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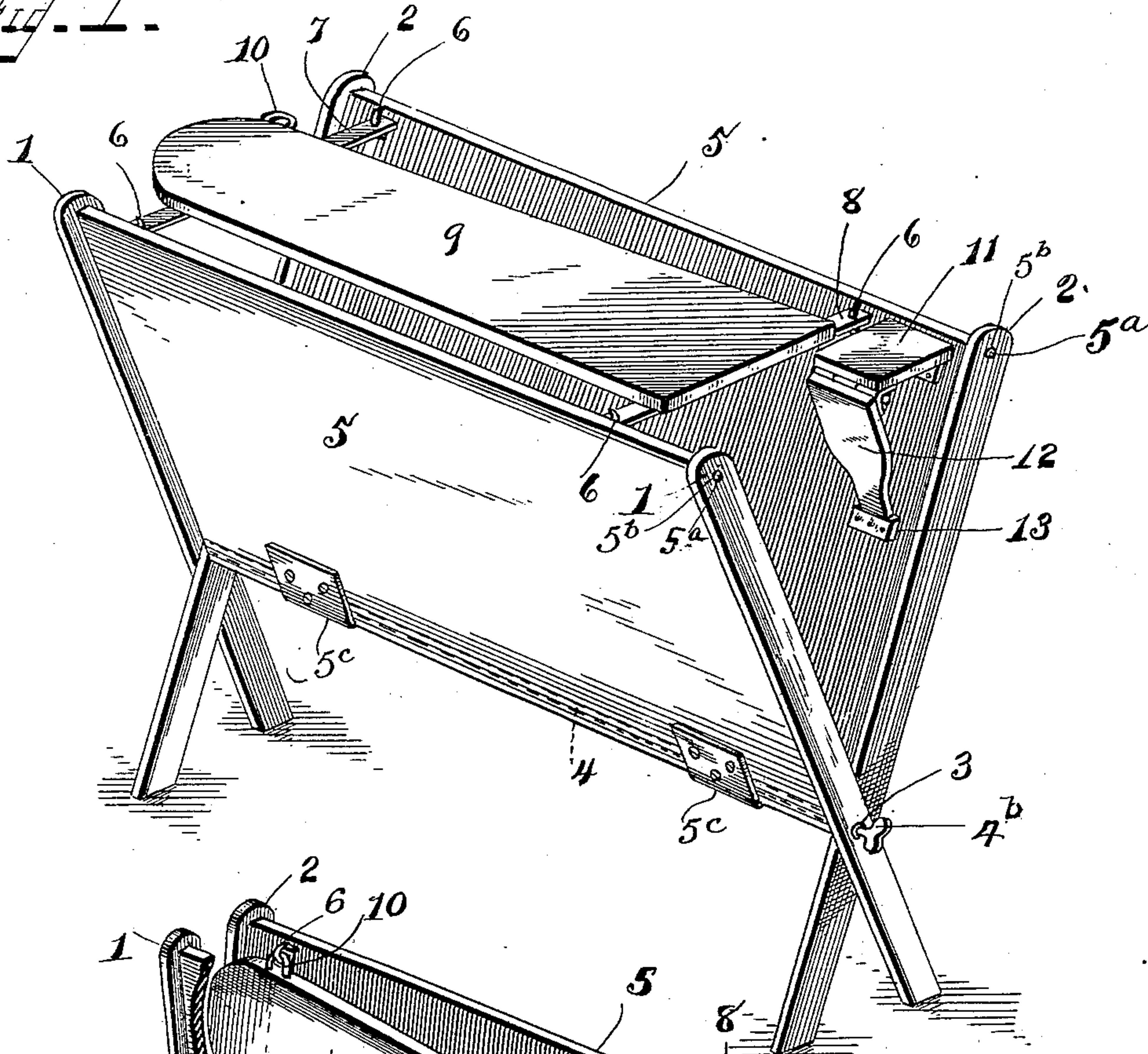
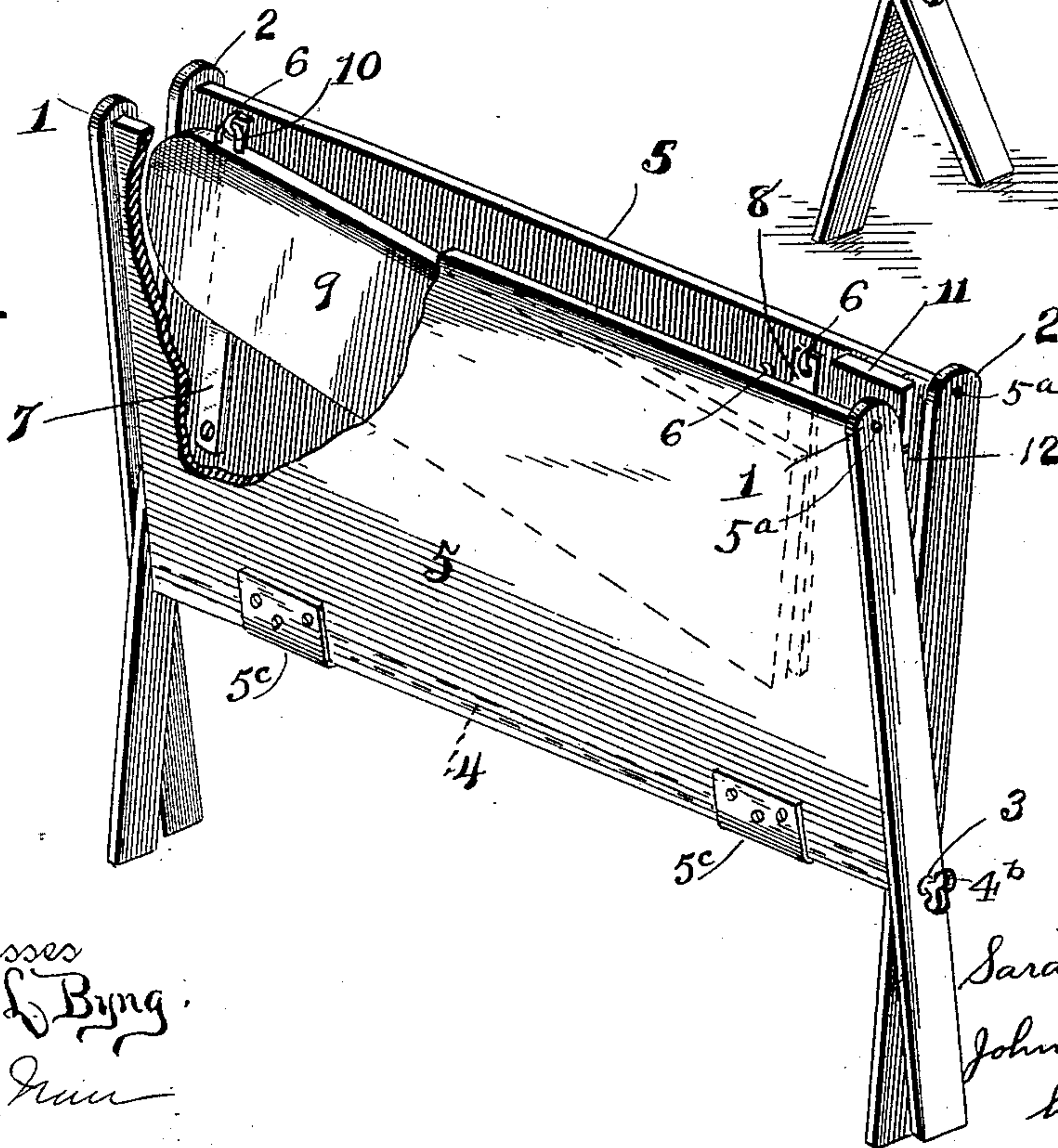


Fig. 2.



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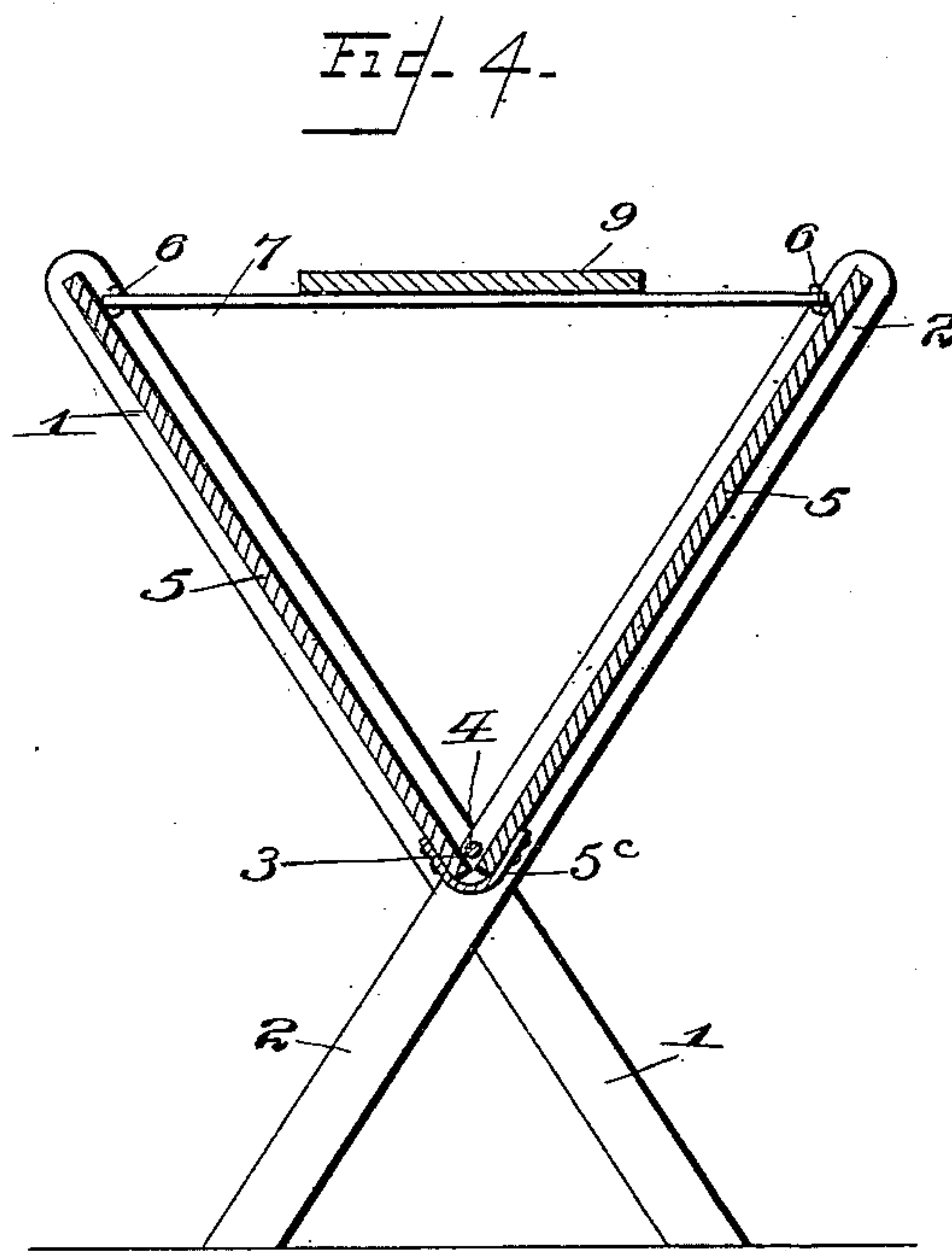
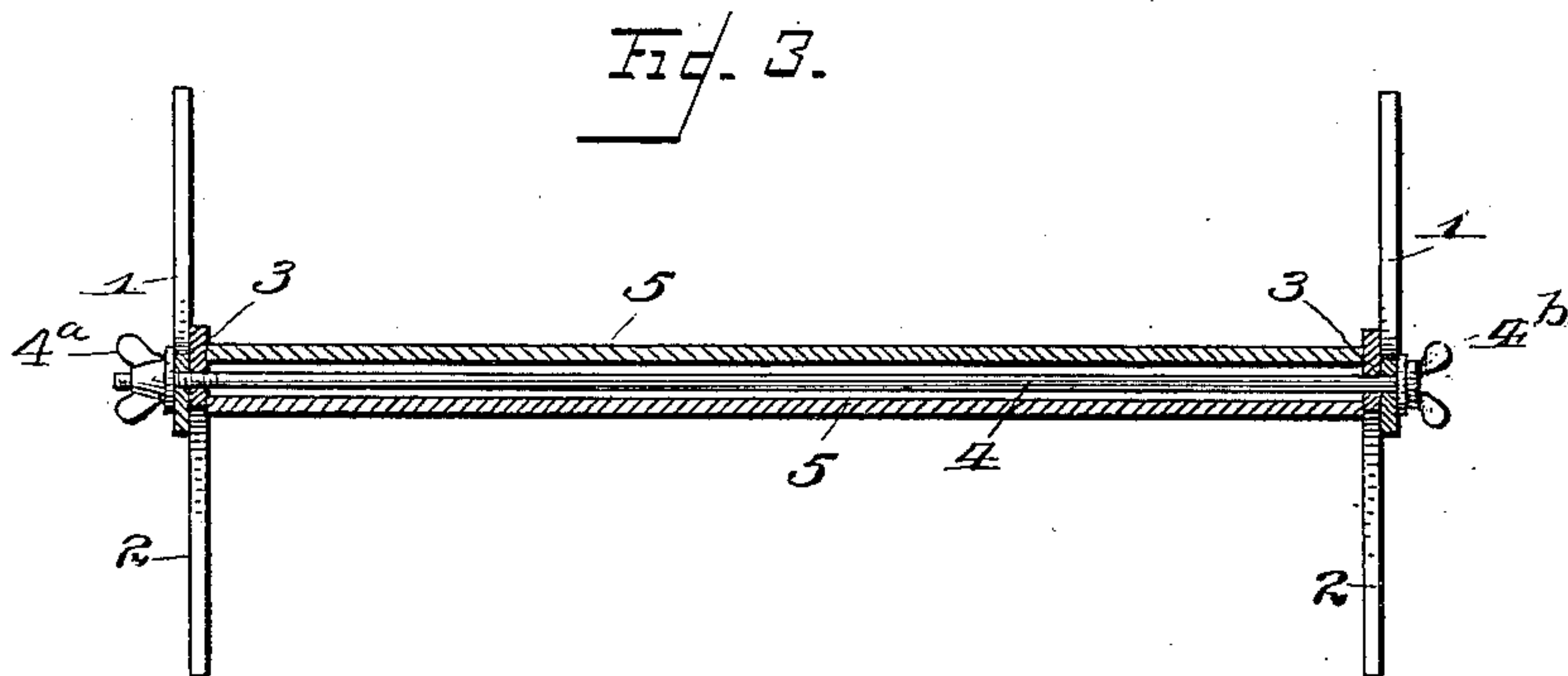
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## IRONING-TABLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SARAH J. COGGINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Morris, in the county of Ogle and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Tables; and I do hereby 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.

My invention relates to improvements in ironing-tables; and it has for its object to provide for greater convenience and facility in use, the ready and compact folding of the parts for storing or shipment, and equal readiness and facility in reassembling or putting the parts into operative position; and to these ends the invention consists in the sundry combinations of parts and their arrangement, substantially as hereinafter more fully disclosed, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved ironing-table in position for use. Fig. 2 is also a perspective view thereof, showing the parts folded or out of use. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the same, taken in the line of the pivoting or connecting rod of the legs of the table. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the invention.

In carrying out my invention I provide two pairs of legs or supports 1 1 2 2, the legs at each end of the table crossing each other and pivotally connected together at 3 by a rod 4, extending continuously from side to side with one end suitably headed, as at 4<sup>b</sup>, outside of one pair of the legs and provided with a binding thumb-nut 4<sup>a</sup> at its other end outside of the opposite pair of legs.

5 5 are protecting boards or pieces, one arranged between each pair of the legs 1 1 2 2, with their ends abutting against the inner sides of the latter, the function thereof being to prevent the hanging portions of the clothes being ironed from contact with or falling on the floor, as will appear more fully hereinafter. The boards or pieces 5 5 are provided at their ends near the upper edge with pins or projections 5<sup>a</sup> 5<sup>a</sup>, entering apertures 5<sup>b</sup> 5<sup>b</sup> in the upper ends of the legs or supports 1 1 2 2, rendering said boards detachable from said

legs or supports. These boards or pieces converge at their lower edges and are hinged together, as at 5<sup>c</sup> 5<sup>c</sup>, it may be, by pieces of flexible material—as, for instance, leather—the boards at their convergent portions being thus adapted to be brought closely to and permitting the passing of the leg-pivoting rod 4 between them to provide for holding said boards in place thereat from lateral displacement.

9 is the ironing-board of the usual construction, having secured thereto upon its under side at one end a preferably metallic cross piece or bar 8, the opposite end of said board resting upon but not attached to a similar cross piece or bar 7, the ends of each cross-piece being apertured and engaging upstanding hooks 6, secured to the inner sides of the boards 5 near their upper edges. This permits of the ready adjustment of the ironing-board into operative position and the disconnecting of the same from the side or protecting boards and the compact folding up of these parts.

The ironing-board 9 is provided at the opposite end to that to which is secured the bar 8 with a staple 10, adapted to engage a hook 6 at that end of one of the side or protecting boards 5 when the cross-piece 7, supporting said end of the ironing-board, is removed from under said end of the ironing-board and the parts are folded, as disclosed in Fig. 2.

11 is the smoothing-iron stand or support, arranged at one end of the table, with one end of its normally horizontal portion hinged to the inner side of one of the protecting-boards 5 near the upper edge thereof, said stand or support also having a hinged section or arm 12 connected to its opposite end and adapted to rest upon a projection or offset 13 of said protecting or side board, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, providing for its ready folding with the folding up of the parts of the table.

In putting the table into position for use the legs or supports 1 2, with the side or protecting boards 5 5, are spread apart, as shown particularly in Fig. 1, and the ironing-board 9 placed in the required horizontal position after first properly placing the cross pieces or bars 7 8, wherein it will be seen that the hanging portions of the articles for ironing when



laid upon said ironing-board will depend through spaces provided therefor between said ironing-board and protecting-boards, thus keeping the same off the floor or preventing them falling thereon in event of slipping off the ironing-board.

The operation of folding up the parts of the table can be very quickly and easily accomplished, as is apparent from the drawings and what has already been stated and from which it will be seen that the parts can be readily disassembled and folded most compactly for storage or shipment.

I am aware that changes and alterations in the form and proportions of parts and in the details and construction of devices herein shown and described as the preferred embodiment of my invention may be made by a skilled mechanic without departing from the spirit or sacrificing the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such modifications as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

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

1. In an ironing-table, the combination of the pairs of crossing legs, the continuous rod for pivotally connecting together said legs, the protecting or side boards with their lower converging edges hinged together and adapted to permit passing between them thereat of said pivoting-rod and having at their outer ends, near the upper edges, pins or projections entering coincident apertures in the upper ends of said legs, the ironing-board and means for supporting said ironing-board in position between said protecting-boards, near their upper edges, substantially as set forth.

2. In an ironing-table, the combination of the pairs of crossing legs, the continuous rod for pivotally connecting together said legs, the

protecting or side boards with their lower converging edges hinged together and adapted to permit the passing between them thereat of said pivoting-rod and having at their end, near the upper edges, pins or projections entering coincident apertures in the upper ends of said legs or supports, the ironing-board having secured to its under side, at one end, a cross-bar and supported at its opposite end upon, but not attached to, a second cross-bar, said cross-bars having apertures in their ends engaging upstanding hooks on the inner sides of said protecting-boards, at their upper edges, said pivoting-rod having one end headed and a thumb or binding nut at its opposite end, and said ironing-board also having at the opposite end to that to which is secured its cross-bar, means for suspending that end upon one of the hooks upon one of said protecting-boards, substantially as described.

3. In an ironing-table, the combination of two pairs of legs, having openings therein at points adjacent to their upper ends, protecting-boards hinged together at their lower edges and having pins projecting outwardly from their upper outer edges fitting within the openings in said legs and engaging the inner surfaces thereof, a rod or bar having a screw-threaded nut at one end, connecting said pairs of legs at points intermediate of their ends, and lying between said boards at points adjacent to their lower edges, a head upon the other end of said rod, and means for supporting an ironing-board, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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