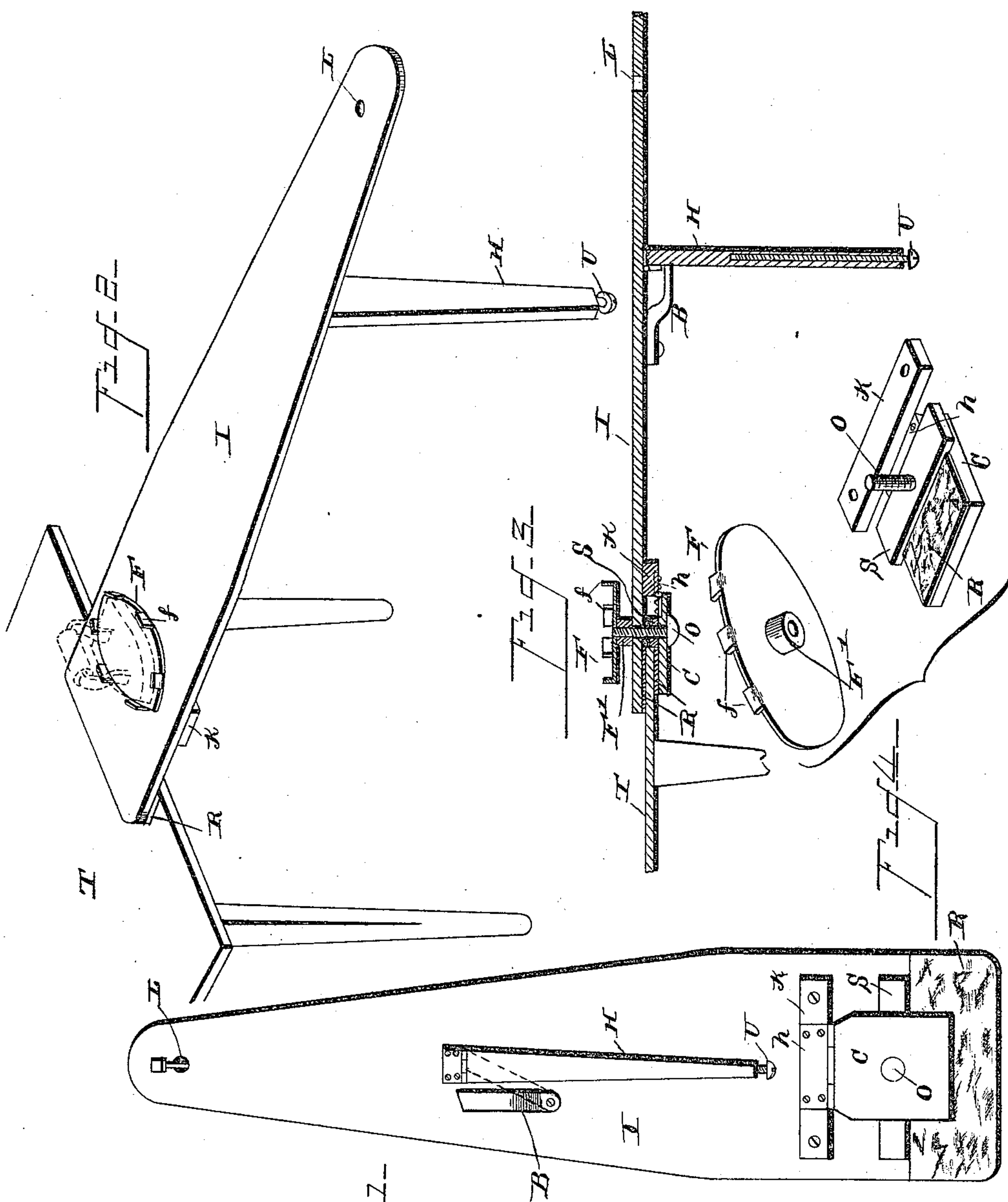


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JOSIAH SHEPHERD and ELIAS MARION DAVIS, citizens of the United States, residing at North Lewisburg, in the county of Champaign and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Ironing-Board, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to ironing-boards, more particularly of that class which usually hang upon the wall, but are adapted to be taken from such position and attached to a table when it is desired to use the same; and the invention consists of the ironing-board proper and the hinged supporting-leg held in either folded or operative position by a button of novel form, all as hereinafter more fully described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of the under side of this improved ironing-board detached from the table. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing it in operative position. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail of the clamp detached.

The letter T designates the table-top, and the letter I the ironing-board proper, of our improved device. This ironing-board is provided at a proper point with an eye L, by means of which it can be hung against the wall out of the way when it is not desired to use it, as shown in Fig. 1; but when the same is to be used it is removed from this position and set up in the following manner:

The letter H designates a hinged leg, which is attached, as shown, to the under side of the board I, and which when in proper position supports the outer end of the board, as will be clearly understood. A button B is pivoted near one end thereof to the bottom of the board I alongside the leg H, and is bent so that its other end stands below said board, and this button sustains this leg either in its folded or in its operative position, as shown—in its folded position by being placed over the leg, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and in its operative position by abutting against the leg, as shown in Fig. 3. In the lower end of the leg is seated a screw U, by means of which the length of the leg may be increased or decreased, as is desired, to cause the board I to stand level according to the height of the table T.

Near the inner end of the board I on its under side is fastened the cleat K, and to the

inner edge of this cleat is hinged the clamp C, on the inner side of which clamp is provided a stop-cleat S at such a distance from its edge as it is desired the edge of the table-top T shall pass. A bolt O is passed loosely through the body of the clamp and through a hole in the board I, and upon the upper end of this bolt is screwed the flat-iron bracket F, which therefore not only serves to clamp the device in position upon the edge of the table-top, but also to receive and support the flat-iron, as shown. The screw-threaded opening in this bracket F is preferably in a boss F' in its under side, and the edge of the bracket (which is preferably oval in outline) is turned up, as shown at f, whereby the flat-iron is prevented from slipping off the bracket, as will be readily understood.

The inner end of the board I on the under side and the inner end of the clamp C on the upper side are provided with strips R of rubber or other soft clinging material, whereby when the device is clamped to the table-top it will not slip thereon. The thickness of the cleat K is preferably a little greater than and that of the stop-cleat S a trifle less than that of the table-top, and the hinge h, which connects the clamp C with the cleat K, is so arranged that the lower face of the clamp is about on a line with the upper face of the cleat when the entire device is inverted. By this construction the bolt O draws the free edge of the clamp C squarely against the table-top T rather than at an angle thereto, and a tighter grasp is secured.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

The combination, with the board I and the leg H hinged thereto, of the button B, pivoted near one end to said board alongside the leg, its body being bent and its other end standing in a plane to move over the leg when the latter is folded, and to abut against it when distended, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereunto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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