

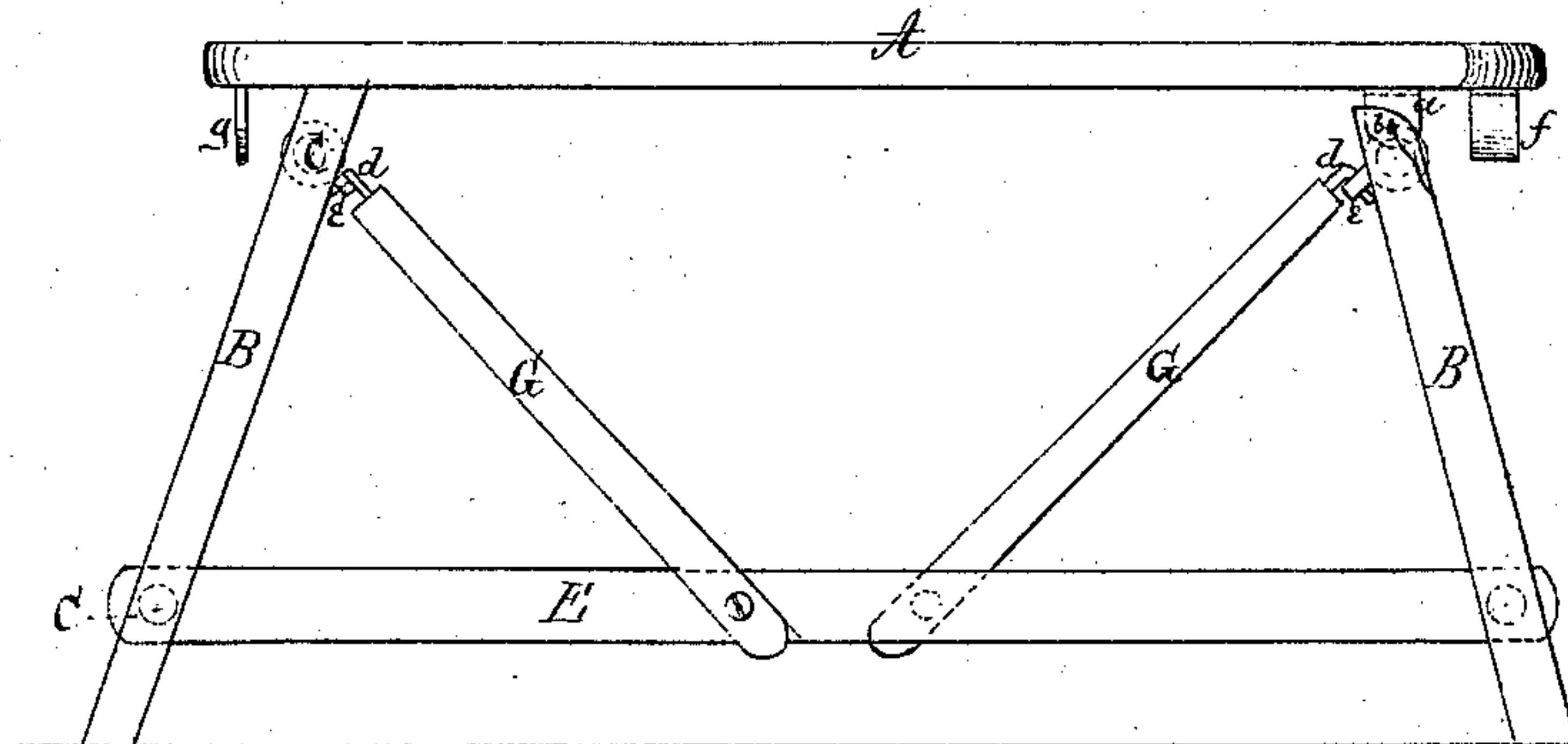
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*Ironing Table.*

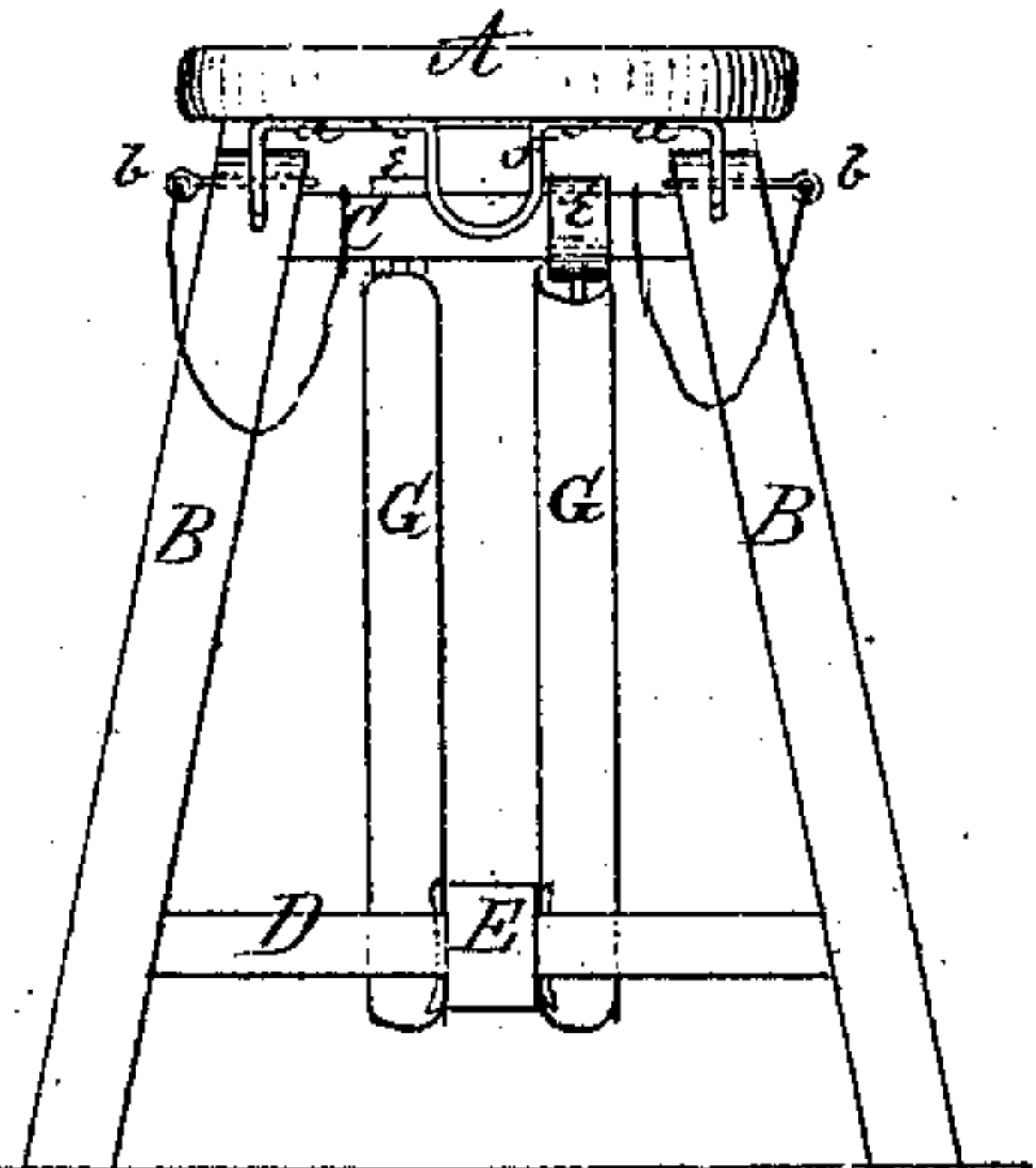
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVED IRONING TABLE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, JAMES H. RUFF, of Thomas Run Post-Office, in the county of Harford and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Tables; and I 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, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of an "ironing-table," as will be hereinafter 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 drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, and

Figure 2, an end view of my improved ironing-board.

A represents the board itself, made in the usual way, tapering, and with rounded ends.

Across the under side of the board A, near the larger end, is secured a metal bar, *a*, having its ends turned down, so as to form ears, which are inserted in slots in the upper ends of the legs B B.

The upper ends of the legs B B are connected by a rod, C, and their lower ends are spread out, as shown in fig. 2, and connected by another rod, D.

Pins, *b b*, are inserted through the upper ends of the legs B B, and the ends of the bar *a*, thus hinging the board A at its larger end to the frame B C D.

The smaller end of the board A rests upon a similar frame, B C D, without being hinged, and the two

frames are connected by a bar, E, the two lower rods D D passing one through each end of the bar E, and turn in the same.

On each side of the bar E is pivoted a brace, G, which is provided at its outer end with a hook, *d*.

These hooks are hooked into a projection, *e*, on the rods C, that is, one hooks into such a projection on each frame, and thus said frames are steadied, so as to support firmly the board A.

The board being hinged at one end, as above described, the other end is readily lifted up for skirts or other similar articles to be placed on the same for ironing.

At one end of the board A, on the under side, is a metallic loop, *f*, and at the other end is an elastic loop, *g*, so that, when the frames and braces are folded up, they may be held or fastened on the under side of the board, and the whole put out of the way.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

1. The combination of the frames B C D, connecting-bar E, and braces G G, with hooks *d d*, and projections *e e*, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. In combination with the above, the board A, with its metal bar *a*, metallic loop *f*, and elastic loop *g*, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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