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Fig. 1.

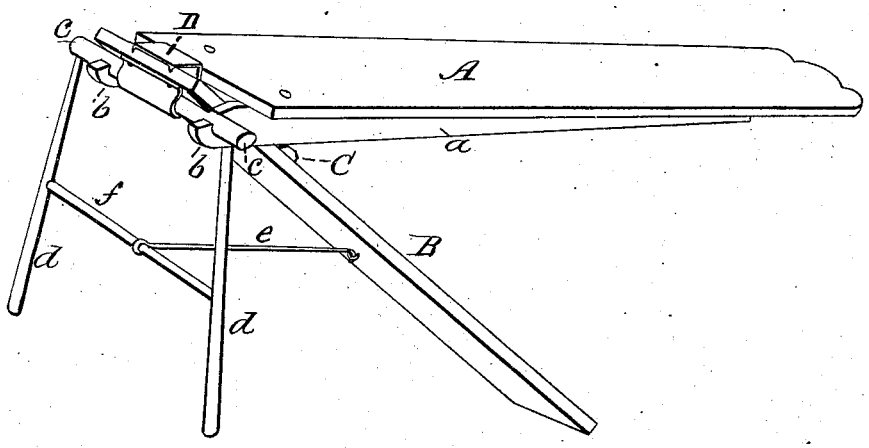
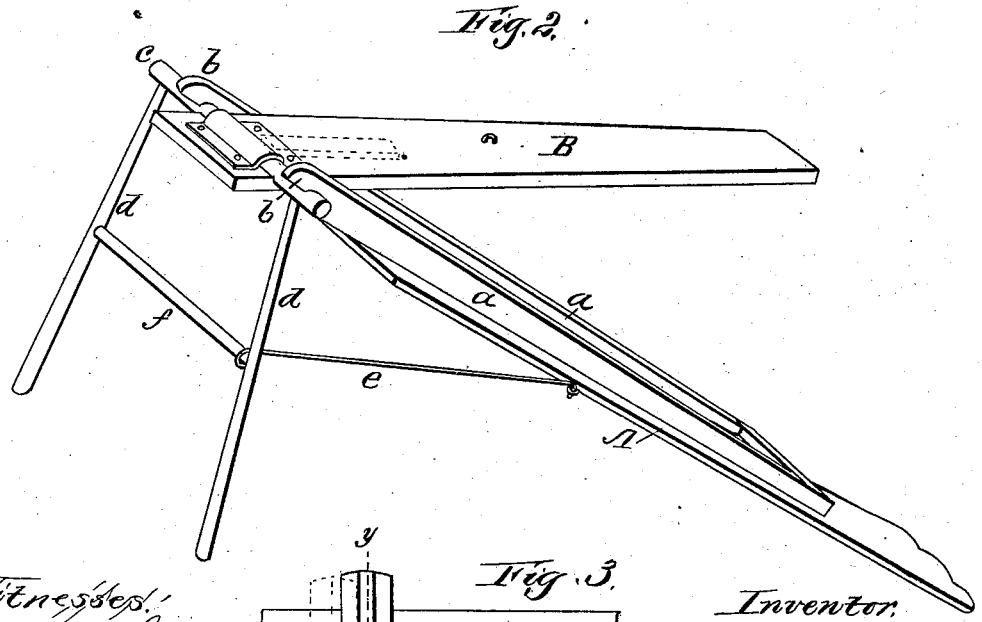


Fig. 2.



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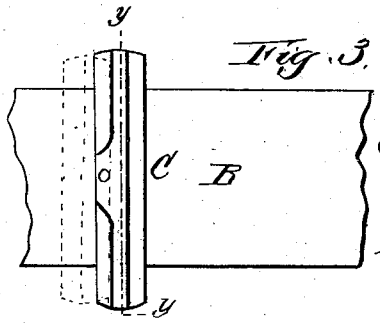

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. POWERS, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Bloomfield, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reversible Ironing Boards or Tables; 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 and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention with the ironing-board set ready for use. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the press-board in position for use, and Fig. 3 is a detail view of the pivoted bar and portion of press-board.

The present invention has relation to that class of ironing boards or tables having a reversible skeleton frame with an adjustable ironing-board, which forms a support for the press-board when set ready for use.

The invention consists in the details of construction substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents the ironing-board, which is shown in Fig. 1 as being in position ready for use. The board A has connected to its under side two braces, *a*, which extend beyond the wide end of the board and terminate in hooked ends *b*, which in this case fit around the under side of the round *c*. To this round *c* are connected legs *d*, which support the forward end of the board A, said round being pivoted or otherwise connected to a press-board, B, to admit of its being swung around upon either side, as required. This board B, together with the legs *d*, forms a frame for supporting the board A, the board, when in position, as illustrated in Fig. 1, being held in a horizontal line by a bar, C, pivoted to the board B, the braces *a* resting upon the projecting ends of the bar, which form a fulcrum for the board.

A wire brace, *e*, is connected to the cross-round *f*, and hooks into an eye or staple upon the under side of the board B to hold both legs and board from slipping.

When it is desired to use the press-board B the entire device is reversed or turned upside down, with ironing-board down and press-board up, after which the wire brace *e* is unhooked and the legs *d* turned around in a reversed position. The wire brace *e* is now hooked into a suitable eye or staple in the board A, the legs and board in this case forming the supporting-frame for the press-board, the pivoted bar C being turned lengthwise with the press-board to bring the board in a horizontal position, the end of the bar forming a bearing for the press-board and serving again as a fulcrum.

To the end of the press-board B is suitably connected a cast or other metal plate, D, to form a holder for the iron.

The bar C, it should be noticed, is pivoted to one side or away from a central line drawn lengthwise through the bar, as shown by dotted lines *y y*. The object of so pivoting the bar C to the press-board B is to adjust the height or angle of the ironing-board A, as circumstances may require. For instance, when the bar C is in position, as shown in Fig. 3, and the under side of the board A resting upon the projecting ends of said bar, the board will assume a horizontal position.

Now, should it be necessary to have the ironing-board raised at a slight angle or tipped up at its smaller end, the position of the bar C is changed or turned half-way around, as indicated in dotted lines, which brings the bearing-face of the bar higher, and consequently changes the position of the ironing-board. This is considered an essential feature in my invention, as it is frequently desirable to change the position of the ironing-board to adapt it to the height of the ironer or the class of garments being ironed.

It should be noticed that there are no braces, supports, or other like attachments at the inner ends of the boards, and consequently there is nothing in the way of placing the dress, skirt, pants, or other like garment over the end of the board, it being readily slipped over without difficulty.

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

1. In a reversible ironing-board, the combination, with the board A, of the press-board B, having supporting and connecting devices, and a bar, C, of a length greater than the width

of the board and pivoted to one side, as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the detachable and reversible board A, constructed as shown and described, of the press-board B, having connected thereto bar C, and the hinged round *c*, with legs *d* and suitable brace, *e*, whereby either board, when in position for use, will be retained without the use of supports at its rear end, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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

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