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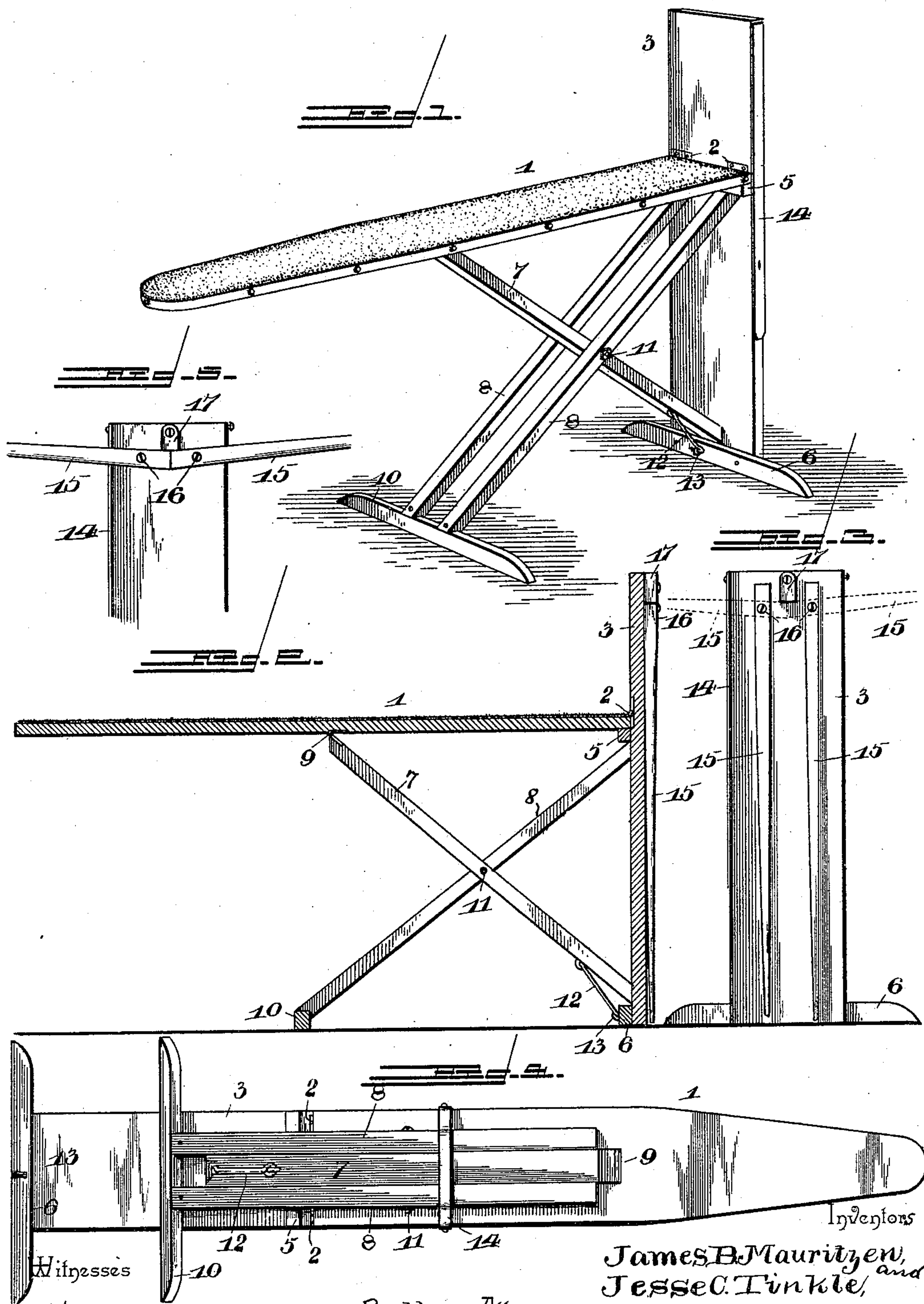
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, JAMES B. MAURITZEN and JESSE C. TINKLE, citizens of the United States, residing at Clayton, in the county of Panola and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Ironing-Table, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in ironing-tables.

10 The object of the present invention is to improve the construction of ironing-tables and to provide a simple, inexpensive, and durable one which will be firmly supported in operative position, and which may be  
15 quickly, conveniently, and compactly folded when not in use.

The invention consists in the construction and novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated  
20 in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claims hereto appended.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ironing-table constructed in accordance with this invention, the parts being  
25 arranged in operative position. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation. Fig. 4 is a plan view, the parts being folded. Fig. 5 is a detail  
30 view showing the clothes-supporting arms in operative position.

Like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates an ironing-board, of any desired configuration, connected at the upper  
35 edge of its rear end by hinges 2 to a vertical supporting-board 3, and supported, when in a horizontal position, by a transverse cleat 5, secured to the front face of the vertical support 3, which is also provided at its lower  
40 end with a cleat 6. The ironing-board is supported in a horizontal position when in use by oppositely-inclined legs 7 and 8, centrally pivoted together and adapted to fold  
45 flat against the lower face of the ironing-board when the ironing-table is not in use. The leg 7 is connected at its upper end to the lower face of the ironing-board, at a point intermediate of the ends thereof, by a hinge 9,  
50 and the lower end of the leg 7, which inclines downward and rearward, is beveled to fit flat against the vertical support 3, and engages

the upper edge of the bottom cleat 6, which extends across the support 3 and projects from the opposite sides thereof. The leg 8 is  
55 composed of a pair of side bars connected at their lower end by a cross-bar 10 and at a point intermediate of their ends by a transverse pin or bolt 11, which forms a pivot for connecting the two legs together. The upper  
60 ends of the sides of the leg 8, which inclines downward and forward from the rear end of the ironing-board, are beveled and fit snugly against the vertical support 3 at the lower face of the upper transverse cleat 5.  
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The bottom cleat 6 and the cross-bar 10 form feet for the ironing-table, and the parts are rigidly held in operative position for supporting the ironing-board by the hook 12,  
70 mounted on the leg 7 and engaging an eye 13 of the bottom cleat 6 of the support 3, but any other suitable fastening device may be employed for rigidly holding the parts together.

When the ironing-table is not in use, the board 1 is adapted to swing upward and fold  
75 flat against the upper portion of the vertical support. The lower portion of the leg 8 swings upward and the two legs fold together and fit flat against the lower face of the ironing-board, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 4 of  
80 the accompanying drawings. The parts are retained in their folded position by a band 14, secured at one end to the vertical support, preferably at one edge thereof, and provided with an opening to engage a headed pin at  
85 the other edge of the vertical support.

The vertical support 3 extends above the ironing-board when the latter is in a horizontal position, and has pivoted to its rear face a pair of clothes-supporting arms 15,  
90 adapted to be arranged, as illustrated in Fig. 5 of the accompanying drawings, for the purpose of supporting clothes. The pivots 16 of the arms are arranged adjacent to the inner terminals thereof, and the arms are locked in  
95 operative position by a central pivoted button 17, arranged to engage the inner ends of the arms, as shown. When the arms are not in use, they are adapted to be folded against the rear face of the vertical support and do  
100 not extend beyond the edges thereof.

The ironing-board is designed to be provided with a suitable covering, and the band which secures the parts when folded may be



constructed of webbing or any other suitable material.

It will be seen that the ironing-table is exceedingly simple and inexpensive in construction, that it is strong and durable, and that the ironing-board is firmly supported in a horizontal position. It will also be apparent that the ironing-table may be quickly set up, and that it may be compactly folded when not in use.

Changes in the form, proportion, and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

What we claim is—

1. In an ironing-table, the combination of a vertical support, an ironing-board hinged at its rear end to the vertical support and permanently connected with the same, the rearwardly-inclined leg hinged at its upper end to the lower face of the ironing-board and having its lower end supported adjacent to the vertical support, and the leg 8 centrally pivoted to the leg 7 and adapted to fold with the latter against the lower face of the ironing-board, said leg 8 having its upper end engaging the vertical support beneath the ironing-board, substantially as described.

2. In an ironing-table, the combination of a vertical supporting-board, an ironing-board hinged to the supporting-board and arranged to swing upward against the same in folding, a cleat mounted on the supporting-board located beneath the ironing-board and adapted to support the same when in a horizontal position, the oppositely-inclined folding legs

centrally pivoted together, the downwardly and rearwardly inclined leg being hinged at its upper end to the lower face of the ironing-board and the upper end of the other leg detachably engaging the cleat of the vertical support, and a fastening device for locking the parts in operative position, substantially as described.

3. An ironing-table comprising a vertical supporting-board provided at its bottom with a cleat, an ironing-board hinged to the supporting-board at a point intermediate of the end of the same and adapted to swing upward in folding, an upper transverse cleat secured to the vertical support at a point beneath the ironing-board and arranged to support the latter, the oppositely-inclined legs 7 and 8 centrally pivoted and arranged to fold flat against the lower face of the ironing-board, the leg 7 being hinged at its upper end to the ironing-board, and the other leg being composed of side bars detachably engaging the lower face of the upper cleat, a fastening device for securing the lower end of the leg 7 to the lower cleat of the support, and means for holding the parts when folded, substantially as described.

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

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