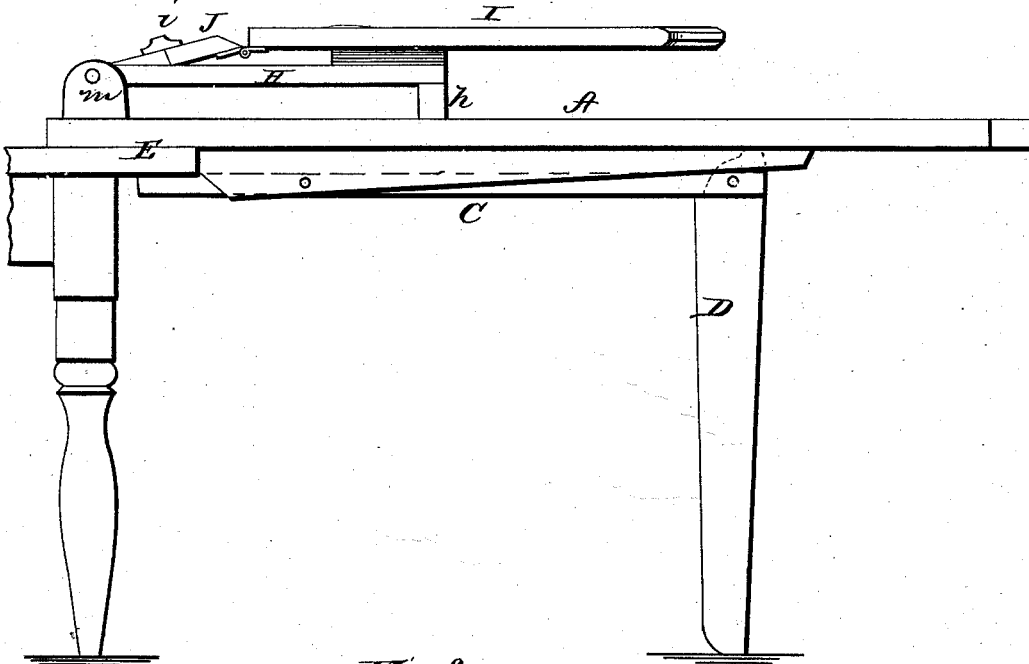


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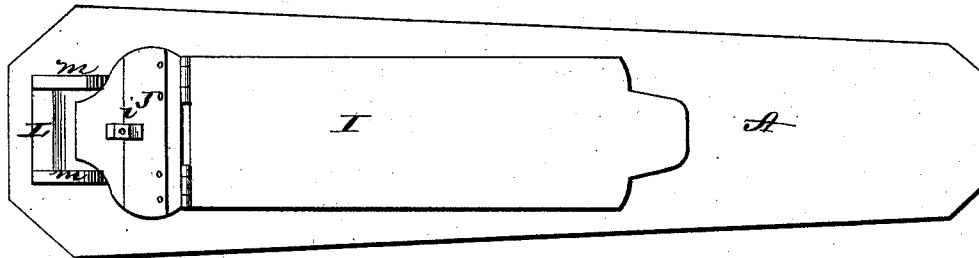
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOSOM-BOARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JEROME B. SWEETLAND, of the city of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, and in the State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bosom-Boards; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a bosom-board, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

A represents an ordinary ironing-board, clamped by a clamp, C, to a table, E, and supported by a leg, D. At the inner end, on top of the ironing-board A, are suitable projections, between which is pivoted or hinged a frame, H, provided at its outer or front end with a cleat, *h*, so that when said frame is let down on the board it will be in a horizontal position, or in a plane parallel with the board. Upon the outer end of the frame H is secured the bosom-board I, which is constructed, as shown in Fig. 2, so that its outer end will fit the neck of a shirt. To the inner end of the

bosom-board I is hinged a cleat or cross-bar, J, the hinged edge of which is beveled, as shown.

When the shirt-bosom is put on the board I, the cleat or door J is raised and the shirt-flap slipped under the same, and held firmly by the thumb and forefinger. The cleat or door J is then closed down against the head of the frame H, and locked by a button, *i*, thus stretching and holding the bosom tightly while ironing.

The entire bosom-board, with its frame, may be turned over on the table while the other ironing is being done; and if not required at all, the bosom-board may be detached altogether. For this purpose the frame H is pivoted between two ears, *m m*, on a plate or bar, L, and this bar simply fastened to the board A by one or more screws.

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

In combination with an ironing-board, the pivoted or hinged frame H, bosom-board I, hinged door or cleat J, and pivoted clamping-button *i*, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of December, 1877.

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