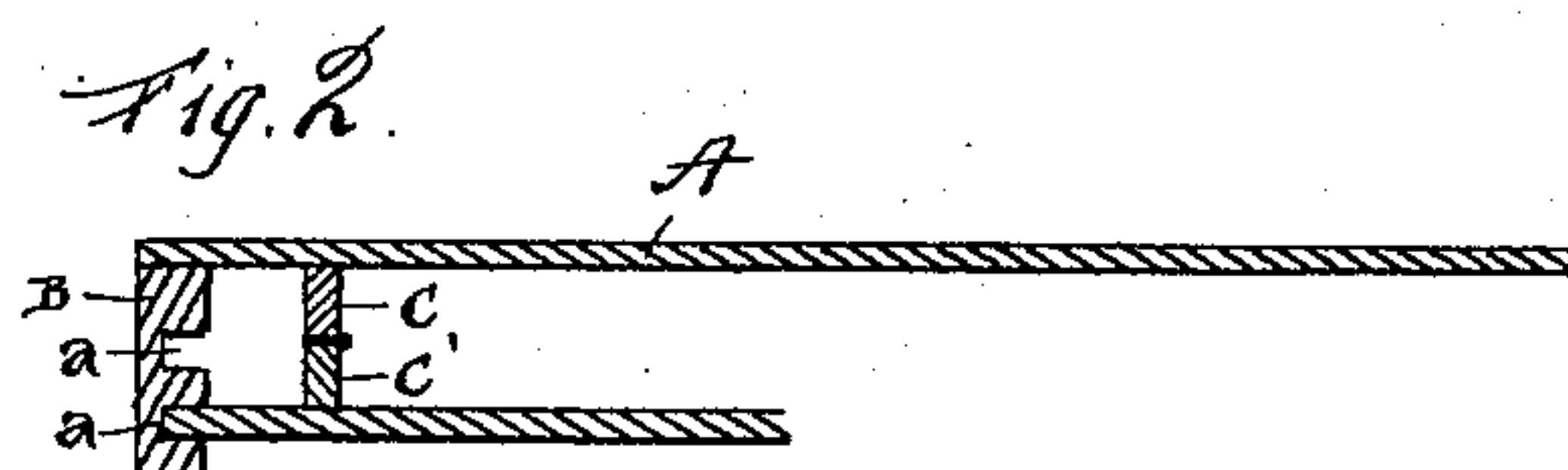
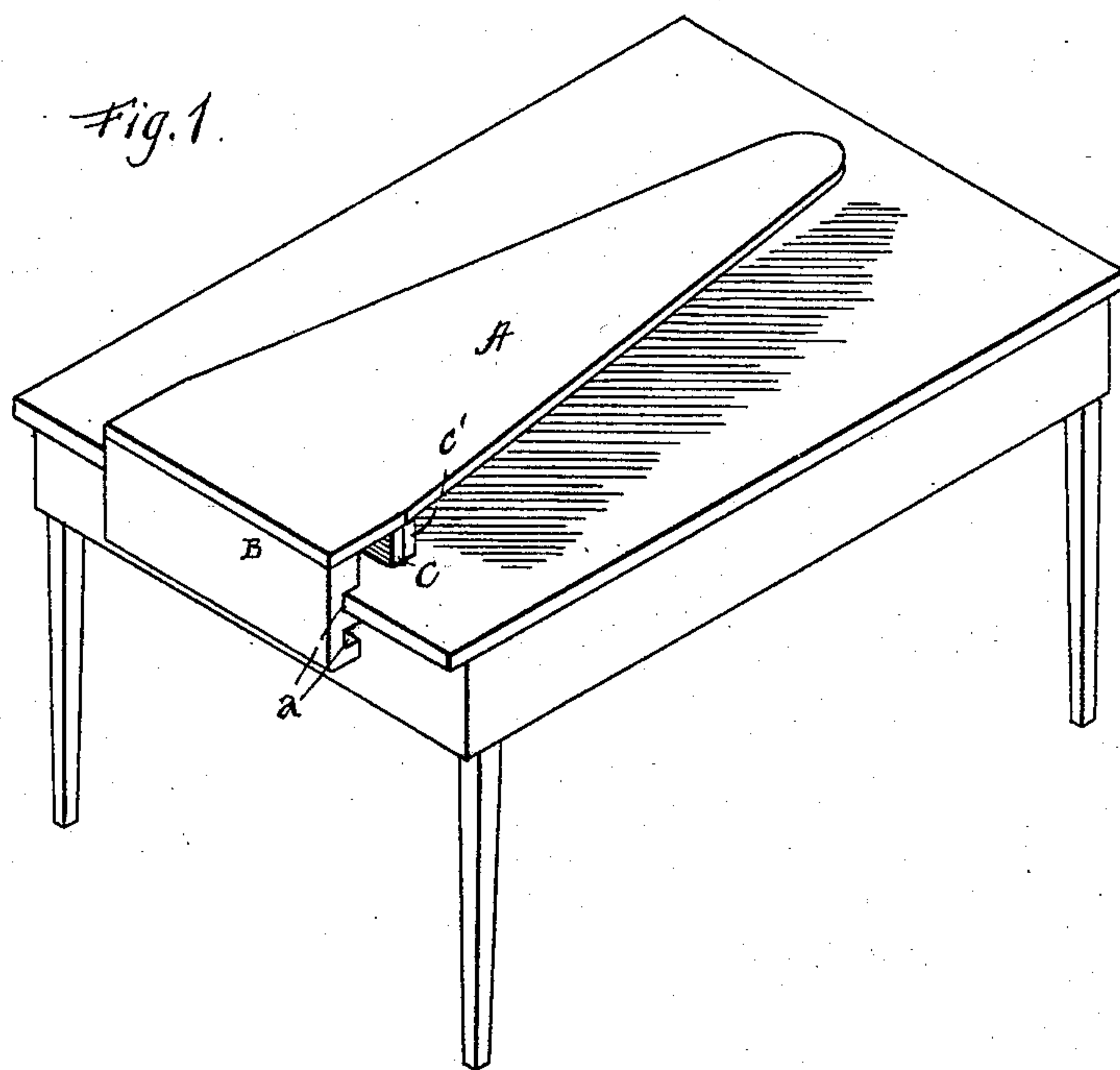


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GRANVILLE H. ASHWORTH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Sedalia, in the county of Pettis and State of Missouri, 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 letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of the board applied to a table. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section of same, with table broken.

This invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in ironing boards, the object being to provide a device of this character of simple construction, which is convenient in operation, and which may be readily and quickly attached to and detached from an ordinary table.

A further object consists in the provision of a board of this character so constructed that when applied to a table it will be perfectly rigid, yet unsupported except at and near the edge of the table, whereby the board is left free for insertion into the work, as is desirable in ironing shirts and other garments.

With these objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, all as hereinafter described and pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings illustrating the invention, the letter A designates the board proper, which may be of any convenient size and form.

Rigidly attached to the under side of one end portion of the board is a transverse head block B, having in its inner face two grooves *a*, extending the entire length of the said block, said grooves being adapted to receive and embrace the edge portion of an ordinary table. These grooves as shown are arranged one above the other, in order to provide for

the support of the board at different heights with relation to the table. Secured to the under side of the said board a short distance inward from the head block and parallel therewith is a transverse cleat C of the same thickness as the distance from the upper edge of the first groove *a* to the under side of the board.

When the board is applied to a table, as illustrated in Fig. 1, this cleat rests upon the table and together with the upper groove *a* forms a rigid support for said board, and the more weight applied to the free end portion of the said board by the operator, the more rigid is the support. The board is therefore held rigidly above the table and parallel with the surface thereof, there being no legs, hinges, or other devices to obstruct its insertion into the work.

For the purpose of supporting the board when its lower groove *a* is in engagement with the table, I hinge to the cleat C a supplementary cleat C', which when the lower adjustment is employed, is turned back against the under side of the board as in Fig. 1, but which when the upper adjustment is made is turned down underneath the cleat C, resting upon the table in the manner shown in Fig. 2.

The head block may be of wood or metal or of any suitable material.

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

An ironing board, comprising the board proper, the transverse head block secured thereto at one end portion, and having therein in its inner face, two longitudinal grooves, either of which is adapted to engage with the edge portion of a table, a transverse cleat on the under side of said board just forward of said head block, and a supplementary cleat hinged to the first named cleat, substantially as specified.

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

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