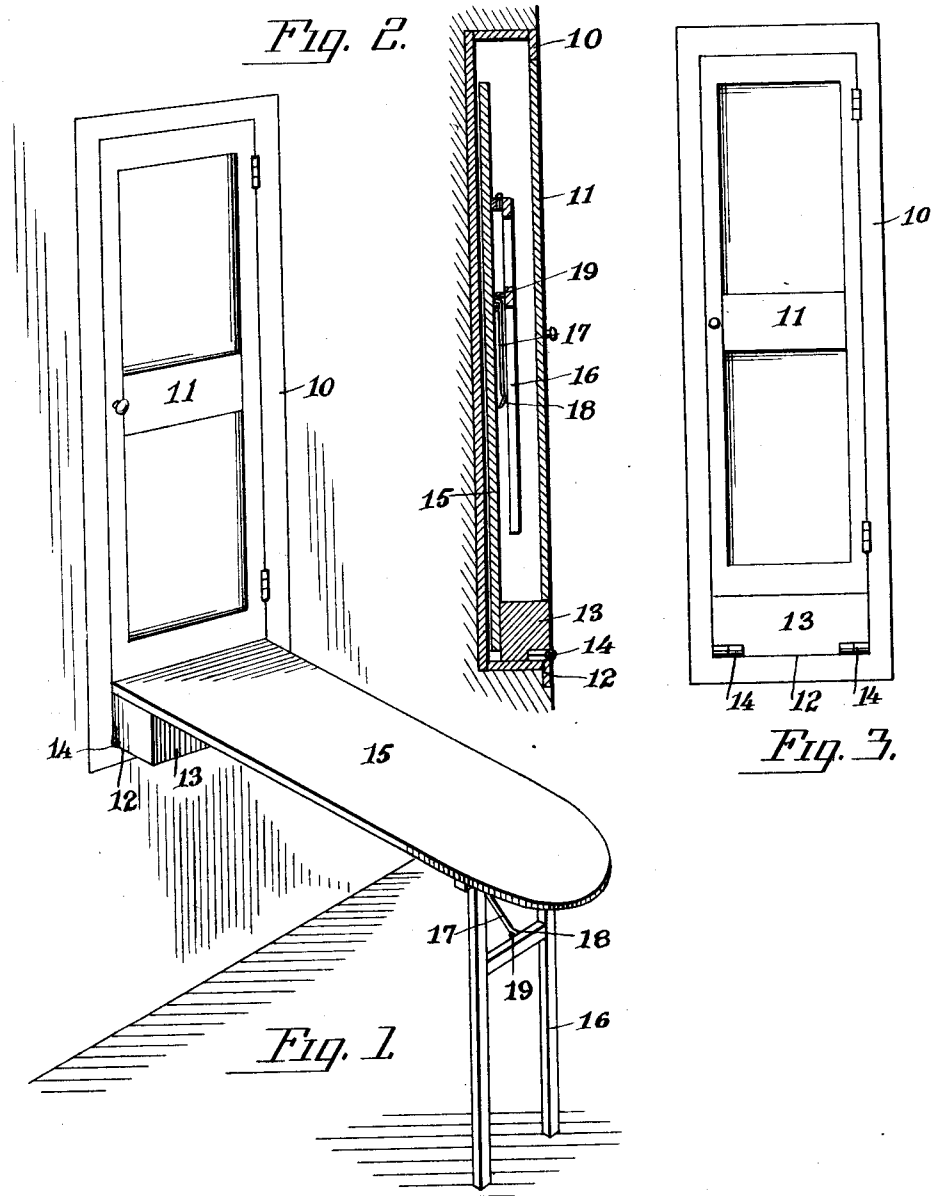


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IRA W. BOWMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vancouver, in the county of Clarke and State of Washington, have invented new and useful Improvements in Foldable Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

An object of the invention is to provide an ironing board, which when not in use can be folded within a cabinet arranged in the wall of a room, the door of the cabinet being movable into closed position to close the cabinet when the ironing board is in operative position.

The invention embodies among other features a device which will present a neat and effective appearance in the kitchen and in which the ironing board when not in use can be moved within a cabinet, preferably built in the wall of the kitchen, one of the supporting members of the ironing board constituting a closure for the cabinet and forming a portion of the front of the cabinet when the ironing board is mounted within the cabinet.

In the further disclosure of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings constituting a part of this specification, in which the characters of reference denoting corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the ironing board in operative position, the door of the cabinet being closed. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view showing the ironing board folded within the cabinet, the door of the cabinet being closed. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the cabinet after the ironing board has been folded therein and the door moved into a closed position, one of the supporting members of the ironing board being shown as constituting a closure for the cabinet.

Referring more particularly to the views I employ a cabinet 10, preferably built in a wall of the kitchen so that the front edges of the cabinet will be flush with the wall, a door 11 being arranged to swing upon the cabinet 10 with the lower edge of the door spaced a distance from the lower edge of the cabinet. Mounted to swing on the base 12 of the cabinet 10 is a supporting block 13, the mentioned block being preferably mounted on hinges 14, connected to the block and to the base 12 of the cabinet, and the mentioned block being so arranged that when the

block is moved into innermost position the outer face of the block will be in the plane of the door 11, thus constituting a closure for the cabinet.

Secured to the inner side of the block 13 is an ironing board 15, the said board being normally positioned within the cabinet 10 and movable to swing with the block 13 as will be hereinafter more fully disclosed. Mounted to swing on the outer or under face of the ironing board 15 is a supporting bar 16, a brace 17 being mounted to swing on the ironing board 15 having the free end thereof terminating in a hook 18 adapted to engage a pin 19, secured to the supporting bar 16.

Assuming that the ironing board, together with the supporting bar 16 and brace 17 is mounted or folded within the cabinet 10, the door 11 being in closed position with the outer face of the block 13 constituting a continuation of the door and forming a closure for the cabinet, when it is desired to use the ironing board, the door 11 is first swung into open position after which the ironing board 15 is swung outwardly from the cabinet to assume a horizontal position, it being understood that the ironing board, secured to the block 13 will swing with the block, the said block constituting a support for the end of the ironing board. When the ironing board is swung into horizontal position as mentioned, the supporting bar 16 will swing outwardly to assume a vertical position and the brace 17 is then adjusted with the hook end of the brace engaging the pin 19 to rigidly retain the supporting bar 16 in vertical position to properly support the ironing board in horizontal position. When the ironing board has been swung into horizontal position as mentioned the door 11 can be closed and the entire structure will now present a neat and effective appearance, the ironing board being at this time in operative position.

When it is desired to move the ironing board into inoperative position the brace 17 is disengaged from the pin 19 and the ironing board, together with the supporting bar 16 and the brace 17 is swung upwardly and within the cabinet 10, the door 11 having been previously moved into open position to permit of folding the ironing board within the cabinet. When this has been accomplished the door is moved into closed position and the structure will appear as shown

in Fig. 3, the outer or under side of the block 13 forming a continuation of the door 11 and acting as a closure for the cabinet in continuation with the door.

5 I claim:

In combination with a cabinet having a door mounted to swing thereon a supporting block mounted to swing on the cabinet and having a side thereof adapted to normally
10 lie in the plane of the said door and form a continuation thereof, an ironing board secured to the said supporting block and mov-

able therewith, and a supporting bar mounted to swing on the said ironing board for supporting an end of the ironing board 15 when the same is moved into extended position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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