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IRONING BOARD.

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Fig. 1.

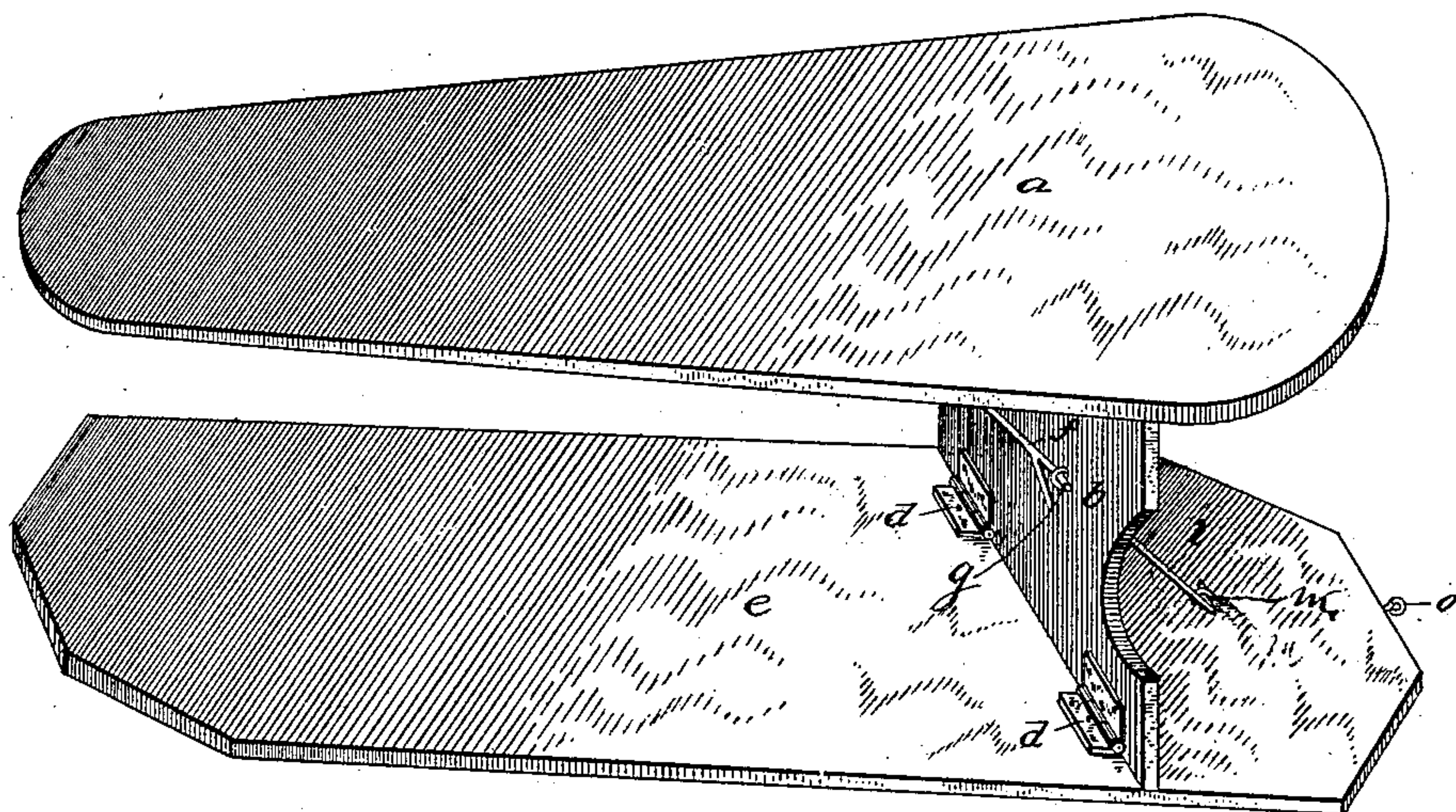


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

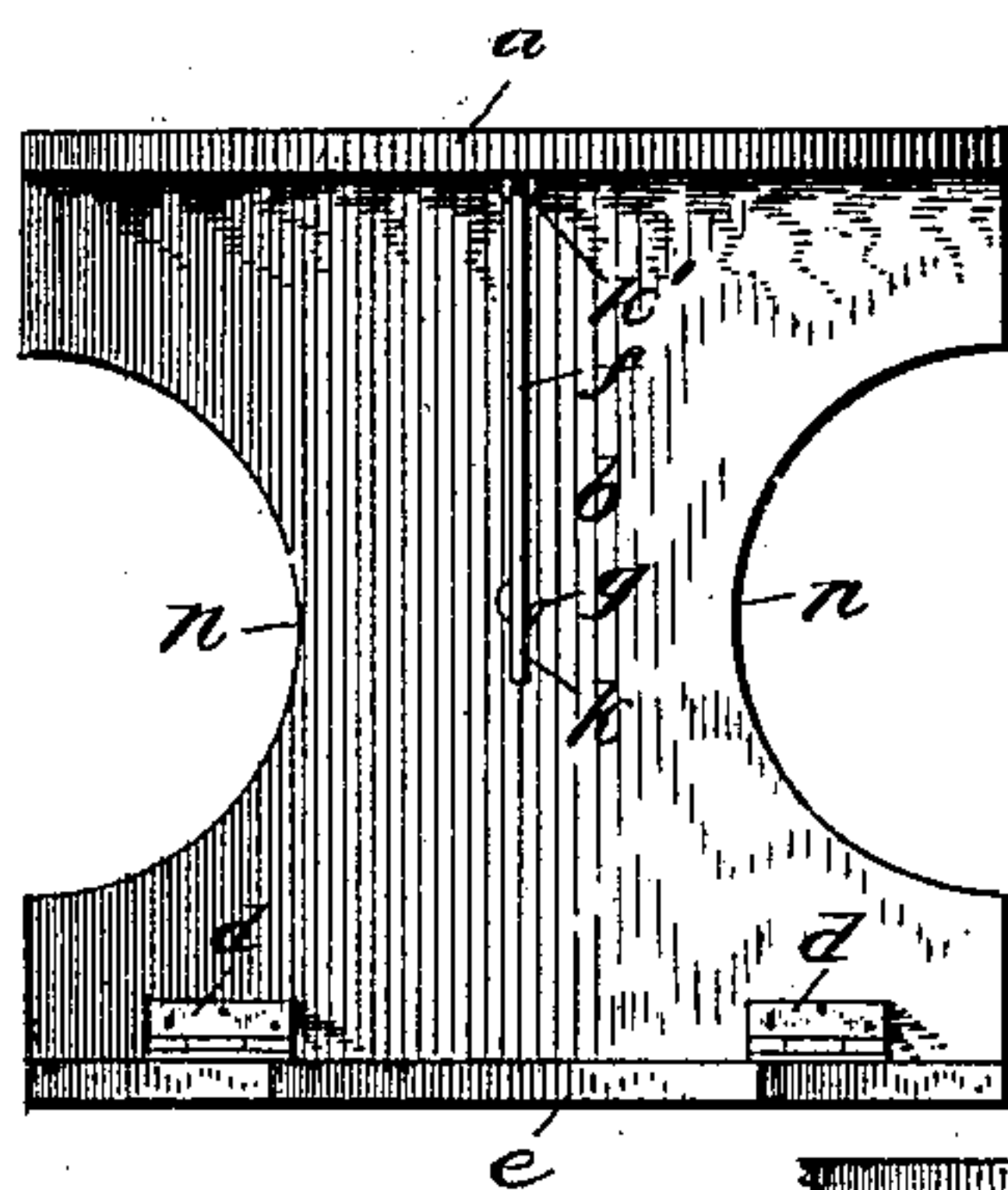


Fig. 4.

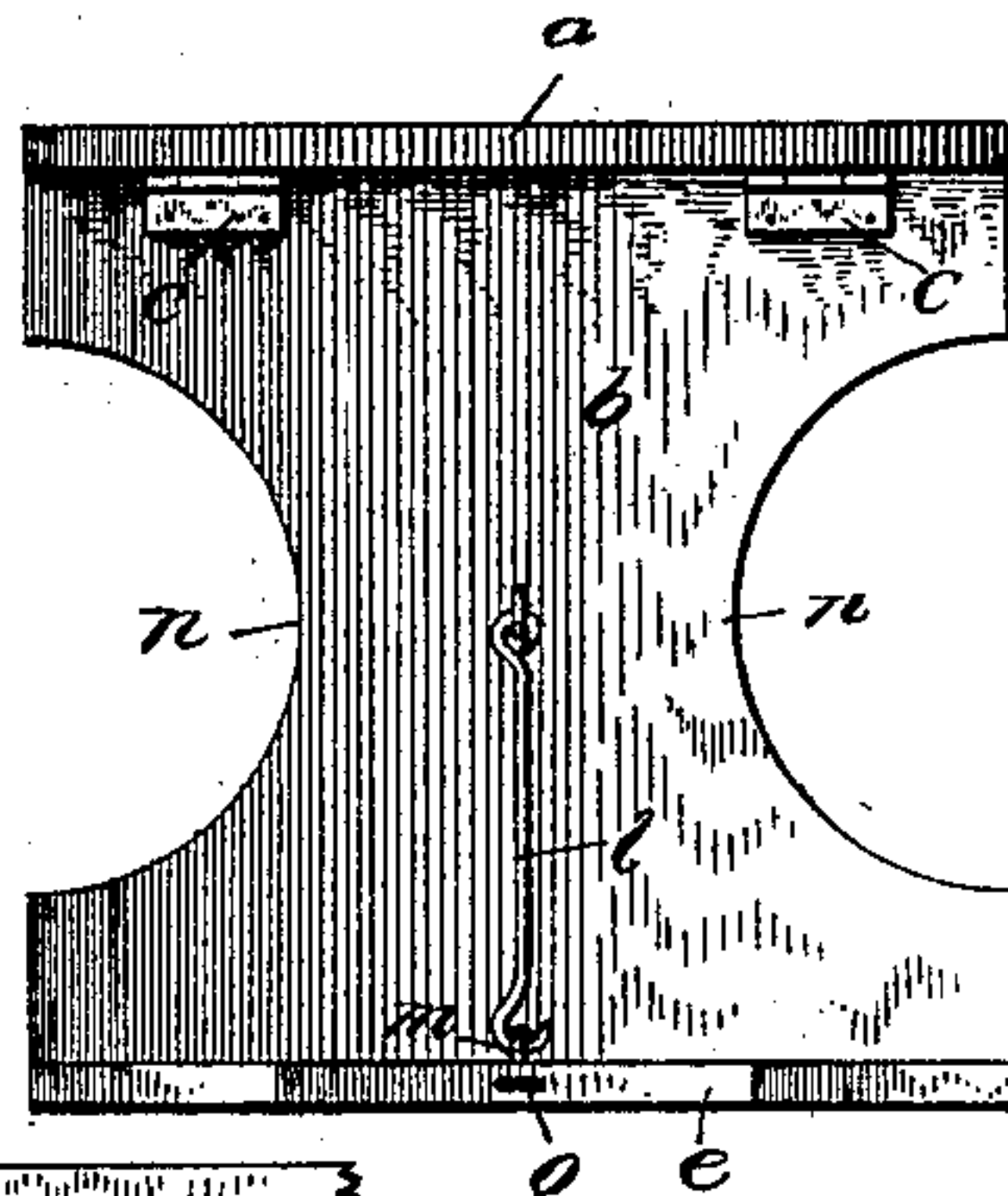
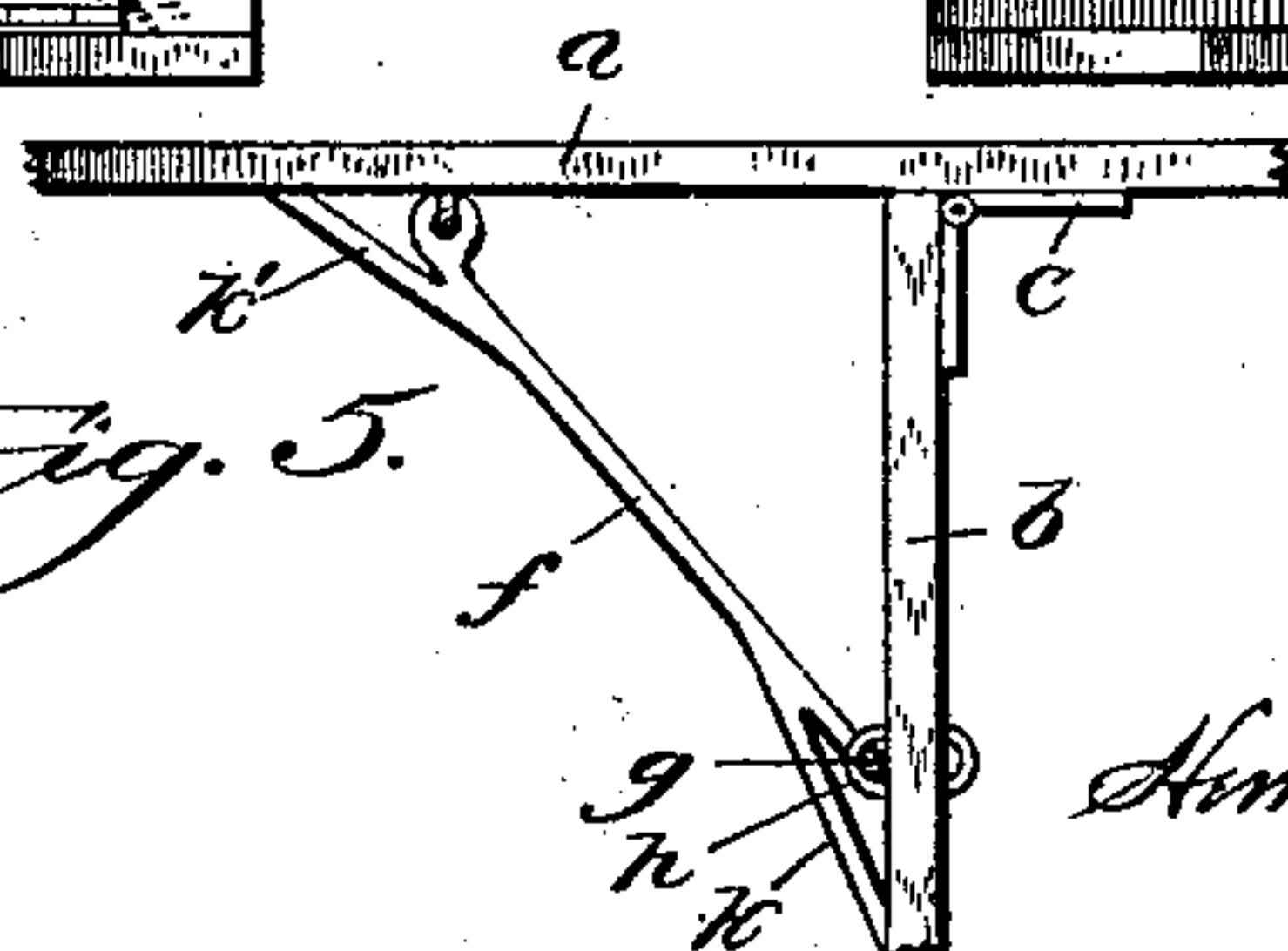


Fig. 5.



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IRONING-BOARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND A. HAMPSHIRE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in ironing-boards, and has for its object to construct an ironing-board that may be folded in a neat and compact form when not in use and that when in the built-up form will present an extremely rigid construction, besides being easily and quickly folded or set up and presenting a convenient form of board for the ironing of many articles of clothing.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more specifically described, and particularly pointed out in the claim, and in describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved ironing-board, showing the same in the set-up form. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same when folded, showing the set-up form in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is an end view looking from the front of the board when the same is in the set-up form. Fig. 4 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 5 is a side view of a portion of the board in the built-up form, showing the peculiar construction of the supporting-brace.

Referring now to the drawings by reference-letters, *a* indicates the ironing or smoothing board, which tapers toward one end, so as to permit sleeves and like articles of clothing to be drawn readily over the board for ironing. This smoothing-board *a* is supported by a support *b*, which is secured thereto at a point near the larger end by hinges *c c*, the said support being also secured by hinges *d d* to the base-board *e*. These hinges *d* and *c* are placed on the opposite sides of the support *b*,

so as to permit the ironing or smoothing board *a* and the support *b* to fold longitudinally with the base-board *e*. The smoothing-board *a* is held in the horizontal position by means of the brace *f*, which is hinged from the underneath side of the ironing or smoothing board some distance in front of the support *b* and is provided with a hook *g*, which engages an eye *h*, secured in the said support *b*. This brace *f* is provided with projecting arms *k k'*, which engage against the face of the support *b* and the underneath face of the ironing or smoothing board *a*. A brace is also provided on the opposite side of the support *b*, which consists of a long hook *l*, attached to the rear of said support *b* and engaging in an eye *m*, secured in the upper face of the base-board *e*. The support *b* is provided on its sides with cut-away portions *n n*, so as to prevent the support from interfering with an article of clothing which may have been drawn over the ironing or smoothing board. I have also provided an eye *o* in the rear end of the base-board, which may be employed for hanging the board when the same is folded and not in use.

It will be observed that by reason of the hinges being placed upon the opposite sides of the support *b* the ironing or smoothing board, together with the said support *b*, will be permitted to fold longitudinally with the base-board *e* when the supporting-braces *f* and *l* are disengaged, and when the board is in the set-up form the projecting arms *k* and *k'*, engaging upon the front face of the support *b* and the underneath face of the ironing or smoothing board *a*, will serve to hold the ironing-board in a perfectly rigid manner. Also, by this manner of hinging the board the board is permitted to fold into a comparatively small space and may be conveniently hung upon its eye *o* when in the folded form, if so desired.

It will be noted that various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of my invention.

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

An ironing-board, consisting of a smooth-

ing-board, a base-board, and a support hinged
to the smoothing-board and base-board in a
manner to permit the folding of the smooth-
ing-board and support longitudinally with the
5 base, a brace secured to the underneath face of
the smoothing-board, and provided with pro-
jecting arms to engage the front of the sup-
port and the underneath face of the smooth-
ing-board and a brace attached to the rear of

the support and engaging the base, substan- 10
tially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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