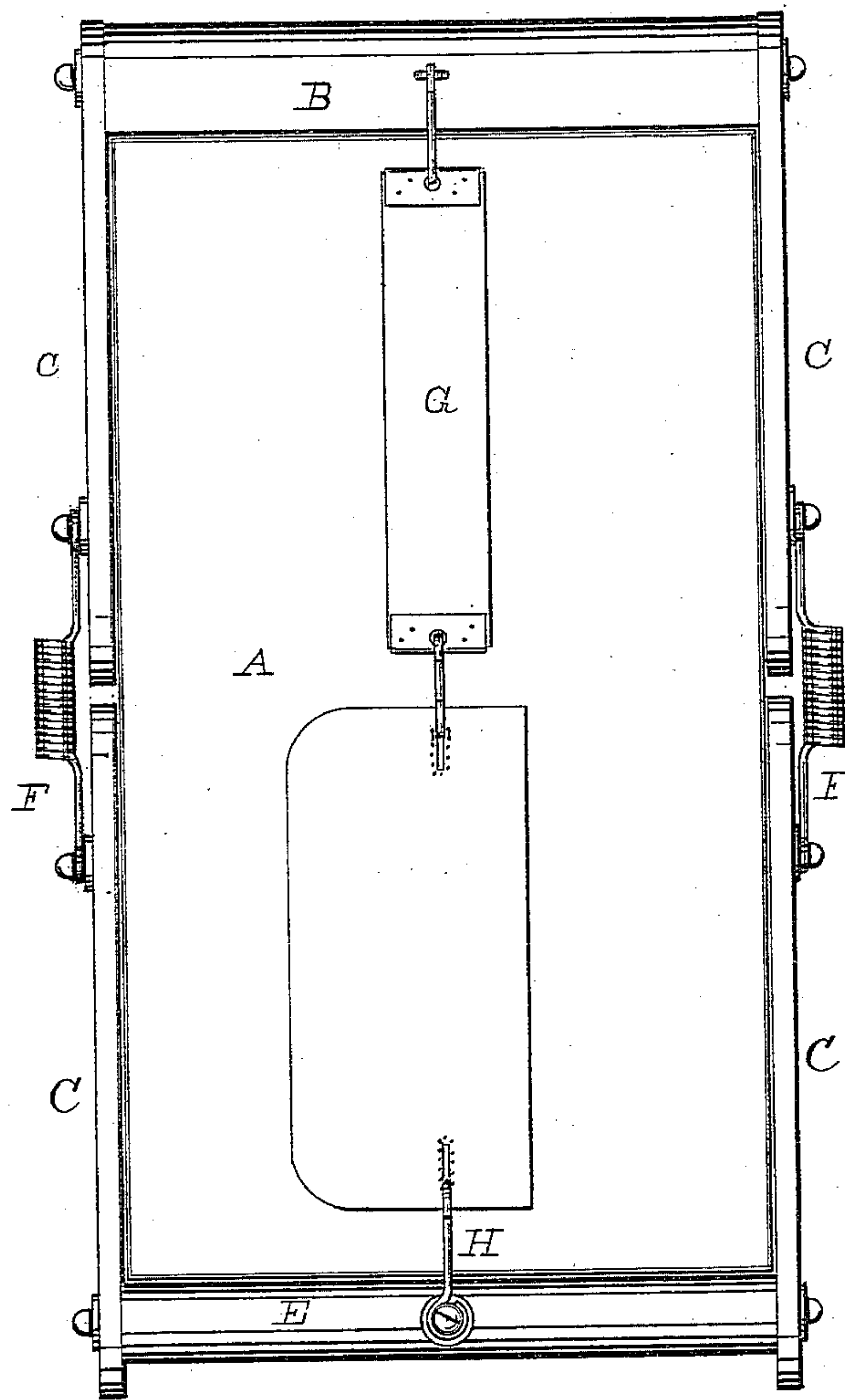


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY L. ROWELL, of the city of Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a detachable flexible frame to hold the article to be ironed to a suitable board.

10 The figure is a top view of the ironing-board.

A represents a plain board, rectangular in form, and is covered with cotton cloth, and is in all respects like other boards in use for a like purpose—viz., for ironing shirt-bosoms.

15 The holding-frame is composed of the cross-bar B, the cylindrical cross-bar E, side rails, C, and spiral springs F, which connect said rails near the center of the board. The cross-bars are attached to the rails by screws passing through the rails and entering the cross-bars. The lower cross-bar is cylindrical. The center is of wood, and over it is a piece of rubber tubing, the use of which is to avoid an injurious rubbing of the garment when being
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25 inclosed in the frame.

The rails C are at one end secured to the cross-bars B E, and extend to about the center of the board, where their free ends are connected by spiral springs F, acting to draw the rails together and to press the ends against the sides of the board.
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The use of this device is that of holding shirts while ironing the bosoms, and the operation is as follows: The board is placed within the shirt, the bosom on the board, and the flexible frame is brought down over the same, so as to bind the shirt between the board and frame, and the ironing is done while the shirt is thus held. 35

Such is the state of the art that I am aware 40 that there are both attachable and detachable holding devices used in combination with suitable ironing-boards similar in some respects to my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what 45 I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In combination with the bosom-board A, the rails C, at one end secured to the cross-bars B E, and extending to about the center of the board, where their free ends are connected by spiral springs F, acting to draw the rails together and to press their free ends against the sides of the board, substantially as and for the purpose set forth. 50

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