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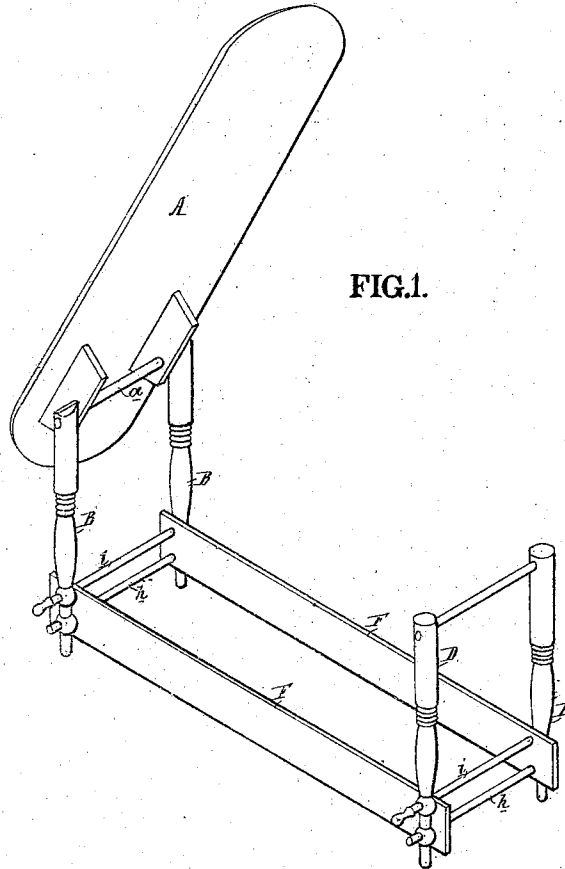


FIG. 1.

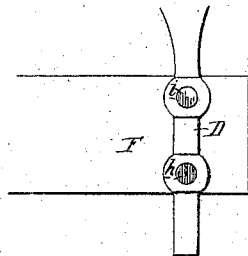
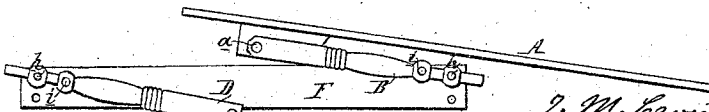


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FIG. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-TABLES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 133,304, dated November 26, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB M. CROUTHAMAL, of the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Ironing-Table, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is an ironing-table capable of being folded into a small compass when not required for use, and having, when erected, a self-supporting frame of such rigid character as to permit the ironing-board or table-top to be freely lifted from the same at one end for the proper adjustment upon the said board of such tubular articles as shirts, pillow-cases, &c.

I accomplish this object by, in the first place, so hinging the ironing-board A at one end to the transverse connecting-rods *a* of the legs B B of the frame that the said board may be lifted, as shown in the perspective view, Fig. 1, from the opposite legs D D, which simply support its weight, no fastenings being necessary; and, in the second place, by connecting the said legs B and D together by longitudinal braces F of such width as to permit the passage through them and the legs of permanent and detachable pins *h* and *i*, which rigidly secure the whole frame together and render it self-supporting independently of the ironing-board. By withdrawing the detachable pins *i* the lower pins *h* are converted into hinges upon which the legs may be turned, as illustrated in the side view, Fig. 2, when it is desired to fold the table into a small compass, the board A in such case being also turned upon its hinges *a* until brought into a position parallel or thereabout with the braces F. The

braces F at their opposite ends are made of sufficient width to enable the pins *h* and *i* to be separated by a space of several inches, for the greater the distance between these pins the less will be the strain upon the same and the greater the rigidity of the frame.

It will be observed that the frame is of the most economical construction, the cross-braces for the two sets of legs being made to serve as hinges for the ironing-board and braces; and it will also be observed that by this peculiar construction I am enabled to dispense with the metal hinges commonly used for folding tables, which, leaving out the question of expense, are apt to become rusted and to soil the clothes placed upon the board, this being especially the case with such tubular articles as skirts, pillow-cases, shirts, &c., which require to be passed around the board after lifting the same at one end, and which are more apt, therefore, than flat articles—such as towels and handkerchiefs—to be brought in contact with the hinges and fastening devices.

I claim as my invention—

A folding ironing-table in which are combined a hinged board A, legs B and D, and braces F, secured at their opposite ends to the said legs by permanent and detachable pins *h* and *i*, all substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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