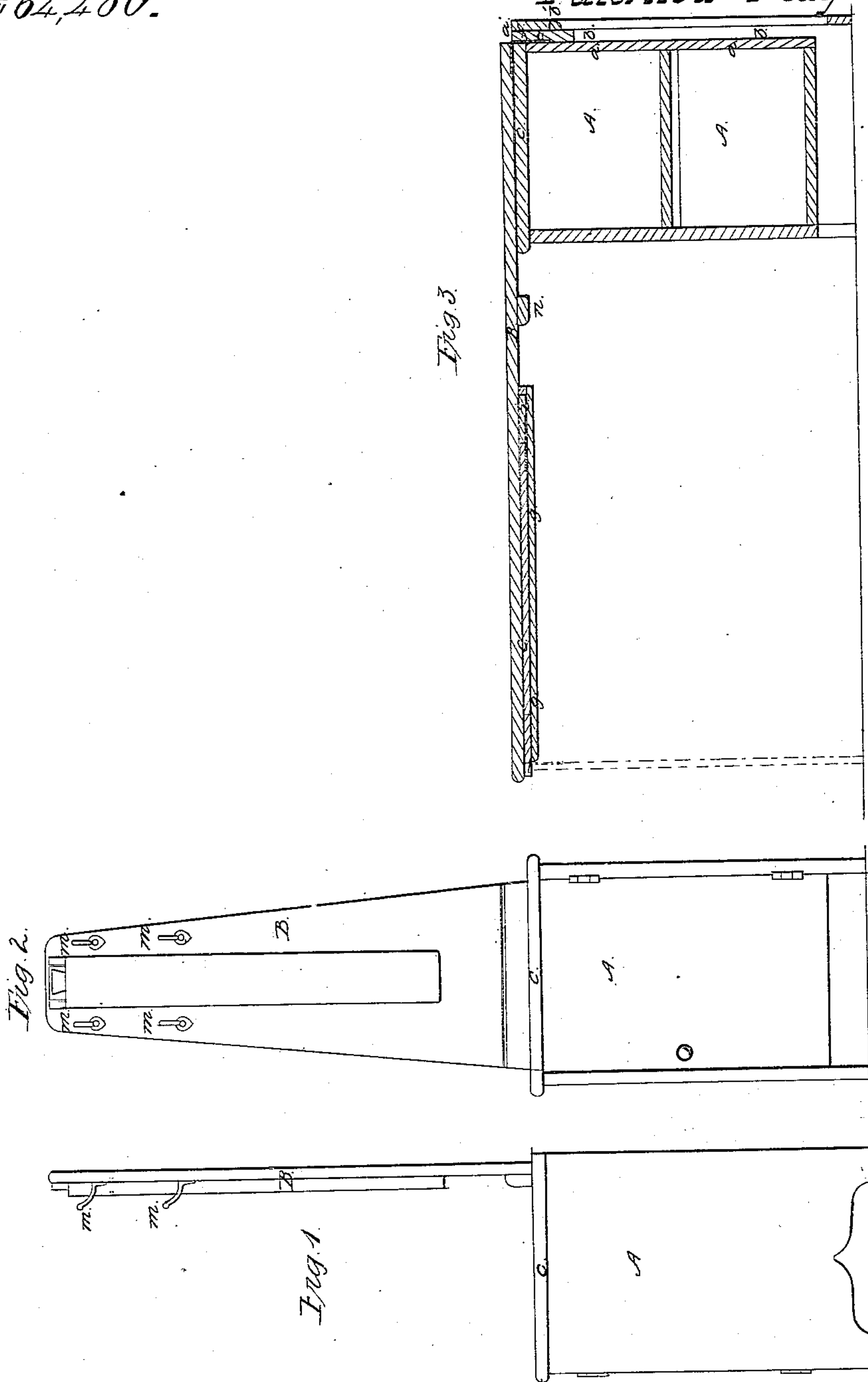


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IMPROVED IRONING-BOARD AND CLOSET.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JAMES N. BREWSTER, of Brooklyn, E. D., in the county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Combined Ironing-Board and Closet; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a portion of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, representing my invention.

Figure 2 is a front elevation thereof.

Figure 3, a vertical section of the same in the position required during the ironing operation.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

In ironing various articles of apparel upon the common ironing-board much inconvenience is experienced from the want of suitable means of supporting the said board with the article placed thereon. This inconvenience cannot be properly obviated by any construction of the board alone without rendering it more bulky, and causing it to take up too much room when not in use; and for this reason it is highly desirable that the board should be so combined with a common article of furniture that it may be easily placed out of the way when not in use, without interfering with the legitimate use or functions of the piece of furniture to which it is attached. To this end this invention consists in an ironing-board connected at one end to a closet, or other fixed support, in such manner that, when required for use, the said board may be placed and supported in a horizontal position, and at other times be retained in a vertical position at the rearmost side of the aforesaid closet.

To enable others to understand the nature and construction of my invention I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

The cupboard or closet is marked A in the drawings, and may be of any ordinary or suitable construction, with the rear edges of its two sides extended a little distance beyond the back, *a*, thereof, and each of the said edges having formed in its inner surface a groove or guide, *b*. The top or cover *c* of the closet may be used as a stand or table when desired, and may be of any suitable form. The ironing-board is shown at B, and is made of a tapering form, as shown in fig. 2, and has its broad extremity hinged to the upper edge of a short slide, *e*, as shown at *a'* in fig. 3, the said slide *e* having its ends working in the grooves or guides *b* in such manner as to be capable of sliding up and down therein. Secured to the outer surface of this slide *e*, near the lower edge thereof, is a transverse cleat, *b'*; and extending transversely from the rearmost edge of one of the sides of the closet to that of the other side thereof is a bar, *f*, which acts as a stop to prevent the slide *e* from being drawn up entirely out of the guides *b* when the board B is placed in a horizontal position, as will presently be further set forth. Secured longitudinally upon the front, or, in other words, to the under surface of the board B is a sheath, *g*, in which is placed a sliding leg or post, *c*, the innermost end of which is hinged to a sliding piece, *i*, which, by means of a suitable stop, is prevented from being drawn entirely out of the sheath *g* when the post C is drawn out therefrom, when the board B is in a horizontal position, the post C being turned upon its hinge into a vertical position, to sustain the outer end of the board B when thus placed horizontally, as will presently be further explained. When the ironing-board B is not in use, the leg C is pushed inward into the sheath *g*, as represented in fig. 3, and the said board is then raised into a vertical position, and is then pushed downward into the guides *b* until the transverse strip *n*, secured to its forward side, strikes upon the top of the closet, and prevents its further descent, the aforesaid ironing-board being thus retained in an upright condition by the guides *b*, so that, when placed adjacent to the wall, the said board will be entirely out of the way, without interfering in any way with the use of the closet as such, or with the use of the top thereof as a stand or table, as hereinbefore explained.

In order to bring the ironing-board into the position required for use it is first drawn upward until the cleat *b'* strikes the bar *f*, and stops its further upward movement at the moment when the hinge *a'* is brought even with the top *c* of the closet. The board is then turned forward and downward into a horizontal position across the top of the closet A, and the leg *c* drawn out from the sheath *g*, and turned downward upon its hinge, so as to be placed vertically under the outer end of the board, as shown in red outline in fig. 3, so as to securely support the same during the ironing operation. When it is required to pass the ironing-board through the article to be ironed, as is required in ironing various articles of apparel, the leg C is turned up horizontally and pushed

a short distance into the sheath, which thus holds it so that the article to be ironed may be readily passed over it as required. Instead of a closet *A*, the fixed support of the ironing-board may consist of an arm-chair so constructed that the said board may be situated and secured in a vertical position at the back thereof, in the same manner that it is secured at the back of a closet, as hereinbefore fully set forth.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The ironing-board constructed with a hinged slide *e*, arranged to operate in the guides *b*, and in relation with the bars or stops *f* and *n*, substantially as herein set forth for the purpose specified.

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