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Fig. 1.

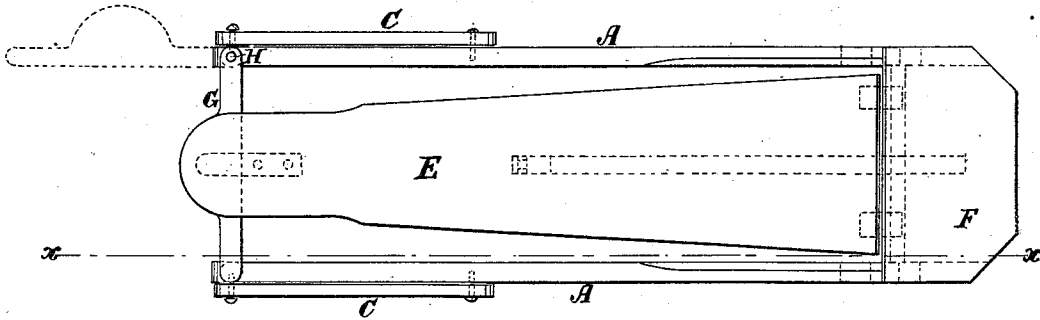
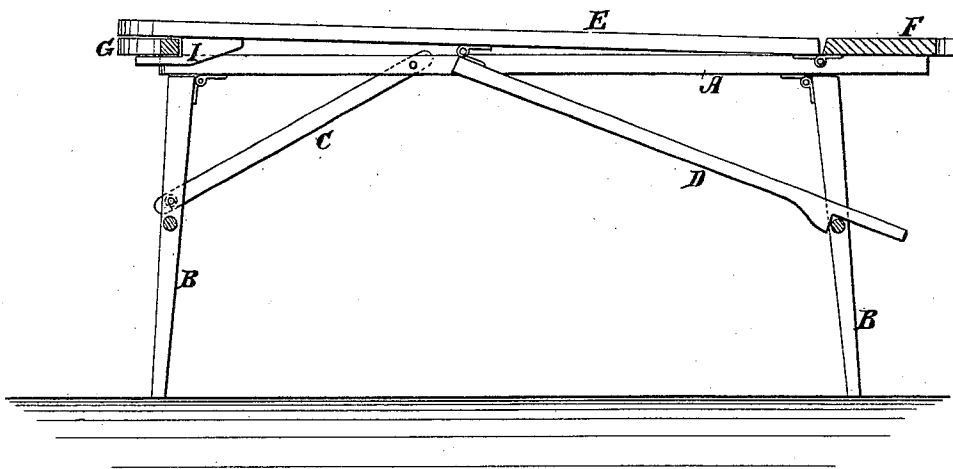


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER B. GROSH and SIMON H. FOREMAN, of Reading, in the county of Berks and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ironing-Table, of which the following is a specification:

The object of this invention is to furnish a table for ironing shirts, skirts, and other articles, which shall be convenient in use and not bulky to handle or transport; and it consists in a folding-table so constructed that the ironing board or leaf may be raised for putting on or taking off a shirt or skirt or other similar article, and the whole be made to fold together, so as to occupy but little space when not in use.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a top or plan view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of Fig. 1 taken on the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the frame of the table, to which are hinged the legs B, one near each of the four corners of the frame, so that, when the table is not in use, they will fold up in contact with the frame. When the table is in use, two of the legs are held in position by the braces C C. The other two are held in position by the brace D, which is hinged to the under side of the ironing-board, and engages with the cross-piece which connects the two legs, as seen in Fig. 2. E is the ironing-board, which is hinged to the stationary top F, so that its opposite end can be raised from the frame to allow the skirt to be slipped on for ironing. G is the end piece of the frame. This piece is pivoted

or hinged to the top of the frame at one end, as seen at H, so that it may swing out, as seen in dotted lines in Fig. 1. When it is closed its other end rests on the opposite rail of the frame, and it engages with the under side of the board by means of the cleat-hook I. The end piece thus supports the end of board, and holds it steady.

When the table is in use, the smoothing-iron may be placed on the stationary part F. When not in use, or for storage or transportation, the legs are folded up against the frame, thus reducing its bulk, and consequently the cost of transportation, which allows them to be manufactured at points where lumber is cheap, and be sent at trifling cost to distant parts of the country.

The brace D performs a twofold function. It supports the two legs, and also the end of the ironing-board when putting on or taking off a shirt. The board will also admit a sleeve at its end, so that the sleeve may be ironed with the body of the garment.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An ironing-table consisting of the frame A, hinged or folding legs B, braces C C and D, hinged ironing-board E, and movable supporting end piece G, combined and arranged to operate substantially as and for the purposes described.

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