

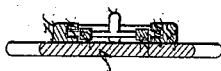
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*Ironing Table,*

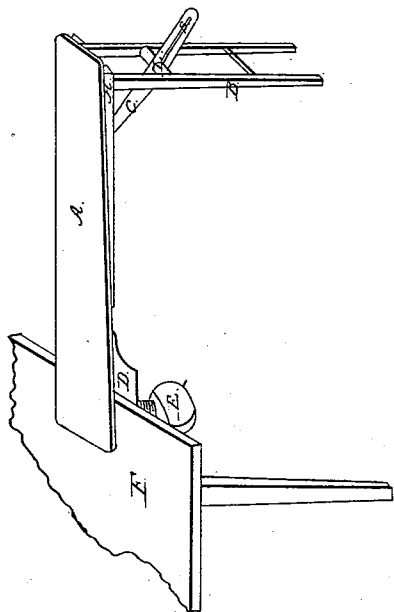
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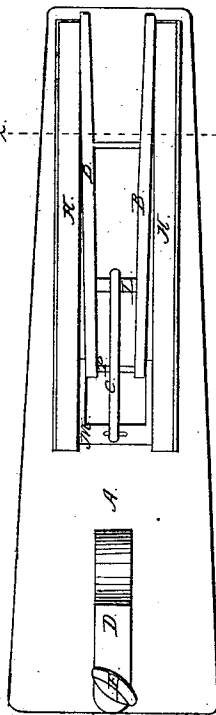
*Fig. 4.*



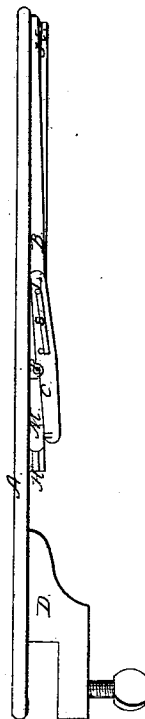
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVED IRONING TABLE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, M. D. SAFFORD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Skirt-Ironing Board; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

#### Nature.

The nature of my invention consists in the peculiar device in hanging the legs of a skirt-board so that the article to be ironed may be easily slipped upon or taken from the board.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and use.

#### Drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the skirt-board attached to a table.

Figure 2 is a plan of the board, bottom side up.

Figure 3 is a vertical longitudinal section.

Figure 4 is a section through *x y*.

In all the drawings A represents the ironing-board proper, made of any suitable and of any desired size and shape. Attached to the under side of the board is the bracket D, formed as shown in fig. 3, and provided with the thumb-screw E. The bracket D and thumb-screw E serve, in combination with the end of the board A, as a fastening, by means of which the whole may be attached to the table, as shown in fig. 1. H H are two cleats, attached to the under side of the ironing-board and provided with grooves, shown in section in fig. 4. M is a carriage, which is free to slide lengthwise of the board, and is held by the grooves in the cleats H H. B B are two legs which swing upon the pin P, and are connected by the pin P to the carriage M. L is a cross-bar connecting the two legs B B. C is a brace, attached by a hinge to the rear part of the carriage M, and is provided with a slot, *s*, figs. 1 and 3, through which the cross-bar L passes. The slot *s* is made as shown in fig. 3, so that when the legs are placed in proper position the brace C hangs down upon the cross-bar L, and thus firmly holds the legs.

To use my improved ironing-board, first attach it by the rear end to the table by means of the thumb-screw E, slide the carriage M, and fold up the legs in the positions shown in figs. 2 and 3, and slip the skirt on the board; take hold of the legs B B and pull them with the carriage M out to the end of the board; now bend down the legs in the proper position, as shown in fig. 1, and the brace C catching on the cross-bar L holds the edges firmly, and the board is ready for use. To remove the skirt, fold up the legs B B and push them with the carriage to the rear of the board, when the skirt can be removed without difficulty.

#### Claim.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination and arrangement of the carriage M, the legs B B, the brace C, and the grooved cleats H H, or their mechanical equivalent, made substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.
2. The combination of the bracket D, and thumb-screw E, with the table A, sliding legs B B, and the brace C, when the whole is constructed substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.

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