

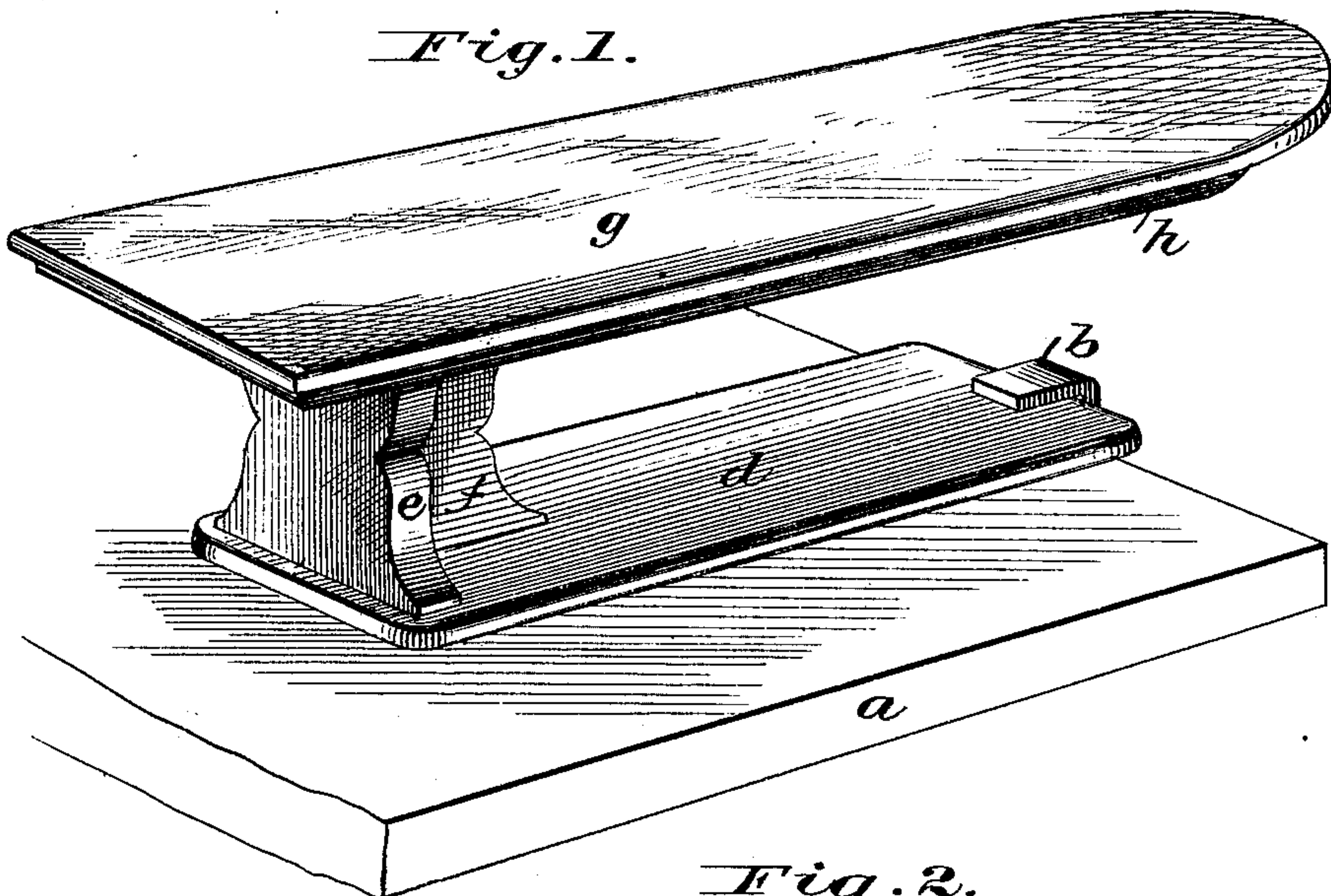
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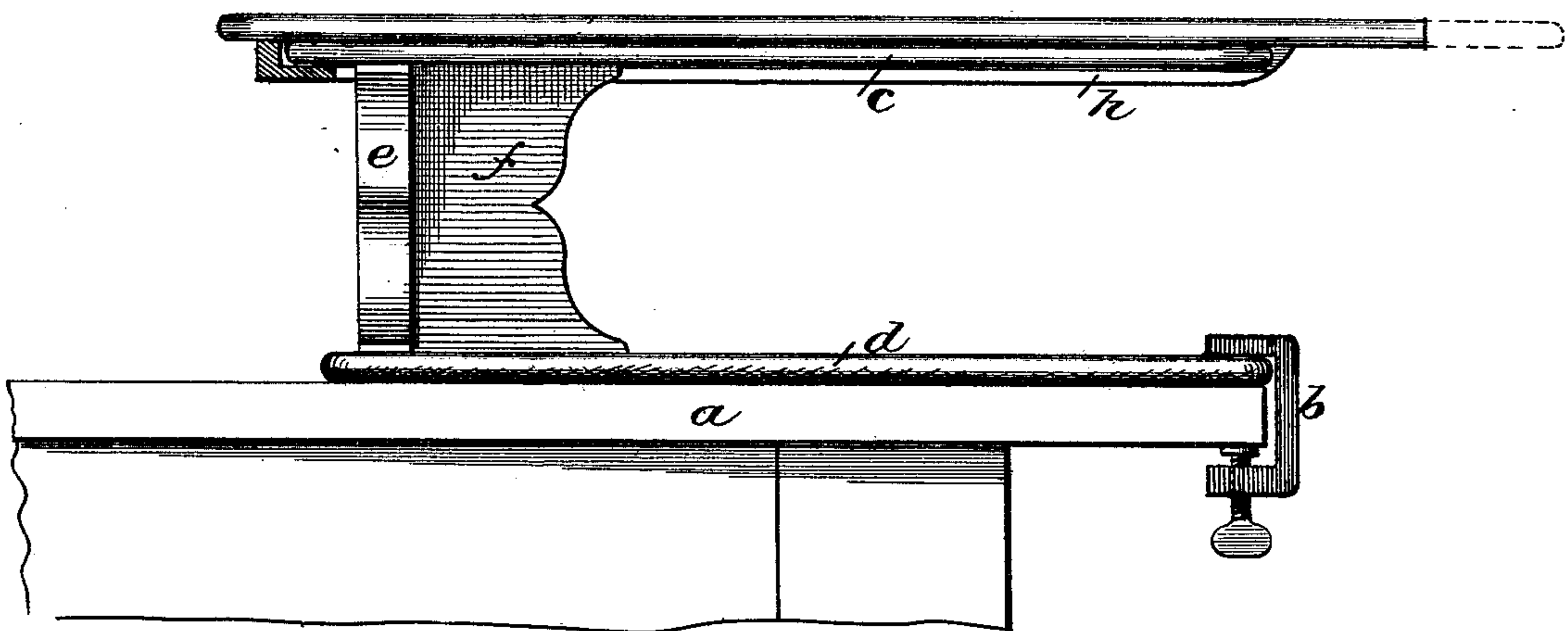
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*

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## IMPROVEMENT IN IRONING-BOARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY A. BRYANT, of Freeport, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ironing-Boards, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of this invention is to provide, in a compact and convenient form, an ironing-board for the ironing of shirts, skirts, and other articles which require the board to be inserted within them; and it consists in the reversible shirt-board and an adjustable skirt-board, hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same; and Fig. 3 is a top view of the covered shirt-board.

My reversible ironing-board is represented as secured to a table, *a*, by means of a clamp, *b*, operated by an ordinary set-screw. The shirt-board, which is intended to be reversible, consists of the two boards, *c* and *d*, connected together, and supported and braced at or near one end by means of a double bracket, *e f*. These two boards are of a uniform size and conformation, and one of them can be covered for ordinary ironing purposes, while the other, for use as a polishing-board, is not

covered. The covered board is shown in Fig. 3.

It is apparent that after using the ironing-board it is only necessary to reverse my combined board to secure the use of the polishing-board, and that the peculiar shape of the centrally-sustaining bracket *f* will allow these boards to be inserted in the shirt or other article almost if not quite their entire length.

The skirt-board *g* is provided with flanged rails *h* on its under side, arranged so that it will slide over and upon the shirt-board *d*, and be held thereto by said flanged rails, the skirt-board thereby being removable and adjustable.

This board is intended to accommodate ladies' skirts and other large articles, and its size is conformed to that purpose.

I claim as my invention—

1. The reversible shirt-board, composed of the two boards *c d*, and bracket *e f*, constructed substantially as described.

2. The combination of the reversible shirt-board *c d e f*, with the sliding adjustable skirt-board *g*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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