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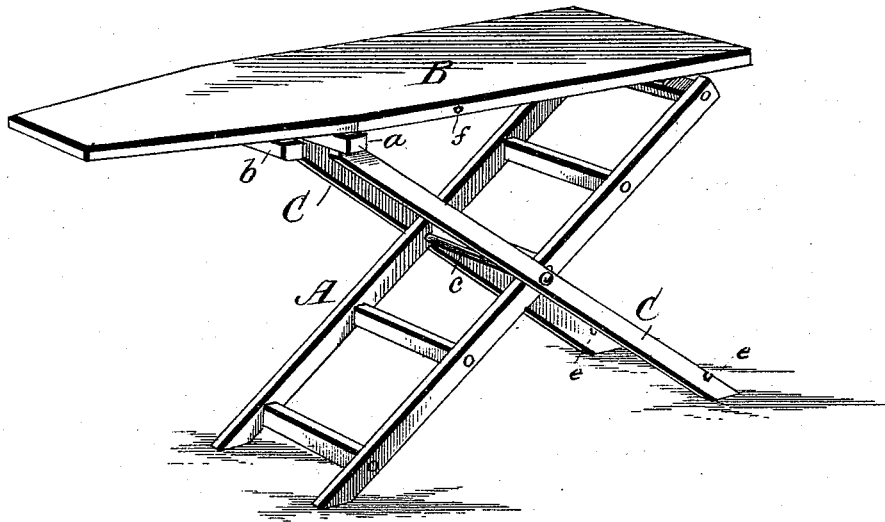
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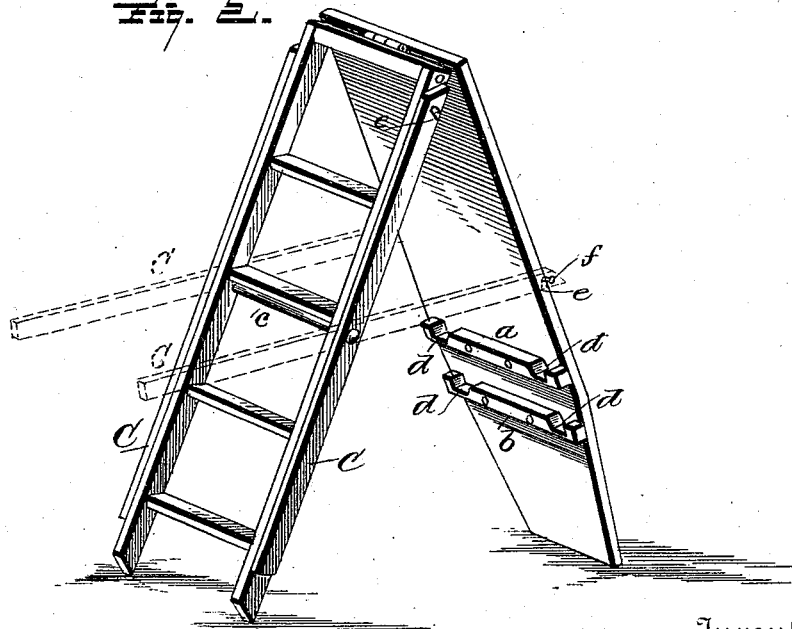
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## COMBINED STEP-LADDER AND IRONING-BOARD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANDREW J. IDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Step-Ladder and Ironing-Board; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The present invention has for its object to provide a combined step-ladder and ironing-board that will be strong and durable and in which the parts are so connected together that the parts can be easily and quickly changed in position so that the device can be conveniently converted into a step-ladder or ironing-board as circumstances may require, and the invention consists in the details of construction substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a perspective view of my invention when used as an ironing-board. Fig. 2 a similar view when used as a step-ladder.

In the accompanying drawings A represents the step-ladder having suitably hinged or pivoted to its upper end an ironing-board B of the usual form and upon the under side of this board are secured transverse cleats *a b* which perform the double function of braces for the board and stops for the ends of the supports C. These supports are pivoted to the sides of the ladder A by means of a rod *c* which extends through both side-rails of the ladder to form a brace therefor and the upper ends of the supports C fit in seats *d* to prevent any lateral movement thereof when the device is used as an ironing-board as shown

in Fig. 1. Should it be desired to lower the board to adapt it to the ironer, the ends of the supports C are engaged with the seats in the cleat *b* and if preferred any number of these cleats may be used so that the height of the board may be conveniently adjusted.

The supports C perform a double function in that they form braces when the device is used as a step-ladder, as shown in dotted lines of Fig. 2, the upper ends of the supports having open slots *e* to engage pins *f* upon the edge of the table B, thereby holding the step-ladder and board in their relative position to each other.

Many modifications in the details of construction may be made without departing from the principle of my invention and I reserve this right as coming within ordinary mechanical skill.

Having now fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A step-ladder and ironing board pivoted or hinged together at their ends, a plurality of notched cleats connected to the under side of the board to make provision for the adjustment of height of the board, independent supports pivoted to the sides of the ladder and serving the double purpose of supports for the board and braces for the ladder when brought into use, and means for holding the ends of the supports in engagement with the board when acting as braces, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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