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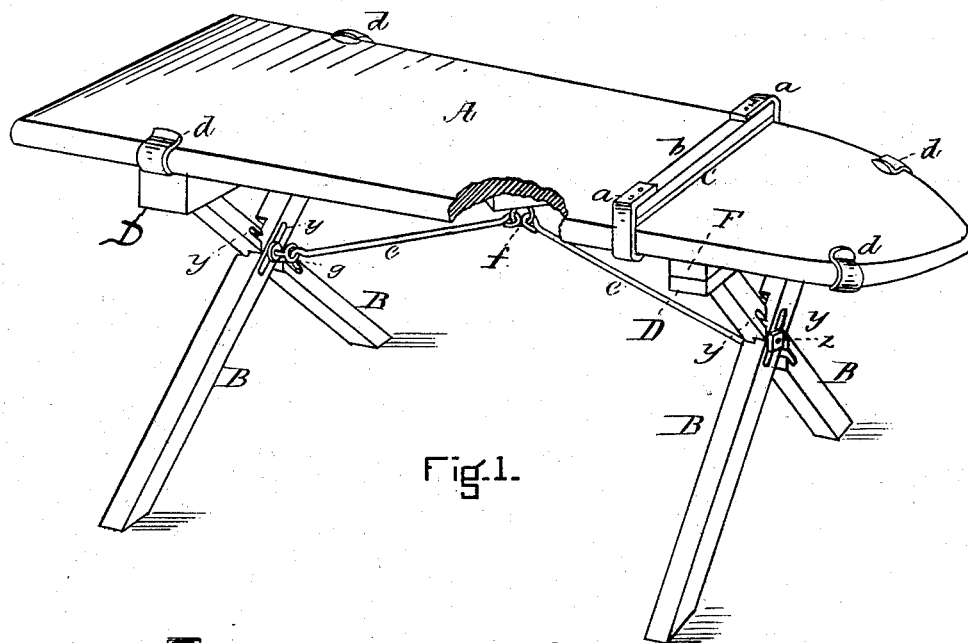


Fig. 1.

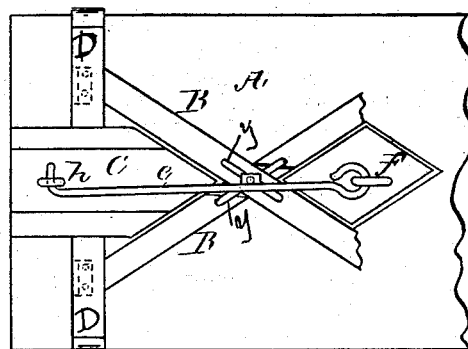


Fig. 2.

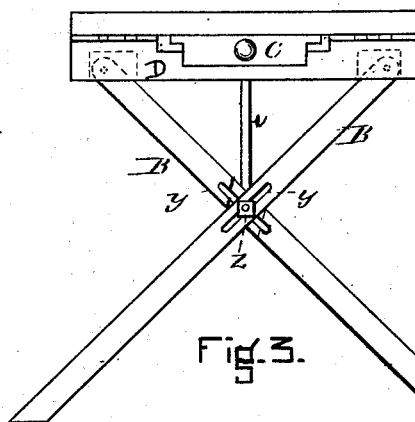


Fig. 3.

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## IRONING-TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY G. BARBOUR, of Haverhill, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ironing-Tables, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in explaining its nature, in which like letters indicate corresponding parts.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the table. Fig. 2 is an end elevation, showing the legs and the drawer. Fig. 3 is a section representing the under side of the table with the legs folded.

The object of my invention is to provide an ironing table or board provided with suitable clamps to hold the covering upon the board, and also to assist in holding the article being ironed; and, further, to provide for the raising and lowering of the table through the adjustability of the length of the legs, and also to provide for the folding of the legs and securing the same, so that when not in use the table or board may be set aside and occupy the least space possible.

The principal parts of my table consist in the board or table part A, the adjustable legs B B, the drawer C, the clamps *d d d d*, and the holding device *a b c*. The table or board A is made pointed at one end, as represented in Fig. 1. The clamps *d d d d*—two upon each side of the board A—are intended to secure the cloth or covering of the board A, upon which the articles to be ironed are placed. The holding device *a b c* is formed as follows: The parts *a a* are preferably of metal, and are riveted or otherwise attached to the part *b*. Upon the under side of *b* the presser-foot *c* is attached.

In operation the holding device *a b c* is slid down toward the smaller end of the table or board, which, being narrower at that end, of course releases the pressing device. The article to be ironed is then spread upon the surface of the board A, and the pressing device *a b c* is slid up upon the board until the side pieces, *a a*, are tightened by contact with the sides of the table, and the part *c* presses upon and secures the article to be ironed upon the surface of the table A.

It will be noticed that at the points where the legs cross each other I have formed horizontal slits *y y*, Fig. 2, in the legs, through which I pass the bolt *z*, having a head upon the outside, and a washer with a circular ring or joint upon the inside, as shown in Fig. 1, *g*. The end being tightened, the rods *e e* are hooked into the eyes *g g*, and the legs are thus secured in position.

The upper ends of the legs are fastened with an eye or other suitable attachment to the supplemental piece D, and the part D is hinged to the piece F or to the bottom of the board A.

The object of the slits in the legs *y y* is so that the height of the table may be varied according to the work done and the height of the person using it. It is also sometimes convenient to make the lower or smaller end of the table A lower than the opposite or wide end of the table. The arrangement of the slits and the bolt *z* enables the legs to be adjusted as desired, of course supporting the table correspondingly.

In one end of the table I place a drawer, C. (Shown in Fig. 2.) When the board is not in use the rods are unhooked from the eyes *g g* and the legs are folded upon the bottom of the table or board.

Fig. 2 represents one set of legs folded upon the bottom of the table, secured in position by the rod *e*, connected with the bottom of the table, or with the bottom of a supplemental piece fastened to the bottom of the table, by the hook and eye *f*, the opposite end of the rod *e* being hooked into the eye *h*, placed in the bottom of the drawer C. By this means the legs are secured in position and the drawer prevented from falling out. The opposite corresponding pair of legs are folded upon the bottom of the table in like manner, and secured in place by the corresponding rod, *e*, hooked into an eye placed upon the lower side of the small end of the table.

Having now fully described the several parts of my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In an ironing-board, the tapering top A, with clamping device on each side, *d d d d*, and the sliding securing device *a b c*, extend-

ing across the top widthwise, united and adapted to operate substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. In an ironing-table, the sliding holding device *a b c*, extending widthwise across the table-top, in combination with the tapering table A, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. In an ironing-table, the tapering top A, in combination with the clamps *d d d d* and the holding device *a b c*, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. In an ironing-table, the adjustable legs B B B B, bolts *z z*, and rods *e e* and hook *f*,

in combination with the parts D D F and the tapering board A, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. An ironing-table consisting of the parts A *d d d d*, the holding device *a b c*, and the frame-work F D D, the folding and adjustable legs B B B B, and rods *e e*, all united and operating substantially as and for the purposes described.

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