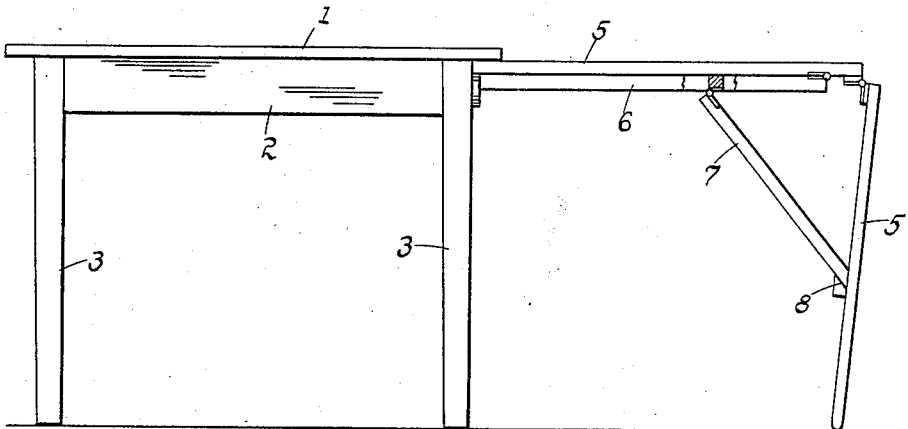
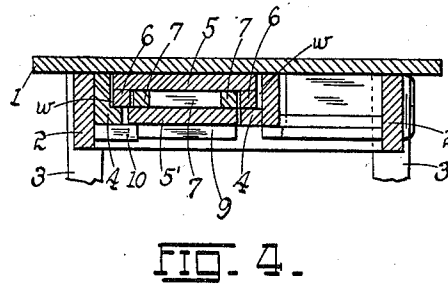
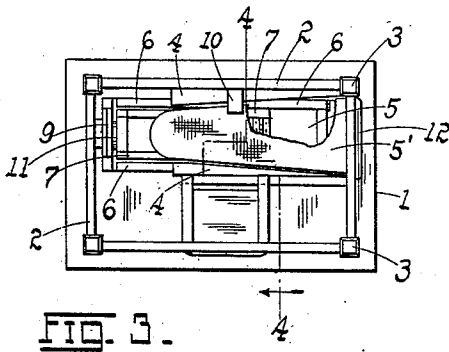
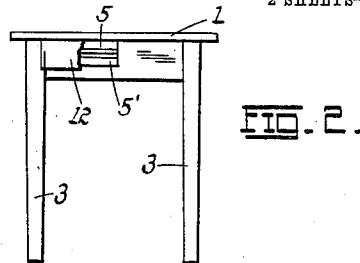
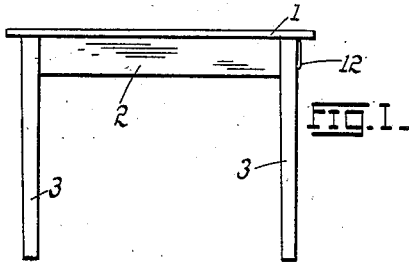


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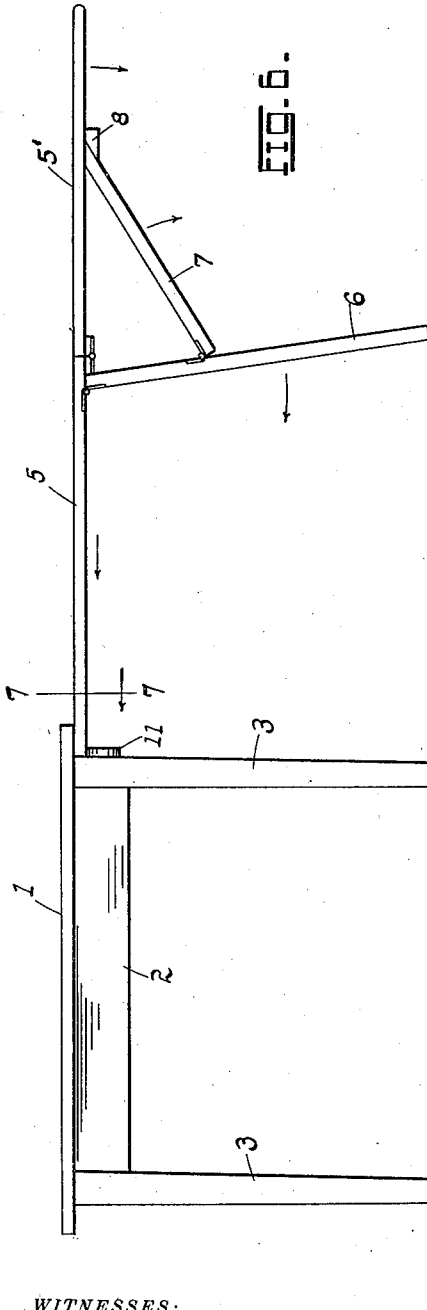


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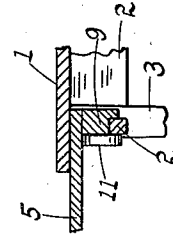


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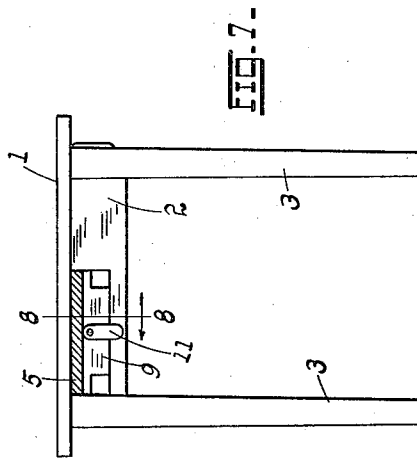


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODOR WOLF, citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Board Attachments for Kitchen-Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention has relation to improvements in ironing-board attachments for tables; and it consists in the novel details of construction more fully set forth in the specification and pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a kitchen table, with my attachment folded and pushed under the table-top; Fig. 2 is an end elevation with the panel closing the opening through which the attachment operates, partly broken; Fig. 3 is a bottom plan of the table with attachment folded under the table-top; Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3, with the table righted; Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the table, with the ironing-board pulled out and partially unfolded, showing one section of the board in service; Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5 with ironing board fully unfolded and showing both sections in service; Fig. 7 is a transverse vertical section on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6; and Fig. 8 is a longitudinal vertical sectional detail on the line 8—8 of Fig. 7.

The object of my invention is to provide a kitchen table with an ironing-board attachment which may be extended out from the table when in service, or folded and shoved under the table-top when not needed. The attachment herein is simple, easily manipulated, containing a minimum number of parts, and possessing further and other advantages better apparent from a detailed description of the invention which is as follows:—

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the table-top, 2 the usual frame, and 3 the legs of the table. Disposed along the bottom face of the top 1 are strips 4, 4, forming grooves or ways *w* for the reception of the folded ironing-board, the said board comprising an inner sliding section or member 5, and an outer hinged extension 5',

which may either serve as a prop for the inner section when only one section of the board is utilized (Fig. 5), or may serve as an extension therefor when both sections are used (Fig. 6). Hinged to the section 5 at a point adjacent to the hinge axis of the member 5', and foldable against the section 5, is a U-shaped member 6 which serves as a prop for the extended board, the section 5' being foldable against the member 6. Hinged between the sides of the member 6 at a point removed a suitable distance from the hinge axis of said member is a frame 7 (foldable against the section 5) the free end of which is adapted to engage a block or lug 8 on the bottom face of the extension 5', whether the latter is serving as a prop for the member 5, or whether it be serving as an unfolded extension therefor. The frame 7 therefore serves as a brace or strut for the member 5', the position of the block 8 being obviously such as to fall within the frame 7 when the several parts are folded or collapsed preparatory to being shoved out of the way under the table top 1. The height of the grooves *w*, *w*, formed by the strips 4 is sufficient to accommodate the combined thicknesses of the members 5, 6 (the member 7 fitting inside the member 6) when folded, so that the folded board may be shoved under the table-top when not in service. The inner end of the member 5 is provided with a cross-piece 9 for arresting its outward movement from the table, the said cross-piece striking the frame 2 below the opening through which the board operates in the frame.

The operation is clear from the foregoing description:—By pulling out the member 5 until arrested by the cross-piece 9 striking the frame 2, and then dropping the member 5' to the floor, a short ironing board will be formed (Fig. 5), the member 5 being supported at one end by the table, and at the opposite end by the extension 5' which thus serves as a prop. To prevent the prop from accidentally collapsing, the strut member 7 is swung out so as to engage the locking block or shoulder 8, the frame 6 remaining folded against the member or slide 5. Should it be desired however, to utilize both sections 5, 5', of the ironing board, the section 5' is swung into continuity with the section 5, and the frame 6 is swung

down so as to engage the floor, whereupon said member 6 serves as a prop for the extension 5' (Fig. 6). In thus extending the board the relation between the parts 5', 7, 6 is not disturbed, that relation being permanent while the parts 5' and 6 are separated by the strut 7. For it is obvious that if we drop the extended member 5' from its horizontal position to a position where its free end will engage the floor, the frame 6 will simply fold against the member 5 (compare Figs. 5 and 6) and we then have the short board as compared with the full length board where the member 5' is swung out to its extended position. When the several parts are collapsed they may be shoved as a unit under the table-top, the extension 5' freely sliding between the sides of the strips 4, 4, forming the grooves *w, w*, (for the reception of the folded members 5, 6) and being itself (together with the frame 7) kept from dropping by passing behind a block or guide-strip 10 projecting from the under side of one of the strips 4.

Features shown but not alluded to are well known in the art and require no description in the present connection. To prevent the attachment from being accidentally pushed under the table-top when in service, I provide the outer face of the cross-piece 9 with a pivoted latch 11 which may be turned so as to engage the frame 2 below the opening through which the board passes. When the attachment is folded and pushed back under the table-top, the open-

ing may be closed by a removable panel 12 so as to present a neat appearance.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:—

In combination with a table-top and frame therefor, suitable grooved guide strips disposed along the bottom of the table, a sliding member forming an inner ironing-board section operating in the grooves of the guide-strips, an open member serving as a prop hinged to the sliding member adjacent the outer end of the latter and foldable against the same and jointly operating therewith in the grooves aforesaid, an extension hinged to the outer end of the sliding member and adapted to be unfolded in substantial continuity therewith and form an extension therefor or dropped to engage the floor with its free end, a frame hinged between the sides of the prop member and foldable against the sliding member, a projection on the inner face of the extension member adapted to be engaged by the free end of the last mentioned frame whereby said frame serves as a strut, and means on one of the guide-strips for holding the extension member in position when the parts are shoved out of the way under the table-top.

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

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