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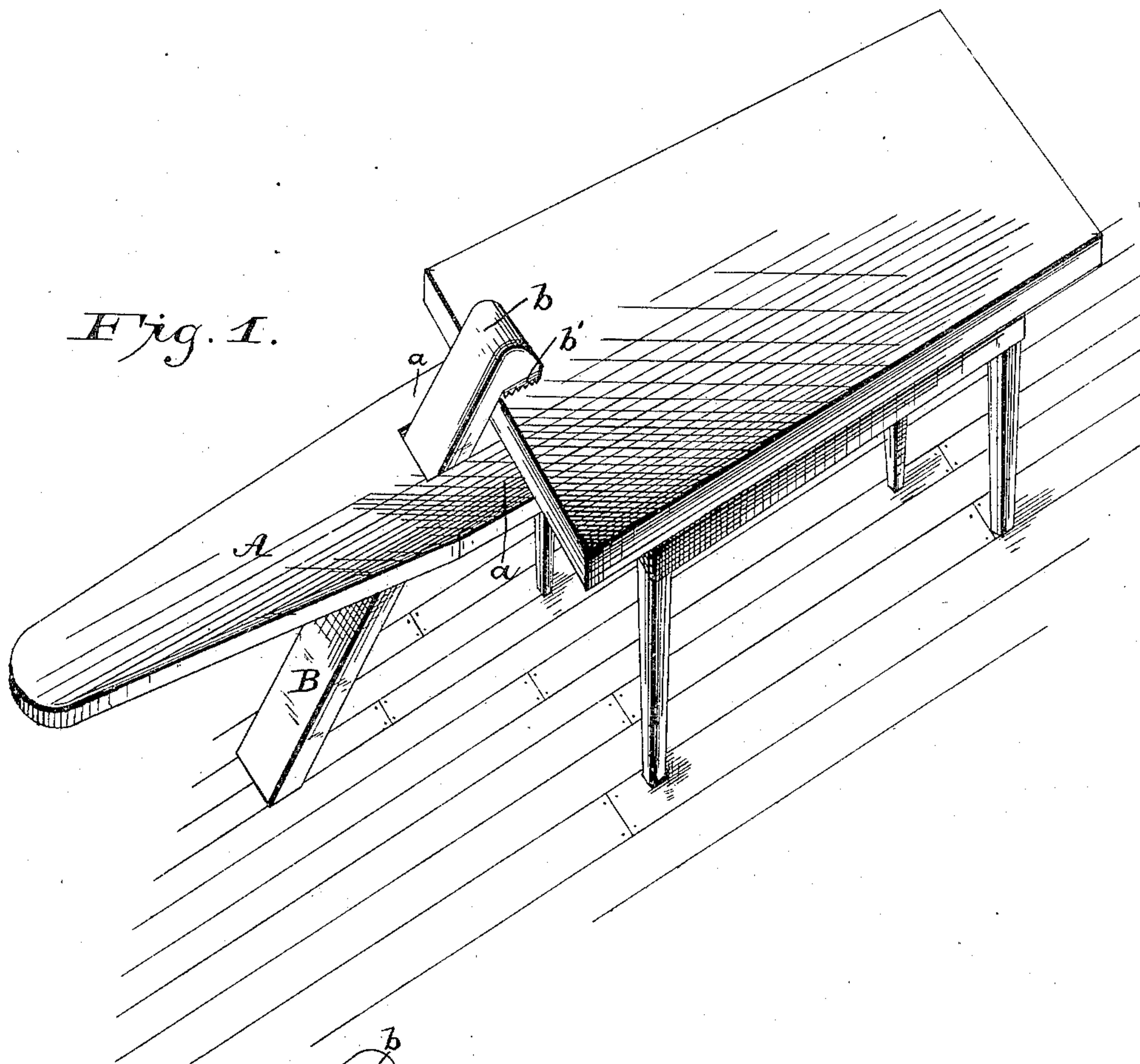
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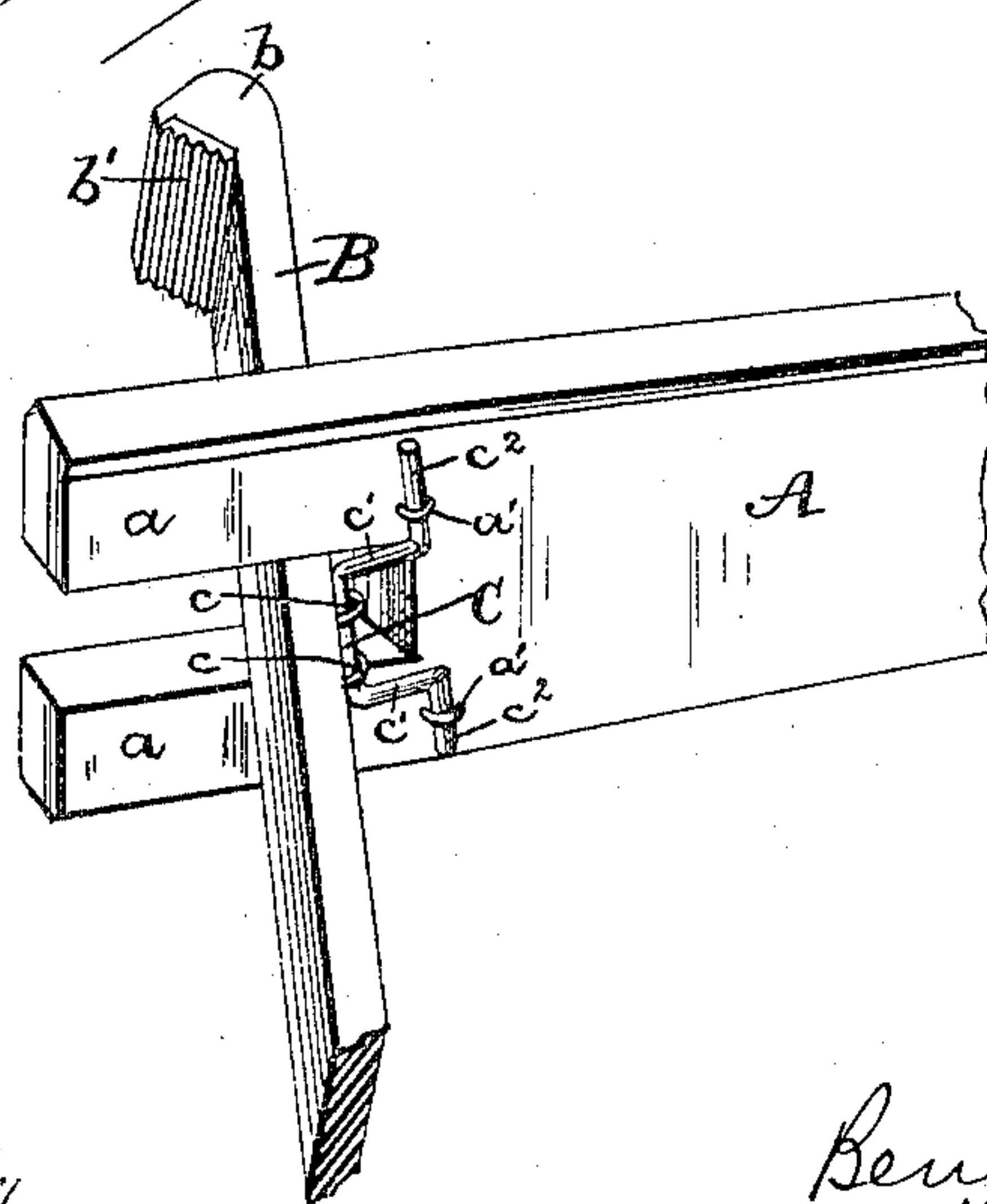
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IRONING-TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. SNYDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Middleburg, in the county of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to ironing-boards designed for temporary attachment to the tops of kitchen-tables or other articles of furniture or fixtures provided with suitable horizontal projections; and its object is to enable such a board to be easily, quickly, and firmly attached, as indicated, whenever and so long as needed for use. This object I accomplish by means of a slanting rest or support, the upper end of which is arranged to act in conjunction with one end of the ironing-board, so as to clamp the table-top or other projection somewhat like a vise. This rest or support, being attached to the under side of the ironing-board by a stapled hinge having a reciprocating motion, is enabled to adjust itself and the board to any reasonable thickness of table-top or projecting edge, and to any practicable height of the same from the floor.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side perspective view of an ordinary table with my ironing-board attached thereto ready for use, and Fig. 2 is a bottom perspective view designed to show certain details of construction.

Like letters refer to like parts in the two drawings.

A is the ironing-board proper or leaf, tapering toward and rounded at the outer end, to serve for bosoms and skirts, and provided with flat prongs *a a*, to lap the table top or projection.

B is the single rest, prop, or support of the leaf or board, beveled off at the lower end or foot to give it a strong, steady lodgment on the floor, and shaped at the top into a single blunt claw, *b*, with a flat inner surface lined with a rubber cushion or bearing, *b'*, with longitudinal ridges or corrugations. It is evident that this strip of corrugated rubber gives

a firmer grasp to the claw than it would otherwise have; but a strip of any other thin corrugated or ridged material may be used as an equivalent for the corrugated rubber. The width of the rest B is such that it will work freely in the space between the prongs *a a*. Attached to the upper surface of the rest B, about two-fifths of the distance from the top, are two staples or eyes, *c c*, which hold a round metal cross-bar, C. This bar is first bent at a right angle toward either end to form the arms *c' c'*, and then again at right angles to form the horizontal projections *c<sup>2</sup> c<sup>2</sup>*. These projections rest upon the under side of the leaf A, and are attached thereto at the proper place by staples or eyes *a' a'*. It is evident that this stapled hinge permits the rest B to be folded down closely upon the leaf, and thus facilitates storage, packing, and handling when not in use. It is also evident that the free forward and backward play of this hinge-bar enables the rest to accommodate itself to either a high or low table or shelf and to a thick or thin board or ledge. This adjustment may be facilitated by beveling off the lower edge of the base of the recess formed between the prongs *a a*, so as to permit the rest B to fit closely against said base when forming an acute angle with the board A, as in Fig. 1.

When the board is adjusted to a table-top or projection ready to be used, it is apparent that the greater the weight or pressure applied at or toward the outer end of the leaf the firmer will be the grasp of the claw and prongs upon the table-top or projection and the hold of the rest or support B upon the floor.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, in an ironing-board, of the leaf A, the rest B, and the hinge-bar C, said hinge-bar being attached to the leaf A and the rest B in the manner and relative positions herein shown and described, whereby the said leaf may be firmly adjusted to suitable supports of varying thickness, as hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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