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IRONING BOARD.

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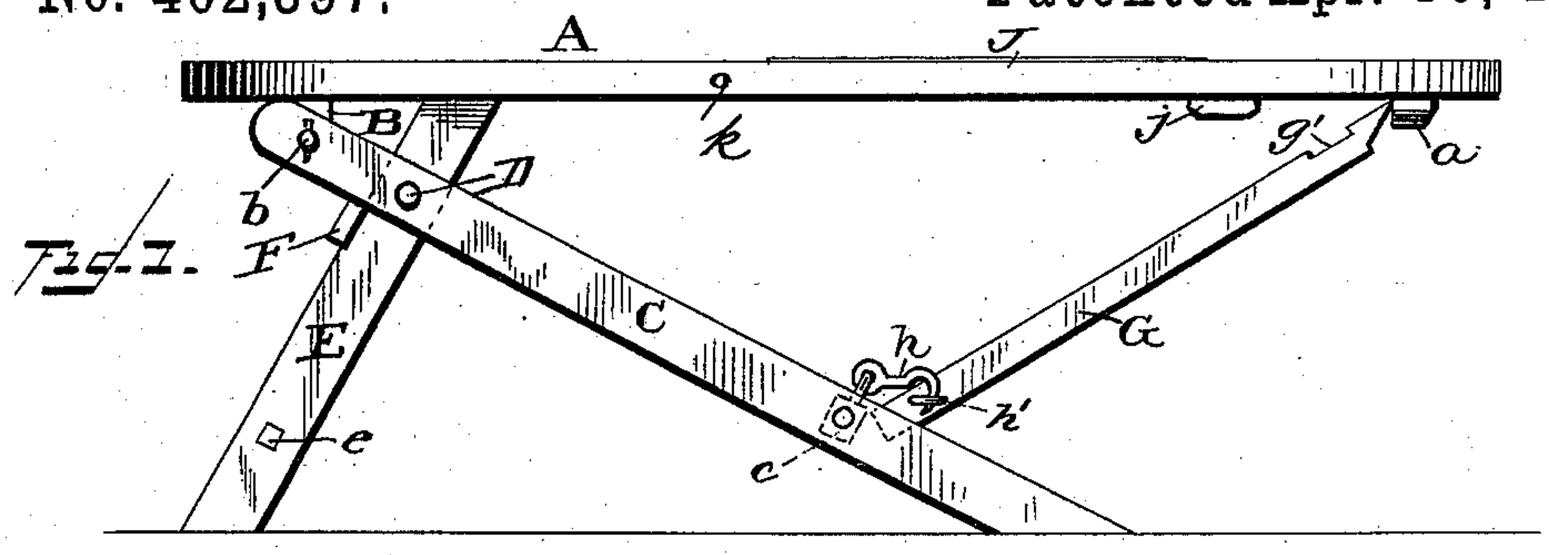
Fig. 1.



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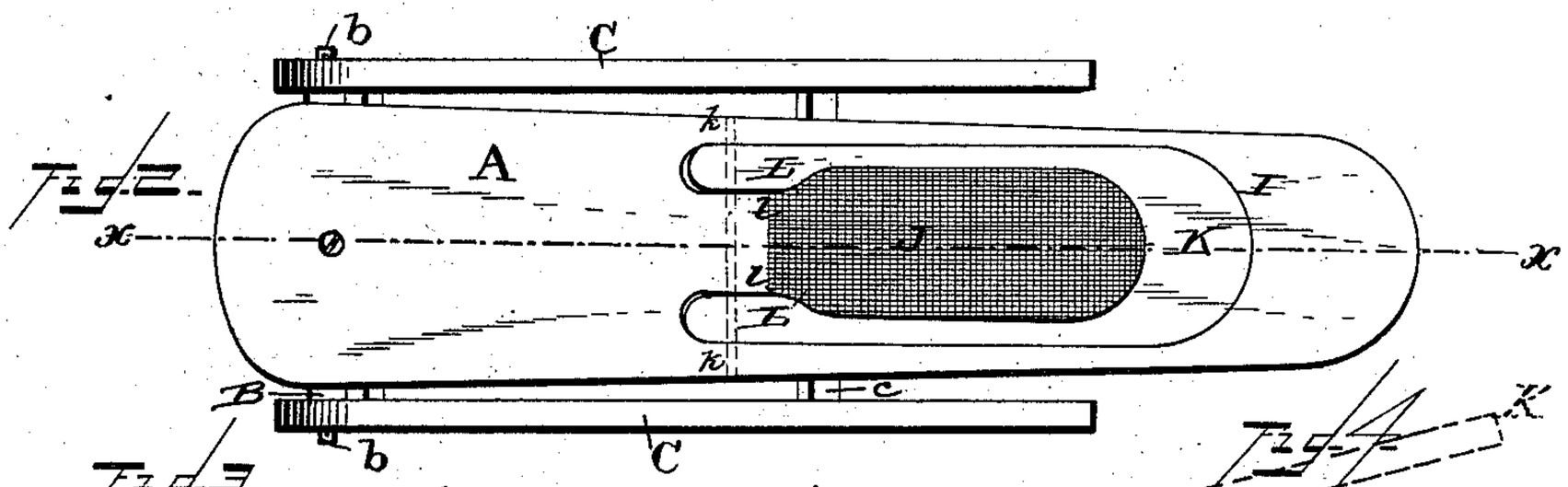

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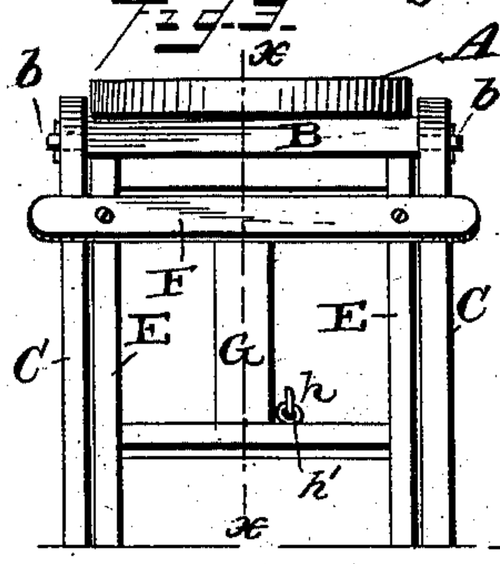

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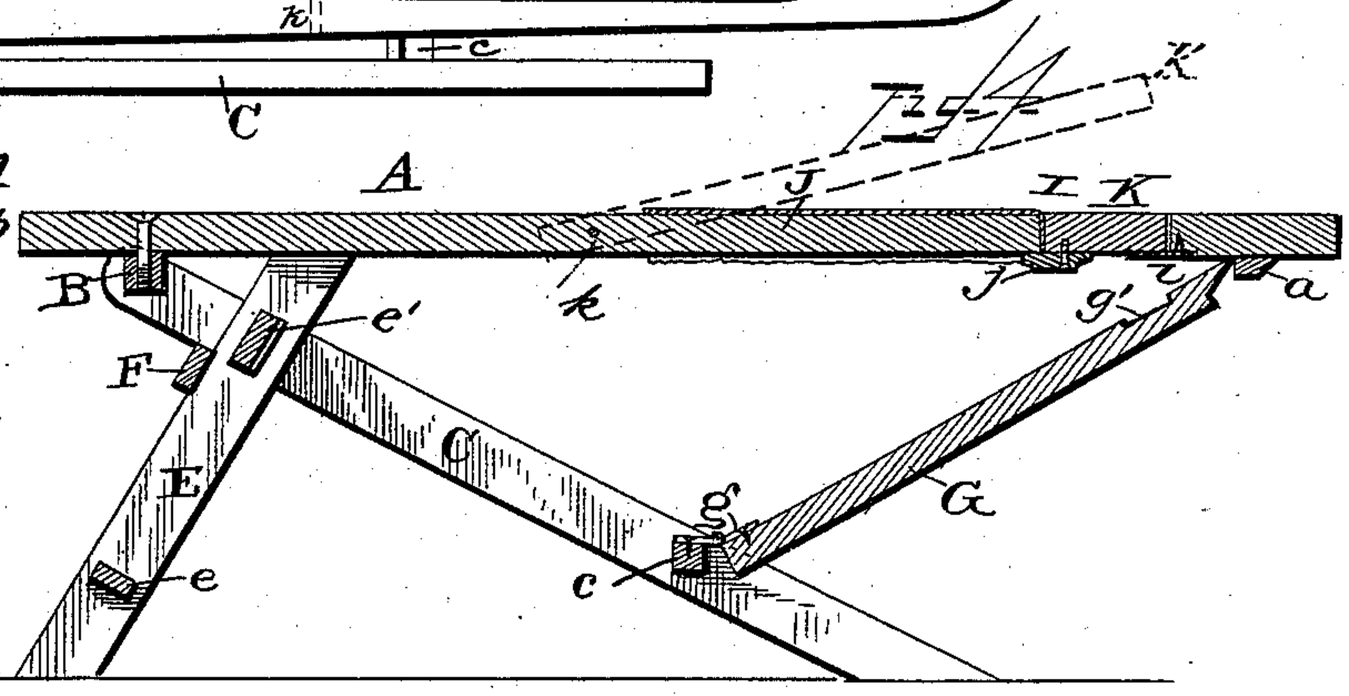

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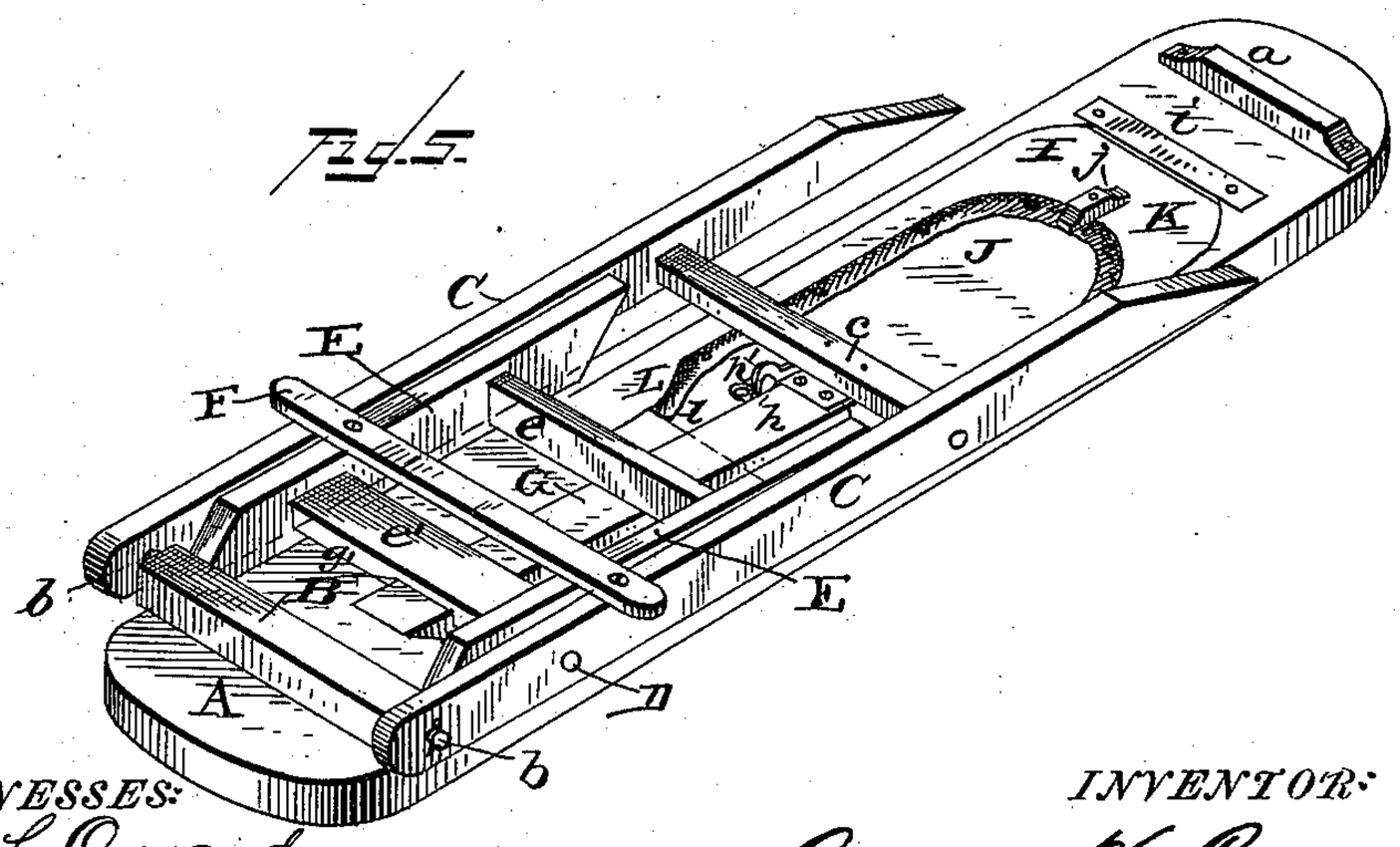

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IRONING-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. CARR, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Richmond, in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Ironing and Bosom Boards; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my combined ironing and bosom board ready for use. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is an end view. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view on line *x x* in Figs. 2 and 3; and Fig. 5 is a perspective rear view showing the board or table folded, as when not in use.

Like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to combined ironing and bosom boards; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of the board, which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

Reference being had to the accompanying drawings, the letter A designates the board or table proper, which has a cross-bar, B, at one end, (on the under side,) the laterally-projecting ends *b b* of which form trunnions whereby the board is pivoted between the outer ends of the long legs C C. The latter are pivoted at D to the short legs E E, the outer ends of said legs C and E being connected (each pair) by the cross-braces *c* and *e*. When the table and legs are in the open or extended position, the projecting upper ends of the long legs C C bear against the laterally-projecting ends of a cross-piece, F, secured upon legs E E, and the forward end of the table A is supported by a brace, G, the free or outer end of which bears against a cleat, *a*, on the under side of the table, while its inner end is connected by a hinge, *g*, to the cross-brace *c*, and held in its extended position by means of a hook, *h*, engaging an eye, *h'*, on brace G. When the table is folded, as shown in Fig. 5, this brace G folds in between the back part of the table and the folding legs C C, its upper end being rabbeted, as shown at *g'*, to make room for the upper cross-brace, *e'*, of legs E E.

The forwardly-projecting tapering end of the table is cut out to form an elongated horseshoe-shaped opening, I, whereby an inner projection, J, is formed, constituting the bosom-board. Into the opening I is fitted a piece, K, of a configuration and size corresponding to said opening, so that when the piece K (the rear ends of which are pivoted to the body of the board at *k k*) is folded down into its opening or recess the top of the table will present a smooth and even unbroken ironing-surface. In this position the outer free end of the folding piece K is supported upon a cleat or cross-piece, *i*, on the under side of the table, and held in place by means of a turn-button, *j*.

In order to make it convenient to iron the yokes of a shirt when the same is placed upon the bosom-board J, the latter is formed with shoulders L L, which will fit into and expand the yokes of the shirt when placed on the board, so as to keep the bosom smooth and straight, without wrinkles, while it is being ironed. The arms of the folding piece K are provided with corresponding shoulders or projections, *e e*, fitting into and filling up the spaces in the board formed by the yoke-shoulders L of the bosom-board.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the drawings, the manner of using my combined ironing and bosom board will readily be understood without further explanation. By opening the pivoted piece K, as indicated in dotted lines, the bosom-board J will be in position for use, while by folding the piece K down again flush with the table the latter may be used for ordinary ironing.

Having thus described my invention, I claim

and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

The ironing-board A, cut out to form a recess, I, and bosom-board J, in combination with the pivoted piece K, adapted to fit into the recess, substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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