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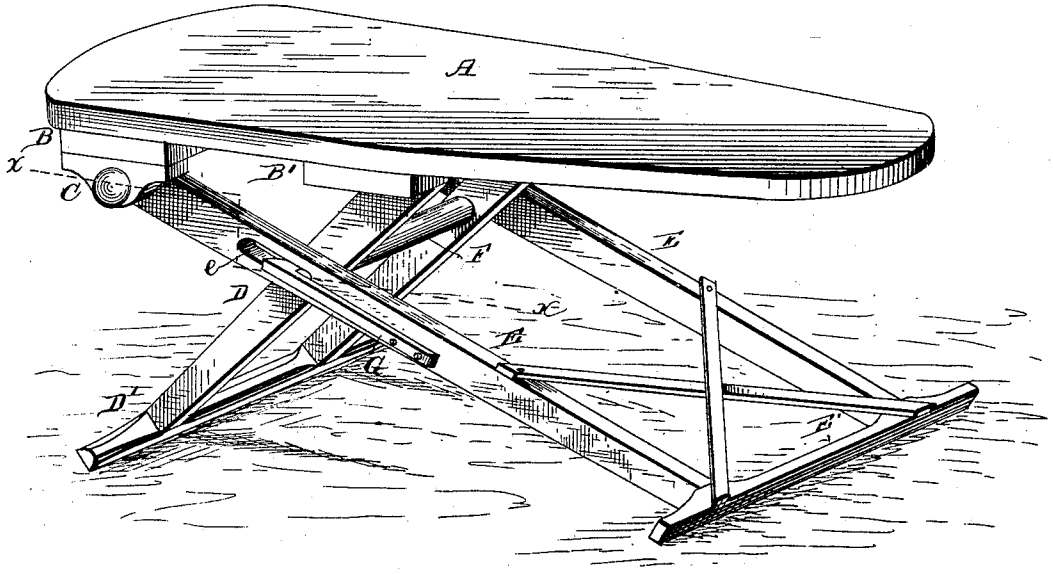
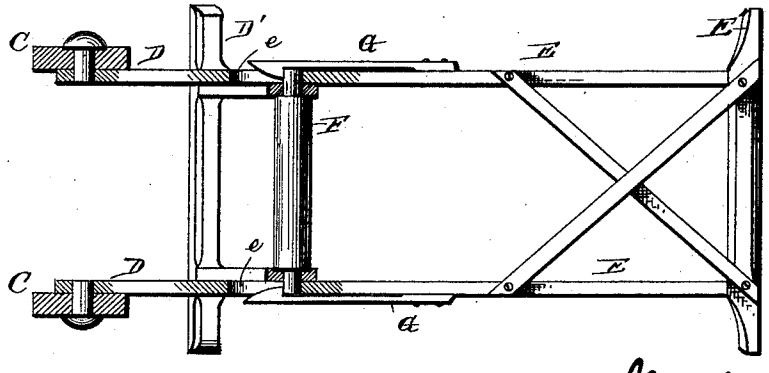


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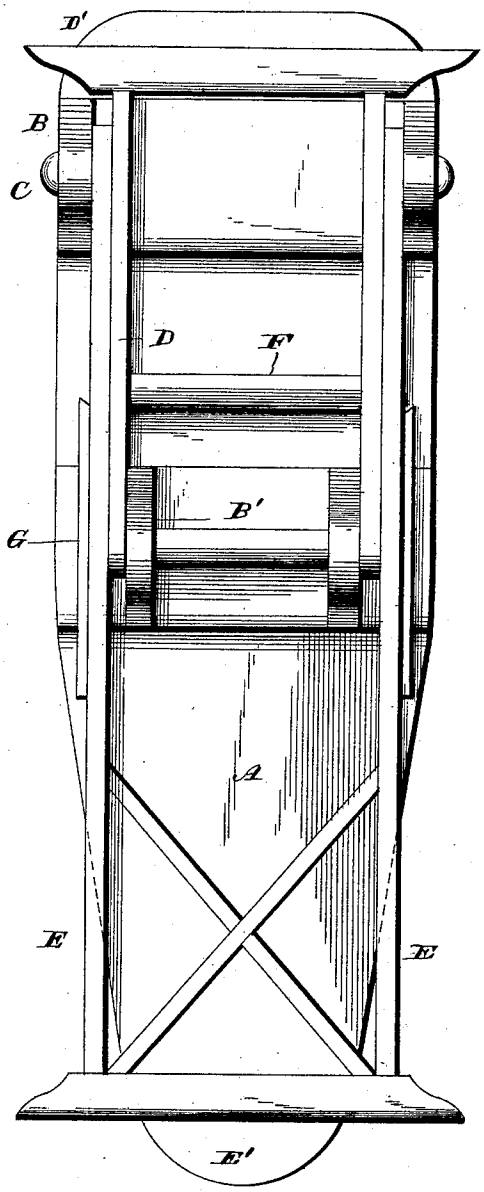
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. SCHENCK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Brookfield, in the county of Linn and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in ironing-boards, the object of the same being to provide a means for holding the legs of the ironing-board apart when it is desired to use said board; and my invention consists in the construction and combination of the parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line *x x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an inverted plan showing the legs folded against the table.

A represents the top of an ironing-board, which is of ordinary construction, and is provided with transvere battens B and B′, said battens being provided with similar depending perforated ears, C, to which the legs D and E are pivotally attached. The depending ears C are attached at the outer ends of the batten B, while the ears to which the ends of the legs D are pivoted are nearer to the center, said legs being pivoted to the outer side of said ears.

The legs D D are pivotally attached at their upper ends to the depending ear which is secured to the batten B′, and the lower ends are attached to each other by the cross-piece D′, and at a suitable intermediate point these legs D D are provided with a cross-bar, F, the ends of which project beyond the sides of the legs, said ends entering a longitudinal slot, *e*, in the legs E E.

The legs E E are pivotally connected to the depending ears C, and their lower ends are connected to each other by a cross-piece, E′, and suitable brace-rods, as shown. Each of the legs E E are provided with spring-catches G, which are attached to the outer edges of the legs by means of suitable fastening devices, the upper or opposite ends of said spring-catches being provided with notches which will engage with the ends of the cross-bar F, which projects into the slot *e*. The notched ends of the spring-catches G are beveled, and are of such a size that they will lie within the slot *e*.

When it is desired to place the ironing-board in a position for use, the legs are brought in position, as shown in Fig. 1, which will cause the ends of the cross-bar F to force the spring-catches outwardly, and when the ends of said cross-bar pass under the beveled portion of said spring-catches the spring-catches will move inwardly, so as to engage with the reduced portion which passes through the slots *e*, thus holding the legs in a position shown in Fig. 1, and preventing them folding against the ironing-board until the catches are moved out of engagement with the cross-bar F.

The device hereinbefore described is cheap and simple in construction, and provides an effective means for holding the legs in a proper position.

I claim—

In an ironing-board, the combination of the pivoted legs D and E, cross-bar F, attached to the legs D and projecting therefrom so as to enter the slots *e e* in the legs E, and spring-catches adapted to engage with said cross-bar, the parts organized substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

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

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