fig. 2, showing the leaves raised. Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The ironing-board A is pivoted or hinged at one of its transverse edges to one of the standards B of a supporting-frame, and has a leaf, C, pivoted to each longitudinal edge by means of the hinges D D, which are so arranged that the leaves can be separated from the board A by drawing the pins of the hinges out of their corresponding sockets.

Two or more arms, E E, are pivoted to the lower side of the ironing-board A, to support the leaves C C when the same are raised.

Two arms, F F, are pivoted to the standard B', opposite the one to which the board A is pivoted, also for supporting the leaves C C.

The board A and the leaves C C are preferably made slightly longer than the distance from the standard B to B', so as to project beyond the standard B', thereby admitting of getting a better hold in raising or lowering said board or leaves.

The standards B B' are connected by the vertical boards G G and the horizontal board H, forming a box below the board A, the sides of which box do not reach up to the board, but only to the outer edges of the leaves C C when the same are folded down; or the said box may be made of slats or strips instead of boards.

The within-described ironing-board is used as follows: If ordinary articles are to be ironed, the leaves C C are raised and are supported by the arms E E and F F, thus giving a broad and solid ironing-surface; but if skirts, gowns, wrappers, &c., are to be ironed, the leaves C C are removed, the board A is raised and passed through the skirt, which is suspended from the said board, and the suspended part is placed into the box below the board. In this box it is protected from dirt or dust, remains moist, and the ironed parts will not be creased or broken. The skirt is raised out of the box on one side, is ironed on the board, and is passed into the box again on the other side, and when completely ironed the board A is drawn out.

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

The combination, with a box, G, having a standard, B', provided with pivoted arms F, of an ironing-board, A, hinged to the standard B, having a detachably-hinged leaf, C, on each side, and provided with subjacent arms E, as shown and described.

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