(No Model.)

J. W. SMALLEY.

IRONING BOARD.

No. 298,422. Patented May 13, 1884.

Fig. 1.

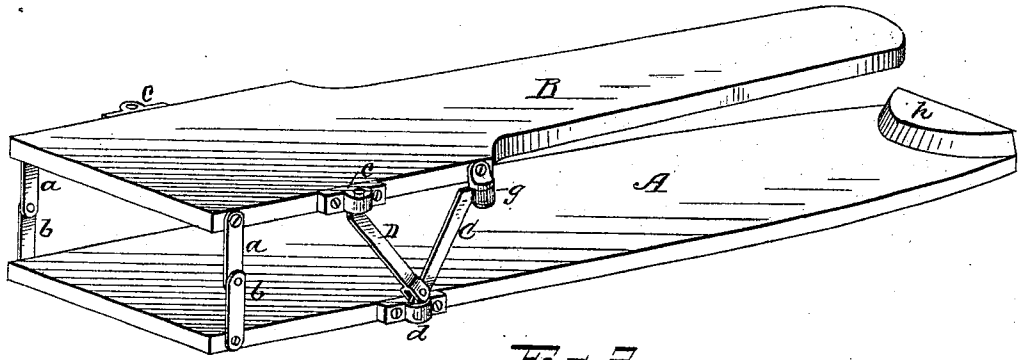


Fig. 2.

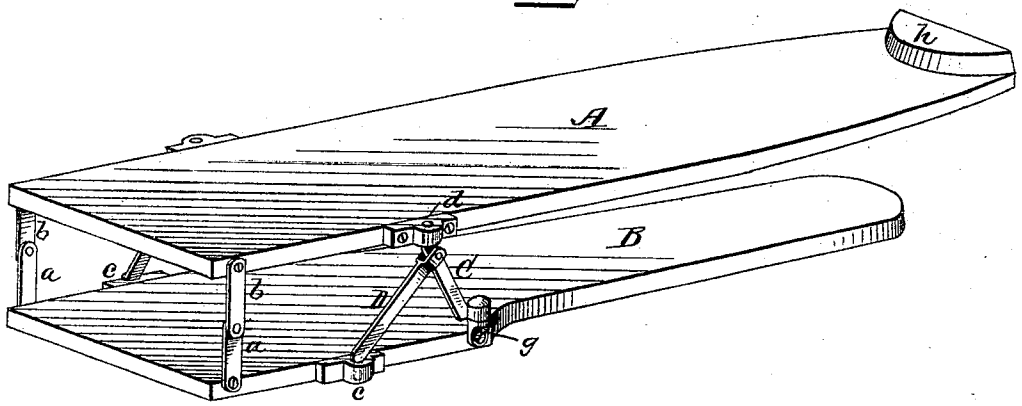
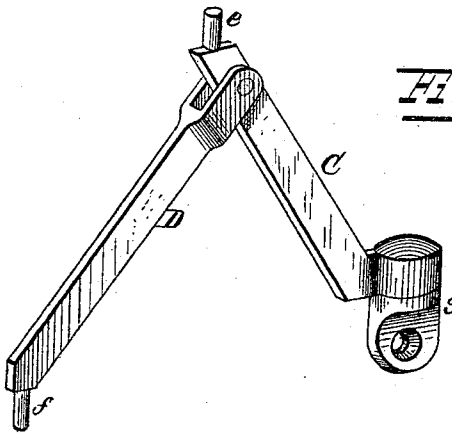


Fig. 3.



WITNESSES

F. L. Durand.

N. E. Oliphant,

INVENTOR

John W. Smalley,

per Chas. H. Fowler

Attorney

N. PETERS, Photo-Lithographer, Washington, D. C.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOHN W. SMALLEY, OF PITTSFIELD, MAINE.

IRONING-BOARD.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 298,422, dated May 13, 1884.

Application filed December 28, 1883. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. SMALLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsfield, in the county of Somerset and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of my improved ironing-board; Fig. 2, a similar view in a reversed position; and Fig. 3, a detail view of one of the brackets, on an enlarged scale.

The present invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in ironing-boards; and the object thereof is to provide a simple and effective device that can be used for ironing skirts, dresses, shirts, and all other classes of wearing-apparel without the necessity of having a special ironing-table or providing the boards with legs or other similar attachments for supporting the board above the floor, so that the garment may be placed in position over the board without being doubled. These objects I attain by the construction, substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, A B represent two boards of such shape as to adapt them to the uses intended, and are connected together at their forward ends by links *a b*, pivoted together and to the side edges of the boards. The board A has upon each side thereof eyes *d*, and the board B eyes *e*, which receive, respectively, pins *e f* upon the arms C D. These arms C D form together a bracket, one of such brackets being upon each side of the boards, to support and hold the upper one of said boards a suitable distance above the lower one. The arms C D are pivoted together, and the former, at one end, is suitably pivoted to a lug, *g*, suitably connected to the board B.

When the device is required for ironing skirts, dresses, or other similar articles of wearing-apparel, the boards are brought in position, as shown in Fig. 1, the lower board resting on an ordinary table or other suitable support, thus enabling the garment to be placed in position for ironing, one fold thereof being between the two boards and the opposite fold resting on the upper portion of the board. When a press-board is required, the device is simply turned over to bring the board A uppermost, such board being found very useful in making coats, pants, vests, cloaks, and dresses, or any garment where seams are required to be pressed.

In Fig. 2 the device is ready for use as a bosom-board, which I obtain by first lifting the board B off of its supports and swinging it around upon the opposite side of the board A, after which the arm D of each bracket is disconnected from the eyes *c*, and the brackets, being permanently and pivotally connected to the lugs *g*, are enabled to be swung around in a reverse position to that shown in Fig. 1, and thereby form a support for the board A, as shown. In this position the board A can be used as a bosom-board; and for this purpose a circular or semicircular bearing-block, *h*, is provided, which is suitably connected to the end thereof. The edge of the block *h* forms a bearing, against which the neckband of the shirt is placed, said block being beveled to correspond with the shirt-band to be ironed. The block *h* also answers the purpose of a strengthening-cleat for the end of the board A, to prevent it from splitting or warping.

The boards, when not required for use, may be folded against each other, thus making the device very compact and easily handled in transporting it from place to place.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Two ironing-boards connected together by suitable links pivoted to each other and to the boards, said boards having connected to their sides eye-plates, in combination with brackets consisting of two arms pivoted together, and having at their ends suitable pins to engage with the eye-plates, said brackets being permanently swiveled or pivoted to one of the boards, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

JOHN W. SMALLEY.

Witnesses:

ALONZO H. BURSE,

FREEMAN WHITE.