

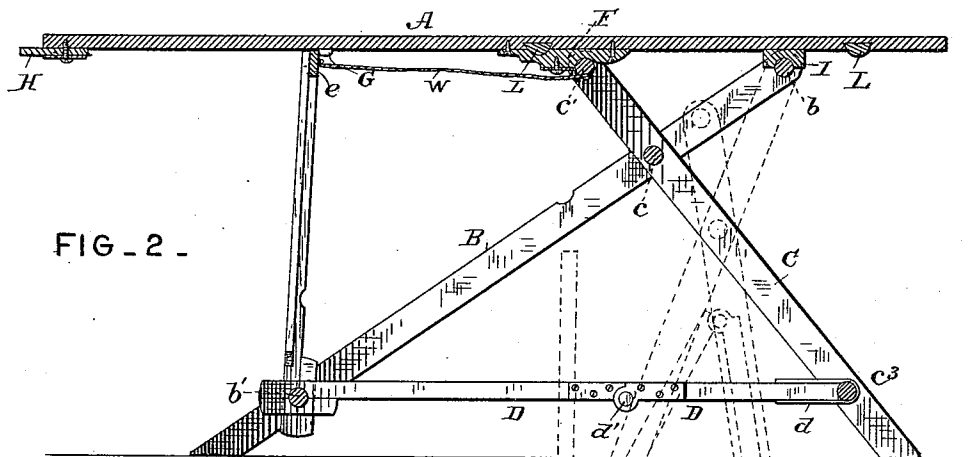
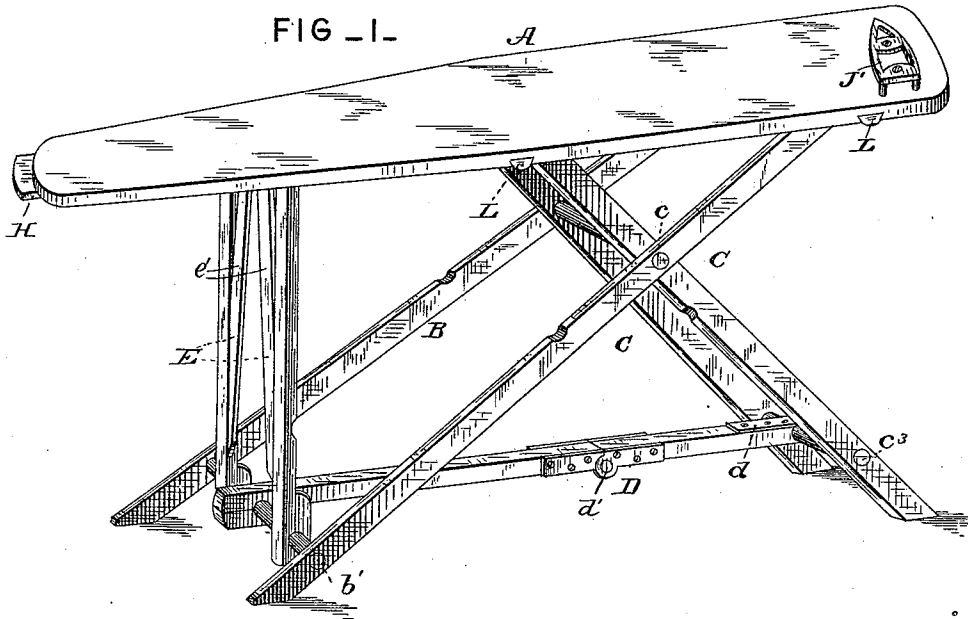
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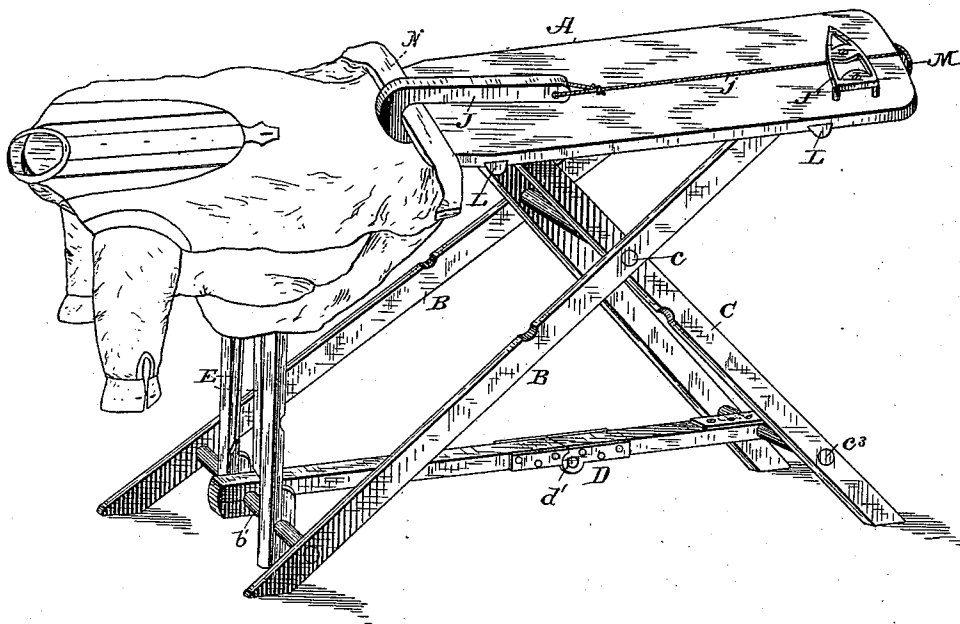
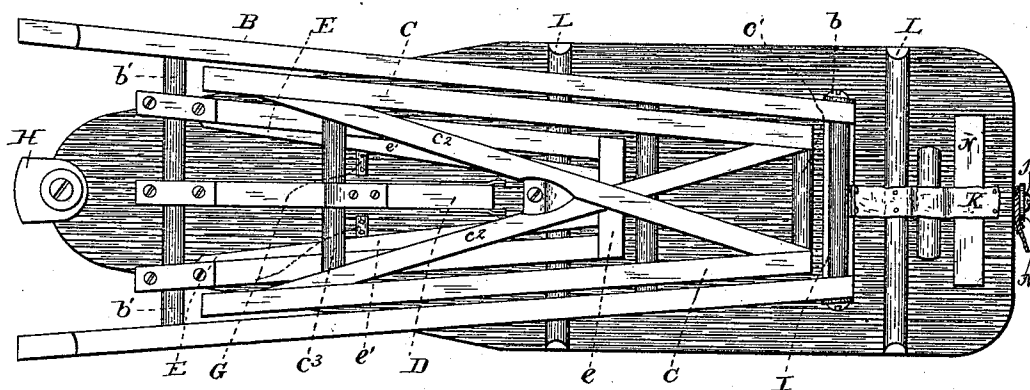


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## IRONING-TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN SHULL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Findlay, in the county of Hancock and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an ironing-table having folding supports; and it consists in certain features of novelty to be hereinafter described, and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved ironing-table. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof, showing the supports in dotted lines ready to be folded against the under side of the table. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the table, showing a shirt fixed thereon in position for being ironed. Fig. 4 is an under side view showing the device folded.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the ironing-board, and B and C represent a pair of legs or supports, respectively, the legs C being constructed to fold within the legs B. Legs B are pivoted to the board A, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, through the medium of a block I, secured on the underside of the board near one end by suitable means, and which receives the screws *b* in each end, which screws pass through the upper ends of the legs. The legs C are pivoted near their upper ends to the legs B on a round cross-bar *c*. A round cross-bar *c'* at the upper ends of the legs C is received by a recessed block F about midway of the board, and this block constitutes a stop to hold the top of the legs in position. Braces *c<sup>2</sup>* connect the legs C. The lower ends of these legs are connected by a round cross-bar *c<sup>3</sup>*, having a reduced portion around which is passed loosely a strap *d*, secured to one end of a stretcher D, the other end of the latter being pivoted at the reduced portion of a round cross-bar *b'*, near the lower ends of the legs B. This stretcher is provided with a rule-joint *d'* to permit it to fold when the legs are folded. Near each end of this cross-bar *b'* is pivoted at reduced portions thereof a strut E, these struts being connected at their

upper ends by a bar *e*. When the legs are spread out, the upper ends of the struts E drop behind two cleats G on the under side of the board for supporting the end opposite the block I to which legs B are pivoted. The struts E are braced by two braces *e'* and fold within the legs C. The upper ends of the struts are connected to the upper ends of the legs C by means of a cord W. These devices constitute the supports for the board.

I will now describe the board and its attachments. The board is preferably four feet eight inches long and twenty inches wide for about half its length. This wide portion affords a wide surface for ironing large articles. From the center to the end the board gradually tapers to about ten inches in width to permit shirts and various other articles to be placed over the same for ironing single thickness. Cleats L are dovetailed into recesses extending across the under side of the board or top to prevent the same from warping, and they allow the top to swell and shrink without affecting the joints. Two are shown; but it is evident that there may be more.

Secured to the under side of the small end of the board or top is a pivoted button H, which, when turned to project beyond the end, prevents the shirt from passing back too far by buttoning the band of the shirt and passing it under the button, as shown in Fig. 3.

For stretching and holding the shirt, I provide a hook J, the inoperative end of which is secured by means of a cord *j* to a projection or screw *j'*, having a collar or washer M, and around which screw or projection the cord may be wound. The hook is made to engage the tail of the shirt and a strip N, around which a portion of the tail is wound. This holds the shirts in place in such a manner that their fronts may be ironed perfectly and with great ease.

J' is the rest for the iron. An elastic strap K is secured on the under side of the board, affording a receptacle for the hook J, the strip N, and the iron-holder.

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

1. A table consisting of a top having a stop, a pair of legs pivoted thereto, another pair of legs pivoted to said legs and the upper ends

of which engage said stop, and a stretcher fixed at each end, connecting the lower ends of the legs and having a hinged joint intermediate of its ends, substantially as set forth.

5 2. In a table, the combination of the top, crossed supporting-legs pivotally connected to each other and to the table, a jointed stretcher connecting the lower ends of the legs, and a strut pivotally connected with the  
10 legs, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In combination with an ironing-board having means for securing one end of an article being ironed, an attachment for holding  
15 the other end of the article, consisting of a strip around which this end of the article is wrapped, a shiftable or freely-moving hook

for engaging said strip between its ends, and means for securing the end of the hook to the board, substantially as set forth. 20

4. In combination with an ironing-board having means for securing one end of an article being ironed, an attachment for holding the other end of the article, consisting of a  
25 strip around which this end of the article is wrapped, a hook for engaging said strip, a cord connected with said hook, and a projection on the end of the board to which the end of the cord may be secured, substantially as set forth.

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