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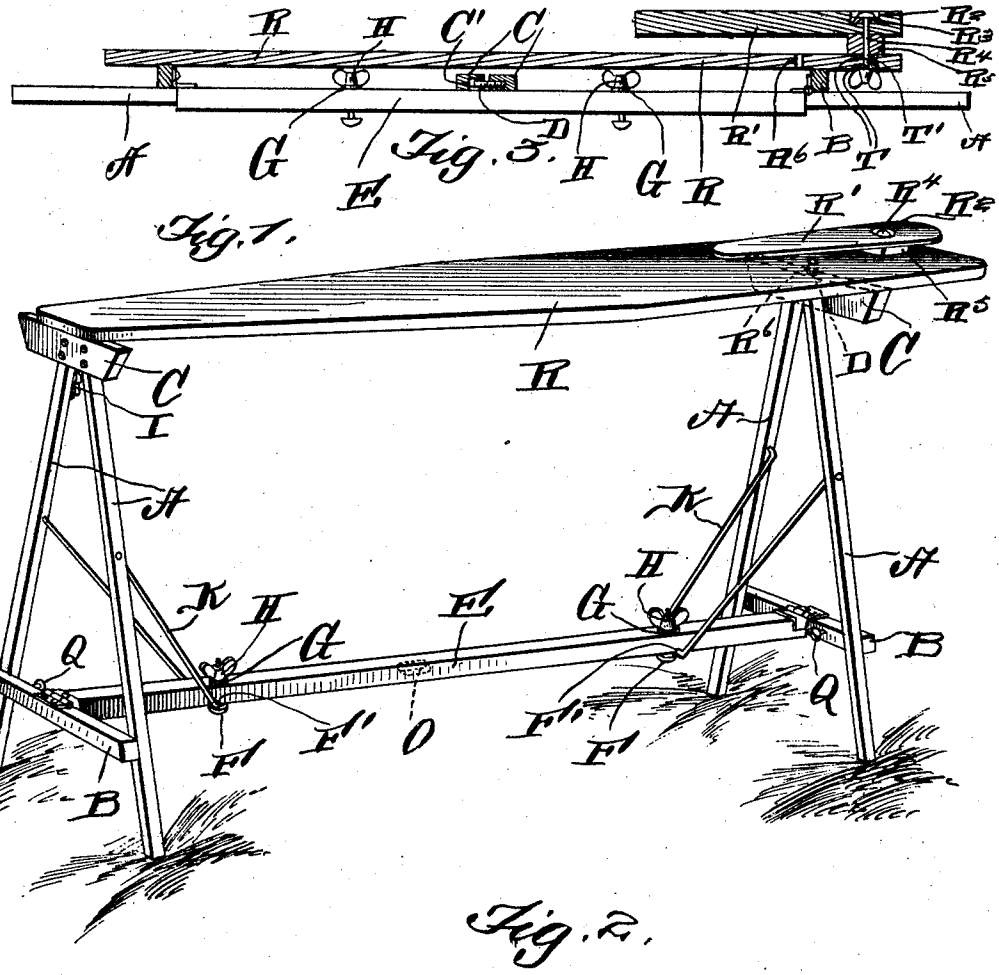

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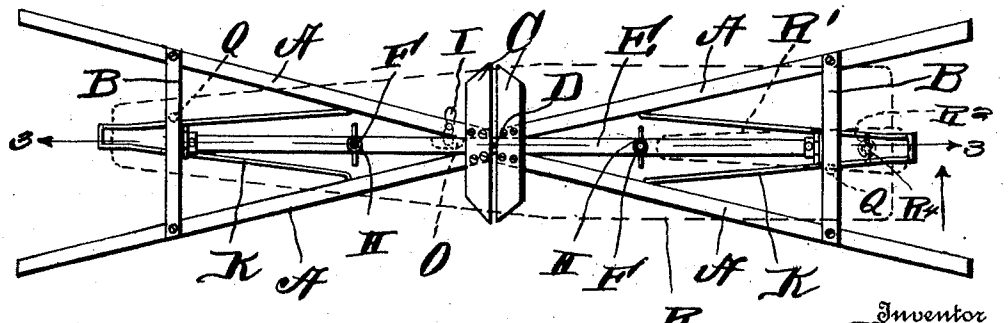

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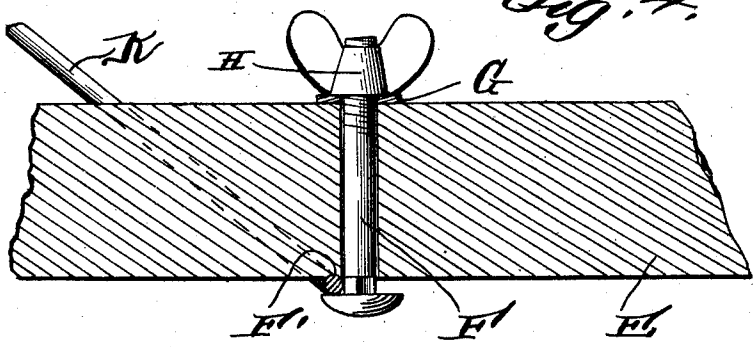

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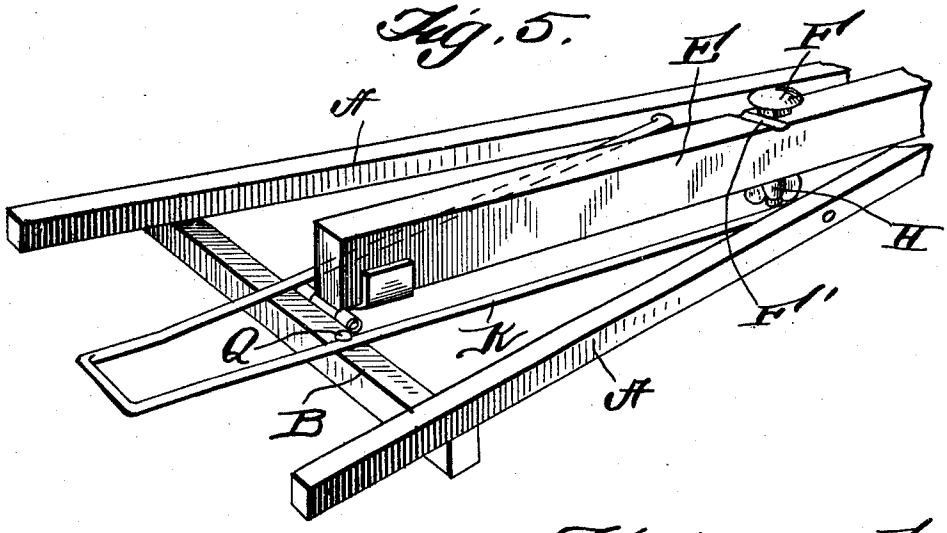

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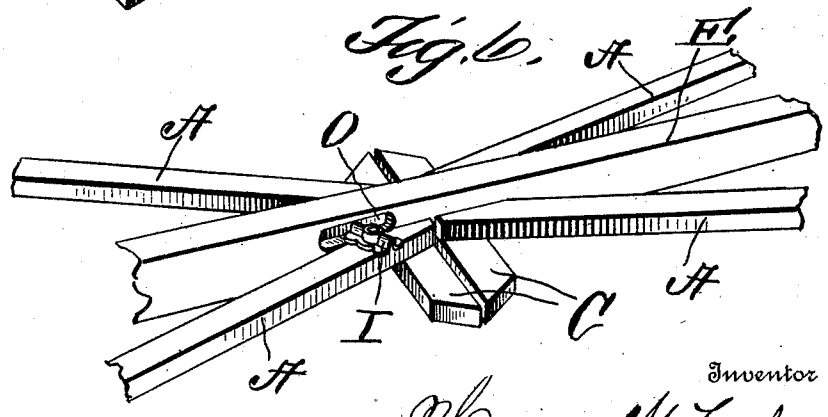

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. FUNK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hagerstown, in the county of Washington and State of Maryland, 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 the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in folding ironing tables and comprises a simple and efficient device of this nature which, when folded, will occupy a small space.

The invention comprises various details of construction and combination and arrangements of parts which will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the table open for use. Fig. 2 is a top plan view showing the table folded. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view showing the manner of holding the braces when they are in operative position. Fig. 5 is a detail view showing the position occupied by the braces when folded, and Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the standards in folded position.

Reference now being had to the details of the drawings by letter, A, A designate the standards or legs of the table which, in the present instance, are made of two pieces fastened together by cross-pieces B at their lower ends and at their open upper ends spaced apart and fastened to the cross-pieces C from one of which rises a pin D. Hinged to the cross-pieces B is a strip E having bolts F passing through vertical apertures therein, and G designate washers upon said bolts and upon the threaded end of each bolt is a winged nut H. When the standards or legs are folded, the piece E is adapted to rest between the upper ends of the pieces forming the legs, as shown clearly in Figs. 2 and 6 of the drawings. One of the cross-pieces C is provided with a recessed portion C′ adapted to receive said pin when the standards or legs are folded. A button I is pivotally mounted upon one of the legs and is adapted to be turned so that one end thereof will enter a slot O formed in the piece E for the purpose of holding one standard in a locked position while the recessed end of one leg engaged by the pin D will hold the other leg folded.

Bail-shaped braces, designated by letter K, have their ends pivotally mounted in the legs as shown and, when the device is folded, said bail-shaped braces are adapted to be engaged by headed screws Q mounted upon the cross-pieces B.

The table, designated by letter R, is provided with a bosom board R′ apertured at R^2 for the reception of a washer R^3 countersunken therein, and R^4 designates a headed bolt passing through a central aperture in said washer and also through the apertured washers T countersunken in the opposite faces of the board R about an aperture T′ adapted to receive the shank portion of the bolt. A block R^5 is interposed between the table top and the bosom board and is apertured for the reception of said bolt R^4, thus holding the bosom board spaced a slight distance above and parallel to the table.

When the table is set up for use, the bail-shaped ends of the braces are caught underneath the heads of the bolts F, the bails engaging the grooves F′ formed transversely in the under edge of the strip E and after which the nuts upon said bolts are tightened, thus clamping and securely holding the bails. The pin D engages an aperture R^6 in the table top and securely holds the same upon the cross-pieces C. When the table is folded, the standards are held from lateral movement by the strip E engaging between the legs of the standards while the standards are held from swinging upon their hinges by means of the button and the pin engaging the recess in one of the cross-pieces C, as will be readily understood.

What I claim to be new is:—

A folding ironing table having legs, each made up of two bars in inclined relation to each other and spaced apart, cross-pieces connecting the bars of the legs, a strip with a recess and pivotally connected to said cross-pieces, cross-pieces fastened to the ends of the legs and adapted to limit the swinging movements of the legs when folded, a table top supported by said legs, a pin pro-

jecting from one of said last mentioned cross-pieces, the other cross-piece at the end of a leg being recessed to receive said pin, and a button upon one of said legs and adapted to engage the recess in the strip connecting said legs.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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