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Improvement in Ironing Boards.

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Fig 1.

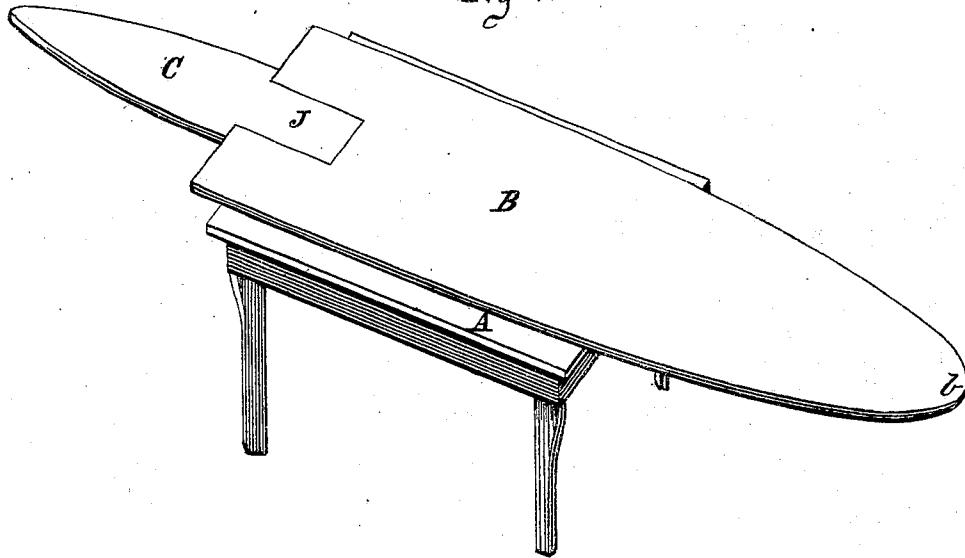


Fig 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-BOARDS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 124,275, dated March 5, 1872:

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. LANE, a resident of the city of Battle Creek, in the county of Calhoun and State of Michigan, have invented certain Improvements in Ironing-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the ironing-board as secured ready for use to an ordinary table. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the under side of the ironing-board detached.

Like letters of reference indicate like parts in both figures.

My invention is an ironing-board, consisting of a main portion for general use, and an extension for special purposes, and transverse strengthening cleats attached to the main board, provided with fastening devices for holding the board to a table, from which its ends project, all as hereinafter more fully described.

A represents the top of an ordinary table, divested of its leaves, and B the main ironing-board, temporarily secured thereon ready for use. I usually make the board B from sixteen to eighteen inches in width, and of such length as will allow it to project past the end of the table a sufficient distance to permit skirts, dresses, shirt-bosoms, &c., to be ironed on the overhanging part, which is gradually narrowed by a curved line on either side, as shown, to the rounded point at *b*, and the board is secured from moving endwise on the table, and is also prevented from warping by the two cleats *E E'*, having a thickness about equal to that of the top of the table. These cleats

should be fastened at a right angle across the under side of the ironing-board at such distance apart that their inner edges will fit snugly over the ends of the table-top on which the board is to be used, so that it cannot be moved endwise. To secure the board down to the face of the table, so that it cannot be tilted by pressure on the overhanging ends, I attach to the cleat *E* two fixed lip bars, *F F*, to overlap the under side of the table and form a lock, and to secure the board down to the other end of the table I employ one or more of the turn-buttons *G*.

To adapt the ironing-board *B* to general pressing work I provide a narrow ironing and press-board to project beyond the opposite end of the table, as shown at *C*, for pressing or ironing sleeves, pantaloons, &c.; but, to save lumber in the construction, and room when not needed for use, I usually make the board *C* detachable by furnishing it with a dovetail stem, *J*, which slides in a corresponding slot in the board *B*; but should a groove be employed in place of a slot, dovetailing will be unnecessary.

I claim as my invention—

An ironing-board, *B b G*, provided with transverse cleats *E E'*, to prevent warping, and devices, substantially as shown at *F F G*, for holding the board securely to a table, the parts being constructed in the manner described and so arranged that, when in place on a table, the board will project therefrom as shown, for the purposes specified.

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