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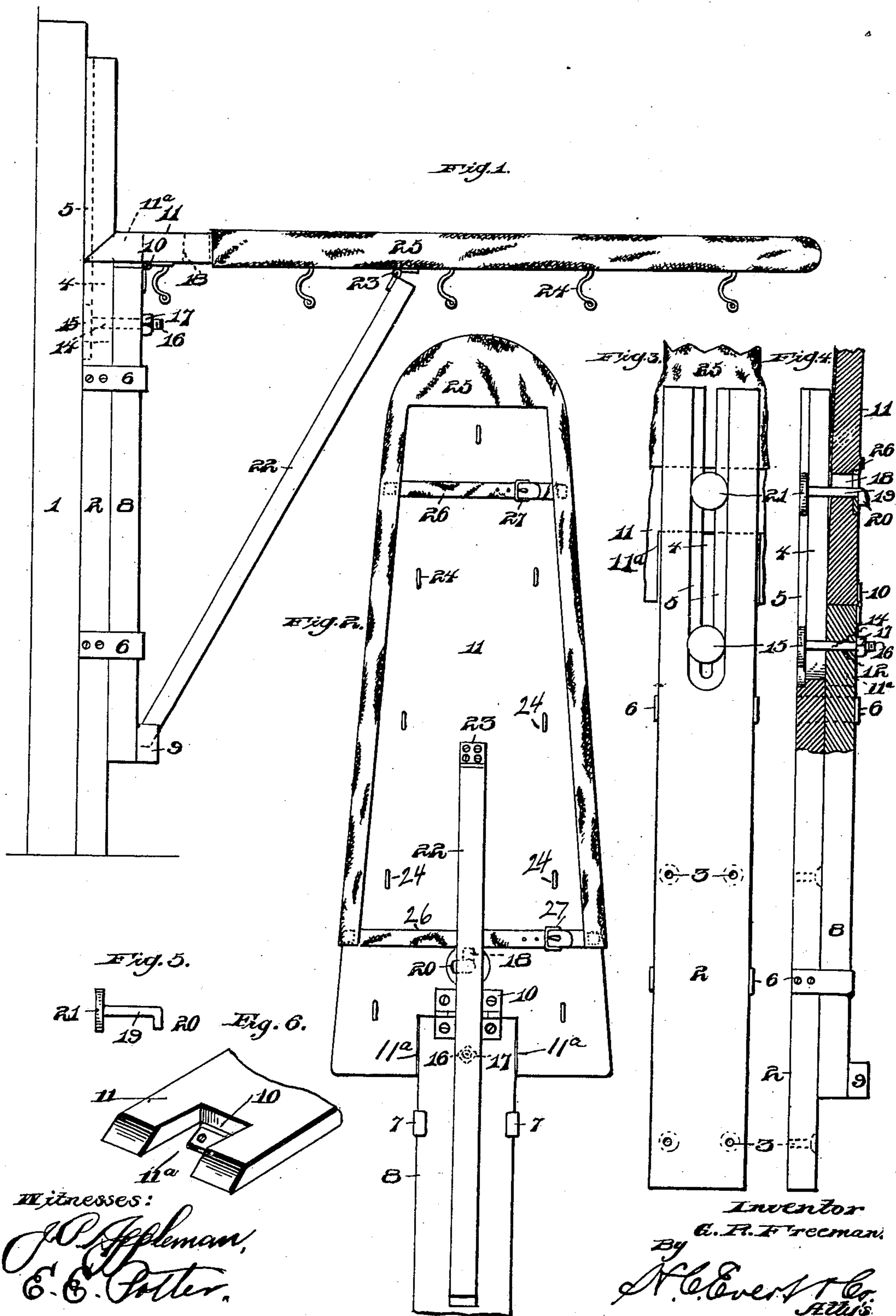
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. FREEMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Turtlecreek, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Ironing-Board and Clothes-Rack, 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 combination ironing-boards and clothes-racks, and has for its object the provision of novel means whereby the device may be easily adjusted to be used as an ironing-board and then firmly placed in position whereby it is converted into a clothes-rack.

The invention further aims to construct a device of this character that may also be adjusted upwardly or downwardly both as an ironing-board and also in the position when used as a clothes-rack; furthermore, to provide means whereby the device may be retained in a rigid and firm position.

The invention further contemplates to construct a device of this character which will be extremely simple in construction, strong, durable, and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

In describing the invention in detail reference is had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and wherein like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved device, showing the same adjusted to the position when used as an ironing-board. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same as it appears when employed as a clothes-rack. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the standard upon which the device is slidingly mounted. Fig. 4 is a side elevation of the same, partly in vertical section. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the locking-hook. Fig. 6 is a detail perspective view

of one end of the board, showing the recess therein.

In the drawings, the reference-numeral 1 indicates the wall of the building, to which is rigidly secured a standard 2, having arranged therein openings 3 to receive suitable fastening means. This standard has formed therein at its upper extremity a slot 4, extending in alinement therewith and arranged centrally in said standard. Guideways 5 are arranged on each side of the said slot on the rear face of the said standard. This standard 2 is provided on its sides with guides 6, which are bent inwardly at right angles, as shown at 7, and are adapted to receive a sliding support 8, the latter conforming in width to the standard 2. This sliding support is provided at its lower extremity with a keeper 9 and at its upper end with a hinge 10, the other section of said hinge being secured to the under face of the ironing-board 11. Said ironing-board at its inner end has a recess 11^a to register with the upper end of the sliding support 8 and allow the same to be seated therein when the ironing-board is in an upright position. The sliding support 8 has formed therein an opening 12 to receive a bolt 14, the head 15 of said bolt being adapted to slide in the guideways 5, the bolt extending through the slot 4. The end of this bolt is screw-threaded, as shown at 16, to receive the nut 17 for the purpose of firmly securing the sliding support to the standard at any desired position to which the device may be adjusted.

The reference-numeral 18 represents the slot in the ironing-board for the reception of the locking-hook 19, said locking-hook carrying at its one end a hook portion 20 and at its other end a circular head 21, said head 21 being likewise adapted to slide in the guideways 5. The hook end being turned will firmly lock the ironing-board in an upright position when it is desired to use the same as a clothes-rack.

The reference-numeral 22 represents a support which is hinged at 23 to the under face of the ironing-board, the other end of this support being adapted to engage in the keeper 9 when the device is adjusted to the position to be used as an ironing board or table.

The reference-numeral 24 represents hooks conveniently arranged upon the under face of the ironing-board to receive clothes or other articles when the device is adjusted and retained in an upright position.

The reference-numeral 25 indicates a suitable covering for the ironing-board which may be held and retained upon the same by means of strips 26, connected together by buckles 27, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

In view of the above description it is thought that a further detail explanation of the operation of my device is unnecessary, as it will be readily apparent how the clothes-rack may be converted into an ironing-board, or vice versa, and 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 thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a combined ironing-board and clothes-rack, the combination of a standard, guides arranged therein, guides secured to said standard, a sliding support connected to said standard, an ironing-board hinged to the upper end of said sliding support, a locking-hook having a head on one end thereof and a hook portion on the other end, said locking-hook adapted to engage in the said guideways, substantially as described.

2. In a combined ironing-board and clothes-rack, the combination of a standard, guides arranged therein, guides secured to said

standard, a sliding support connected to said standard, an ironing-board hinged to the upper end of said sliding support, hooks secured to the under face of said ironing-board, a locking-hook having a circular head on one end thereof and a hook portion on the other end, said locking-hook adapted to engage in the said guideways to hold the ironing-board locked in an upright position, substantially as described.

3. In a combined ironing-board and clothes-rack, the combination of a standard having formed therein a slot, guideways arranged on each side of said slot in said standard, guides arranged on each side of said standard, a sliding support operating in said guides, a bolt extending through said sliding support and standard, a nut secured to the end of said bolt, an ironing-board hinged to the upper end of said sliding support, a locking-hook arranged in said board adapted to engage in the guideways arranged on the sides of the slot, hooks arranged on the under face of said ironing-board, and a hinged support secured to the under face of said ironing-board and adapted to engage said sliding support, all parts being arranged and operating substantially as described and for the purpose set forth.

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

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