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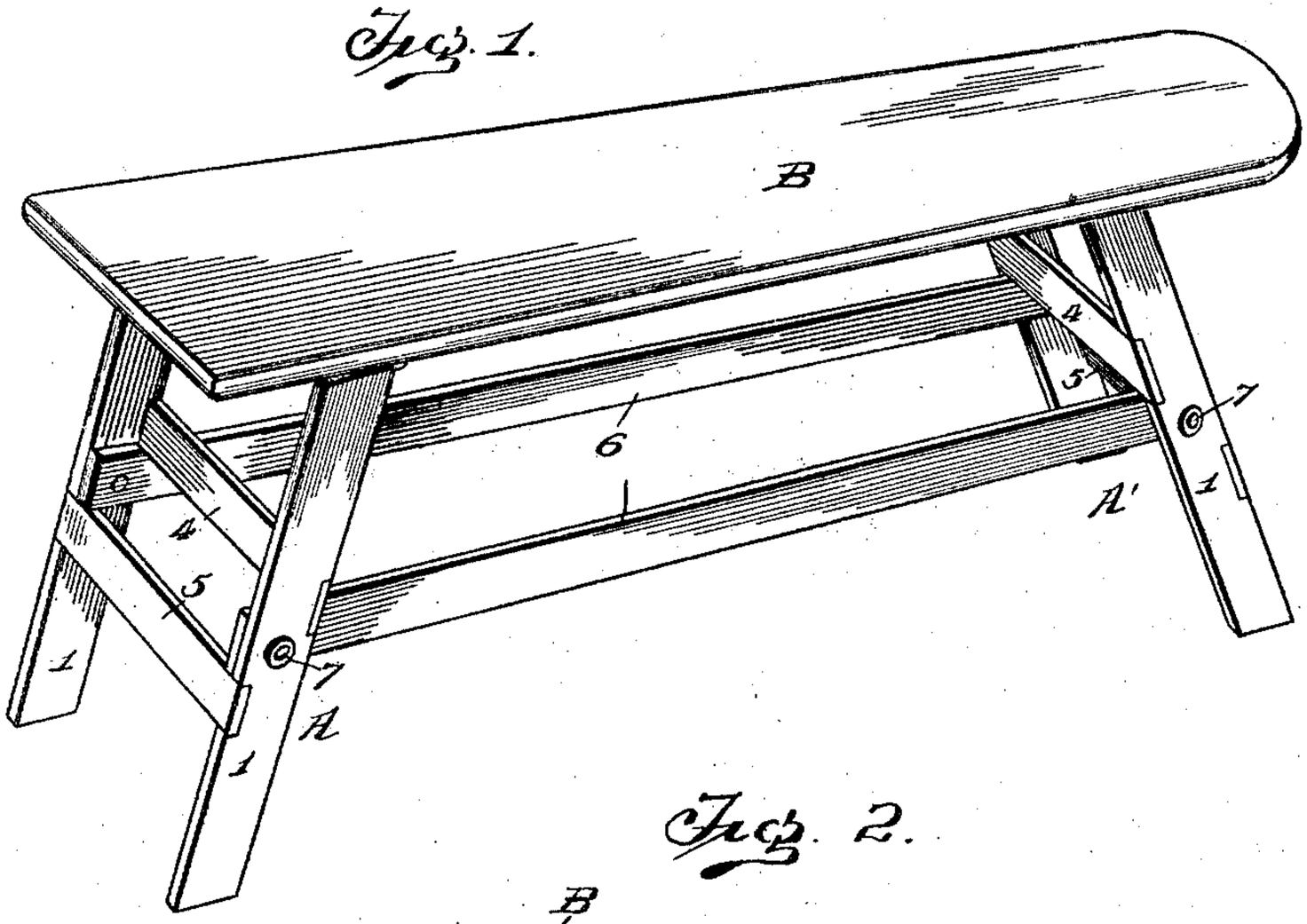
Fig. 1.



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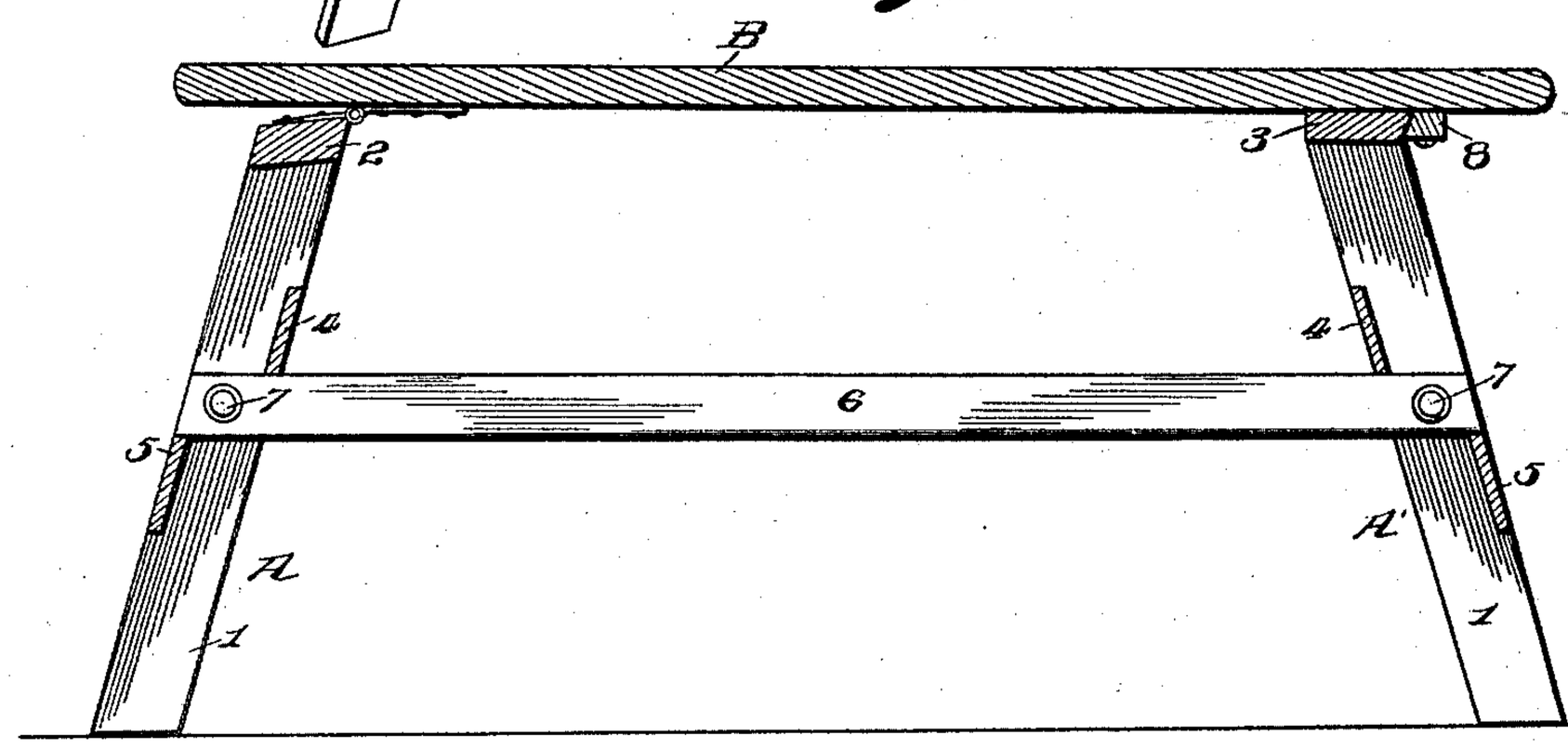

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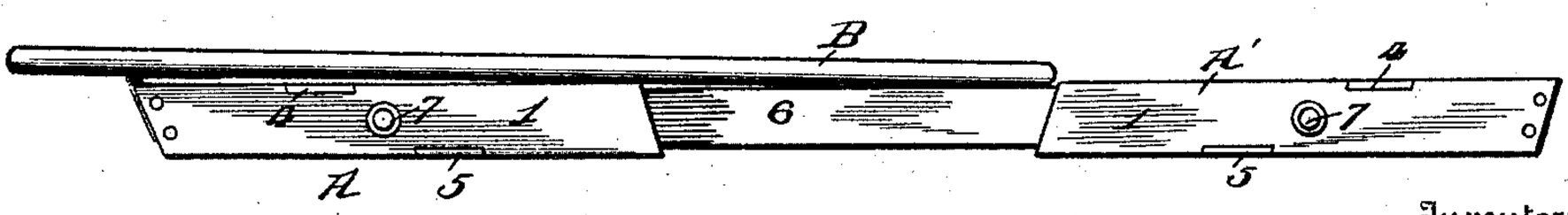

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FOLDING IRONING-TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN MUNROE WOODS and JOHN RUFFUS CRUMPLAR, citizens of the United States, residing at Cordele, in the county of Dooly and State of Georgia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Folding Ironing-Tables, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to an improvement in ironing-tables, and more particularly to that species of ironing-tables known as a "folding" ironing-table, the top of which when in use rests firmly upon a rigid support and when not in use is capable of being folded with its support into small compass.

Our invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of our improved ironing-table. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view, and Fig. 3 shows the board and frame folded.

A A′ represent the two end supports. These comprise legs 1 1, cross-bars 2 and 3, respectively, at the top, and cross-braces 4 and 5, secured at their ends to opposite edges of the legs, the inner ones 4 4 a short distance above the outer braces 5 5. Connecting-strips 6 6 are pivotally connected at or near their ends to the legs 1 1 by bolts or equivalent means 7 7 at points between the edges of the braces 5 5 and the lower edges of braces 4 4, and the relative arrangement of these cross-braces and connecting-strips is such that when the end supports incline inwardly at the top they are securely locked by the connecting-strips.

B is the board. This is hinged at or near one end to the cross-bar 2, which latter is inclined to afford clearance to permit the opposite end of the board to swing upward, and a cleat 8 on the said end of the board has an inclined inner edge and is in position to engage the outer oppositely-inclined edge of the cross-bar 3 and securely lock the board down upon the end support at that end. In this way also the board itself precludes any possibility of the end supports spreading at the top. This combination and organization of elements makes a perfectly rigid ironing-table when in normal or operative adjustment, wholly free from the objectionable swaying or sliding back and forth caused by the sliding movement of the iron back and forth under pressure. The board being hinged is capable of being raised at pleasure to receive waists or skirts or similar articles to be ironed.

When folded, the entire table or frame occupies but little more space than the board itself ordinarily occupies.

These tables may be placed on the market at a small cost, and at the same time they fulfil all the objects and requirements, as hereinbefore fully specified.

It is evident that slight changes might be made in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of our invention. Hence we do not wish to limit ourselves to the exact construction herein set forth; but,

Having described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination with a pair of end supports, each comprising legs, a cross-bar at the top and pair of cross-braces, one at the inner edge of the legs and the other at the outer edge, the inner braces above the outer ones, and connecting-strips pivoted at or near their ends to the legs at points between the cross-braces whereby when in erected position the parts are all securely braced, of a board hinged at or near one end to one support and having a catch at or near the other end to secure it to the opposite end support whereby to lock the board down and hold the end supports rigidly in place and against spreading at the top.

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

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