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Fig: 1

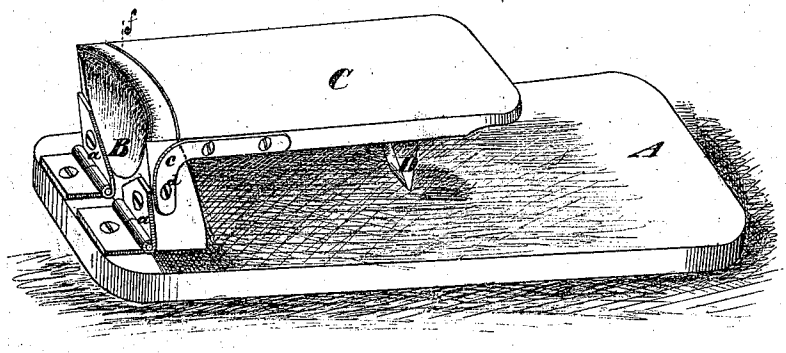
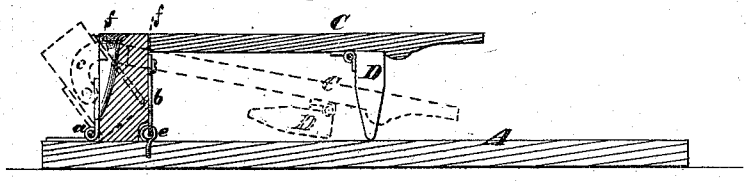


Fig: 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH HAMILL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists in the combination of a shirt-bosom board and a skirt-board so connected that the one constitutes a base for the other, and with a hinged standard and prop, whereby the shirt or other garment to be ironed after having been slipped over the board can be so secured as to obviate all necessity for holding it by hand, and thereby greatly facilitate the operation of ironing it.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my combined bosom-board and skirt-board; and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, showing the skirt-board in two positions.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

A is the skirt-board, which is of the usual form, and has hinged to its upper side near one end a standard, B, by hinges *a a*, which are so constructed that by simply shifting it sidewise the said standard may be detached from the skirt-board. The standard B, by means of an attached hook, *b*, and an eye, *e*, on the skirt-board at the base of the standard, may be secured in place perpendicular to the skirt-board A, and it has the bosom-board C hinged to its forward side by side straps *c c* and pivots *d d* in such position that the upper side of said board, when in position for work, is flush with the upper edge of the standard. The free end of the bosom-board is supported by a prop, D, hinged to its under side. The bosom-board may be detached from the skirt-board by simply unfastening the hook-and-eye catch of its standard and shifting the latter sidewise to disconnect the hinges *a a*. The skirt-board may then be used in the ordinary manner. When the bosom-board has to be used, however, it is attached to the skirt-board by means of the hinges *a a* and hook-and-eye fastening, and the skirt-board forms a base for it. The shirt to be ironed is slipped over and the latter at its free end is depressed, and its standard is tipped back to make between them an opening, *f*, shown more particularly in dotted outline in Fig. 2. The collar of the shirt is inserted in this opening, and the standard B of the bosom-board is then tipped forward and the board itself raised. The prop D is then adjusted under its free end to retain it in this position—the shirt-collar being thereby griped between the board and standard and the shirt secured during the operation of ironing it, and thus, by leaving both hands free, facilitating the ironing.

Claim.

The combination and arrangement of the bosom-board C, standard B, and hinged prop D, with the skirt-board A, substantially as shown and described, for the purpose herein specified.

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