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## IRONING-BOARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALTER W. LEMON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Collegeville, in the county of San Joaquin and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of domestic appliances termed "laundry implements" upon which clothes are ironed; and it consists in the combination and arrangement of certain parts, as hereinafter explained, and pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of my ironing-board, showing its various parts folded, as when out of service. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same mounted upon its legs and in the condition for use, and showing its smoothing-board B and shirt-board C elevated.

The ironing-board proper, A, is supported at its rear by legs D and at its front by legs E or by a table's edge. Legs D are hinged beneath the ironing-board A, so as to admit of their being folded closely thereto when not in service, button *d* holding them rigidly in an upright position when they are in service. Legs E, at their top, have a cross-cleat, which is inserted into a jaw at front of ironing-board A, formed by a cross-cleat, *a'*, attached beneath board A, and a longitudinal cleat, *a<sup>2</sup>*, attached beneath the cross-cleat *a'*, while a button, *a<sup>3</sup>*, pressing into the rear of the jaw, holds legs E firmly in position when they are used; or, if desired, legs E may be removed, and the jaw, as described, used to attach the front end of the board A in the same manner to the edge of a

table, the legs D of course still serving to support the rear end. The smoothing-board B is hinged to forward end of ironing-board A, and shirt-board C is hinged to forward end of board B, so as to admit of the independent use of either of the boards A, B, and C, as may be required.

When the board A is to be used the two boards B C are turned back out of the way, as shown in Fig. 2, and when the board B is to be used the board C alone is turned back. The board B is intended especially for ladies' skirts and all clothing of a tubular form. The board C is for ironing shirt-bosoms, and when in use both it and the board B are turned down upon the board A, as shown in Fig. 1.

A spring, *c*, is attached in front of board C and upon forward end of board B as a holder of a shirt when in process of being ironed upon board C. The forward end of the spring *c* bears upon the shoulder *e*, formed on the cleat to which board C is hinged, and is thus adapted to catch upon the shirt at or near the bottom of its bosom, so as to hold the bosom stretched while being ironed.

When not in use boards B and C are closed flat upon top of board A and legs D are folded upon its bottom and legs E are removed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the board A, board B, hinged upon its top, and board C, hinged upon the top of the board B, with the spring *c*, secured to the board B, and adapted to be used in connection with the board C, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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