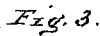


Combined Dining and Ironing-Tables.

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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED DINING AND IRONING TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN F. MARTIN, of the city of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Combined Dining and Ironing Tables, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to a class of improvements having for their object the adaptation of an ordinary two-winged dining-table for ironing purposes. The invention consists in the construction of the parts, so that the front wing forms an elevated spacious shelf over the open box of the table; in the manner of supporting the wing; in the construction of the uprights and drying-slats; and in the devices for supporting the ironing-board.

The accompanying drawings, with the letters of reference marked thereon and the following description, will enable any one skilled in the art to make and use my invention.

Figure 1 illustrates the position of the top and wings of the table, the supports and attachment of the ironing-board and drying-slats when used for ironing purposes; Fig. 2, the detachable bracket under the ironing-board, detached; Fig. 3, a suggested modification for the sliding supports F F'.

When the ironing-board and its supports and the drying-slats are detached, and the top and wings are laid down, the table represents an ordinary dining-table. The frame B C and the legs of the table do not differ from those of an ordinary winged table. D shows an ordinary supporting-bracket. F F' are sliding supports, either to hold up the wing A'' when the table is used as a dining-table, or when it is used for an ironing-table, to support the ironing-board G. The pillars or props P are set into holes in the frame of the table, and their upper ends enter the under side of the wing A'', which is elevated on the top A, which latter, with its attached wing A', is turned back to a vertical position, and the wing A'' at right angles, to form a spacious shelf over the box R of the table-frame C B, which is useful for various purposes. Ring-loops S are affixed to the under side of the top A, and when the top is in a vertical position will receive the ends of the upright M of the horizontal drying-slats N on each side of the ta-

ble. The detachable bracket H under the ironing-board G (shown detached in Fig. 2) has an iron face-plate on its upper edge, flush with the wood, projecting at L, and bent down at a right angle to embrace the slide-arm F' above, by fitting into a notch cut in the arm, (shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 1,) and is also provided with a turn-button, K, below, which is made to lock against the under side of the slide-arm. There is also a headed plate, I, attached to the bracket, which fits into a key-plate, attached to the under side of the ironing-board G, which plate has also a slot embracing the neck, to retain the board and to form a turning-pivot for the ironing-board. The ironing-board also has a peg at the other end on its under side, to fit into a hole on the upper edge of the sliding arm F to steady it, or prevent its turning on said headed pivot I. When it is desirable to slip a garment over the board, the short stout pin is easily lifted out, and the board turned freely on the pivot.

These several appliances are easily attached or detached, and can be deposited in the box of the table. I may mention that, if desirable to have the use of the side spaces E occupied by the sliding arms F F', outside arms F, Fig. 3, might be attached by a binding-screw, U, and notched out at f, to fit the side and front leg of the table, one on each side. These would answer to support the wing or the ironing-board, and come cheaper, but be less convenient.

I am aware that various devices are employed in combined dining and ironing tables; but I am not aware of any in which one of the wings forms a spacious shelf, and in which sliding arms or side brackets are attached to support the ironing-board, as well as the wing spread out for a dining-table; as also the manner of combining the drying-slats with an upright attached, as shown and specified. I however do not broadly claim any of the parts separately considered, but taken collectively, combined and constructed in the manner and for the purpose described and shown. Therefore,

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

1. In combination with an ordinary table-

top, A, the broad shelf A" and its supports P, substantially as for the purpose set forth.

2. The uprights M and slats N, constructed as described, in combination with the table-top A, in the manner specified.

3. In combination with the table-frame C B, the side slides or braces F F', bracket H, and

ironing-board G, all constructed and arranged as shown as described.

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