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Improvement in Lap-Boards.

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Fig. 1.

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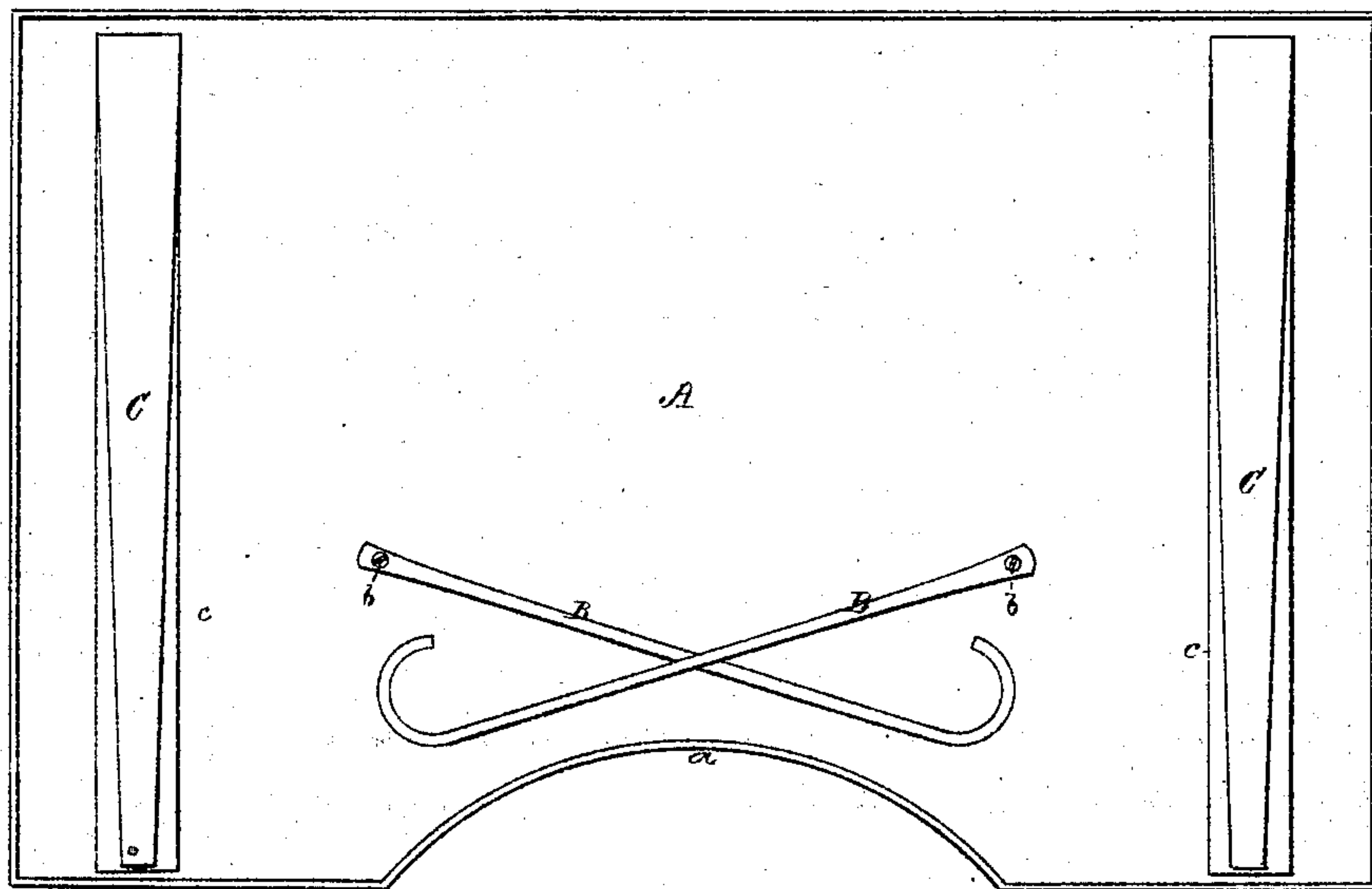
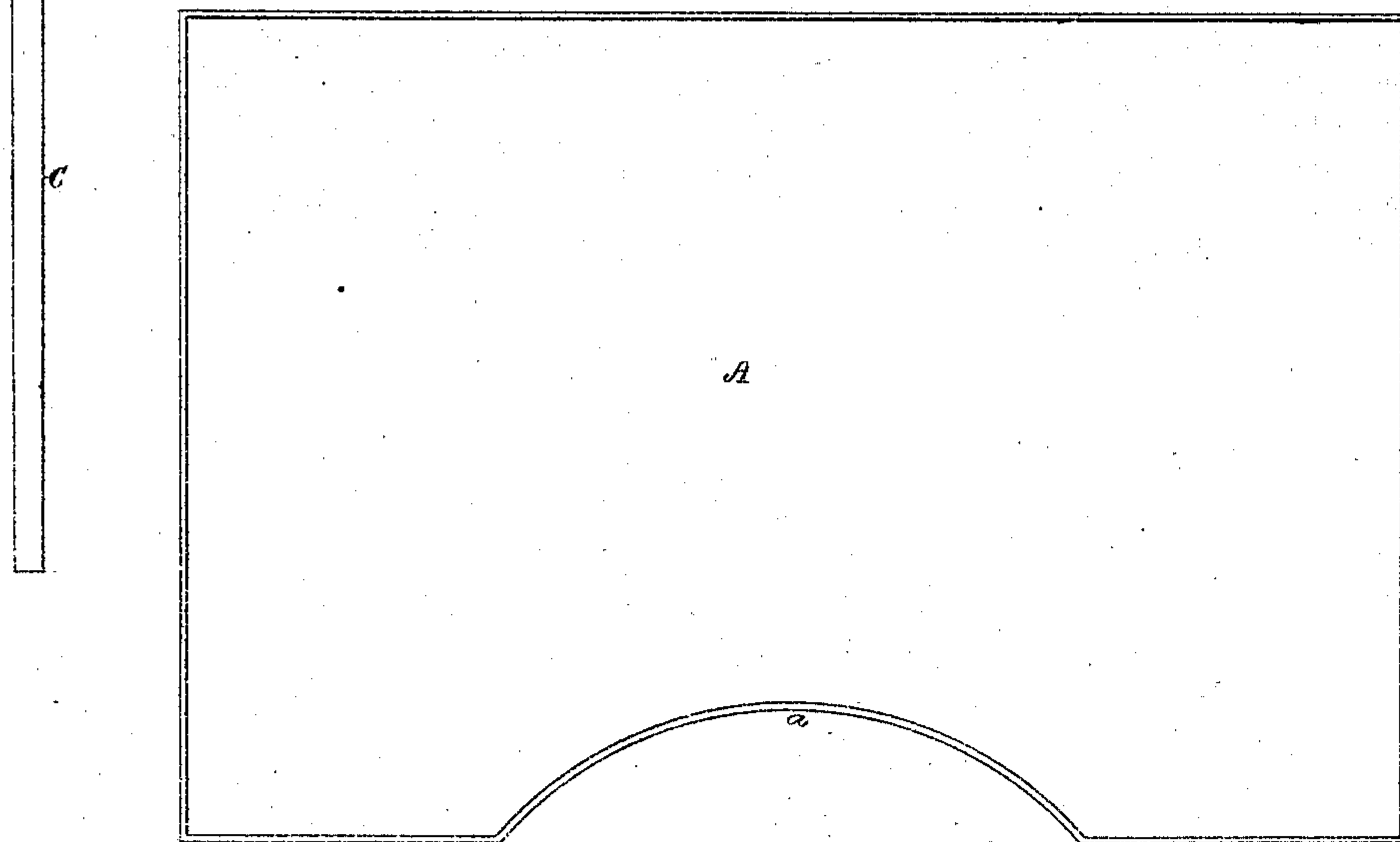


Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN LAP-BOARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES TREFETHEN, of Manchester, of the county of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, have invented a new and useful or Improved Lap-Board for the use of seamstresses or others; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawing, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a bottom view, and Fig. 3 a transverse section of it.

It consists of a board or platform and two hooks, or such and a pair of legs arranged and connected together substantially as hereinafter described, and as shown in the said drawing.

The board or platform shown at A may be two feet in width and three feet in length, more or less, as may be desirable, and may be notched or recessed at the middle of one edge of it in manner as shown at *a*. To the said board A there is pivoted on its under side two long hooks, B B, which, arranged as shown, are applied to the board so as to be capable of being turned about on their pivots or connections *b b*, as occasion may require. Besides these hooks there may be or are hinged to the board on its under side, or to the cleats *c c* fastened to it to keep it from warping, two legs

C C, their connections or hinges being shown at *d d*.

When this lap-board is in use it is to be placed on the lap of the user with the legs turned down and resting on the floor, the hooks being turned around and hooked to the back of the chair in which the user may be sitting. It thus becomes a useful appendage for supporting work, or a garment, or materials to be wrought, as well as the articles necessary to or usually employed for the accomplishment of such.

The board may be provided with the hooks without the legs, but it is far preferable to have both hooks and legs connected with it, as set forth.

I claim as my invention the following, viz.:

1. The combination of the board and the hooks, arranged and connected together, substantially as described.
2. The combination of the board and the hooks and the legs arranged and connected with such board, essentially as specified.

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