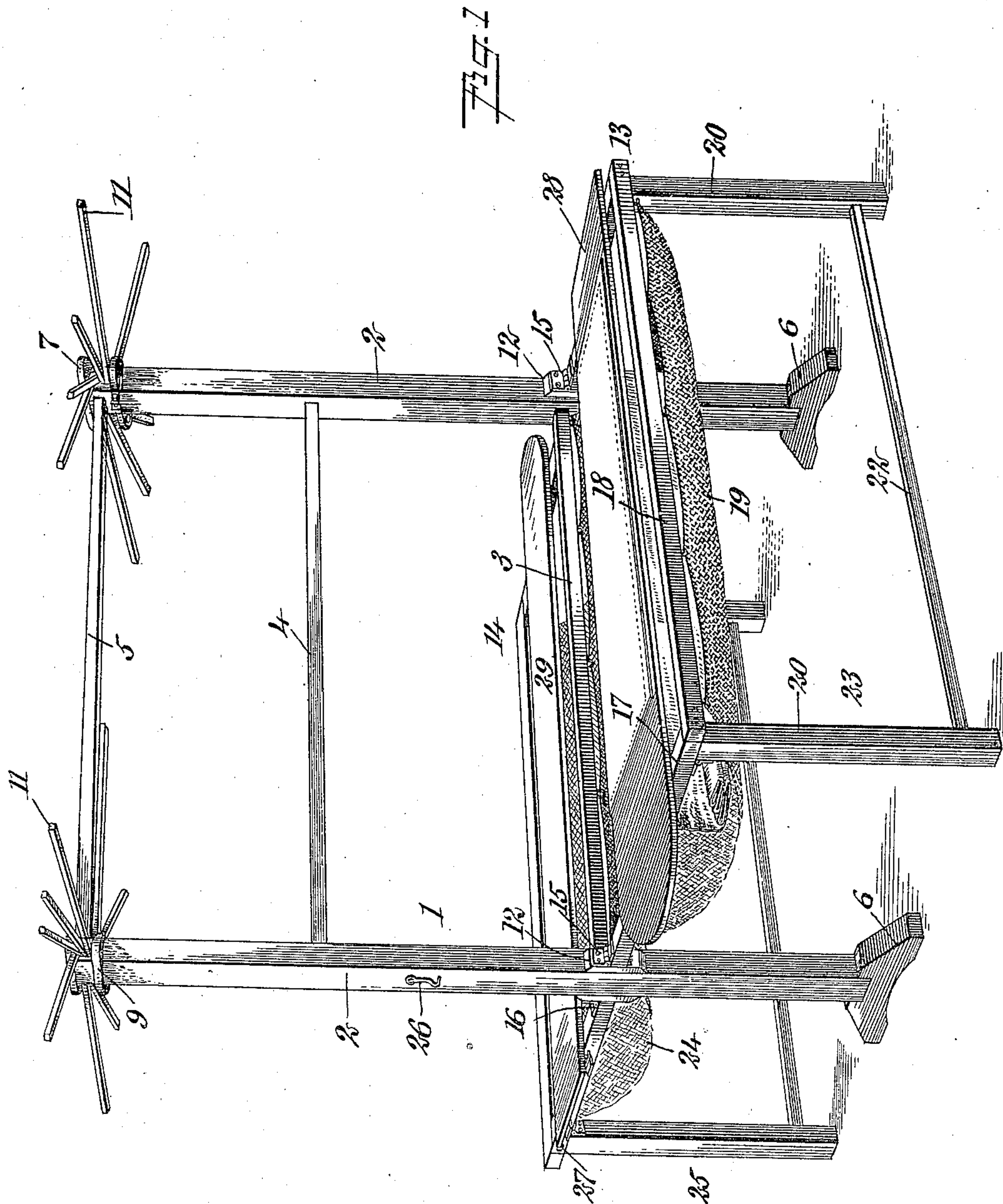


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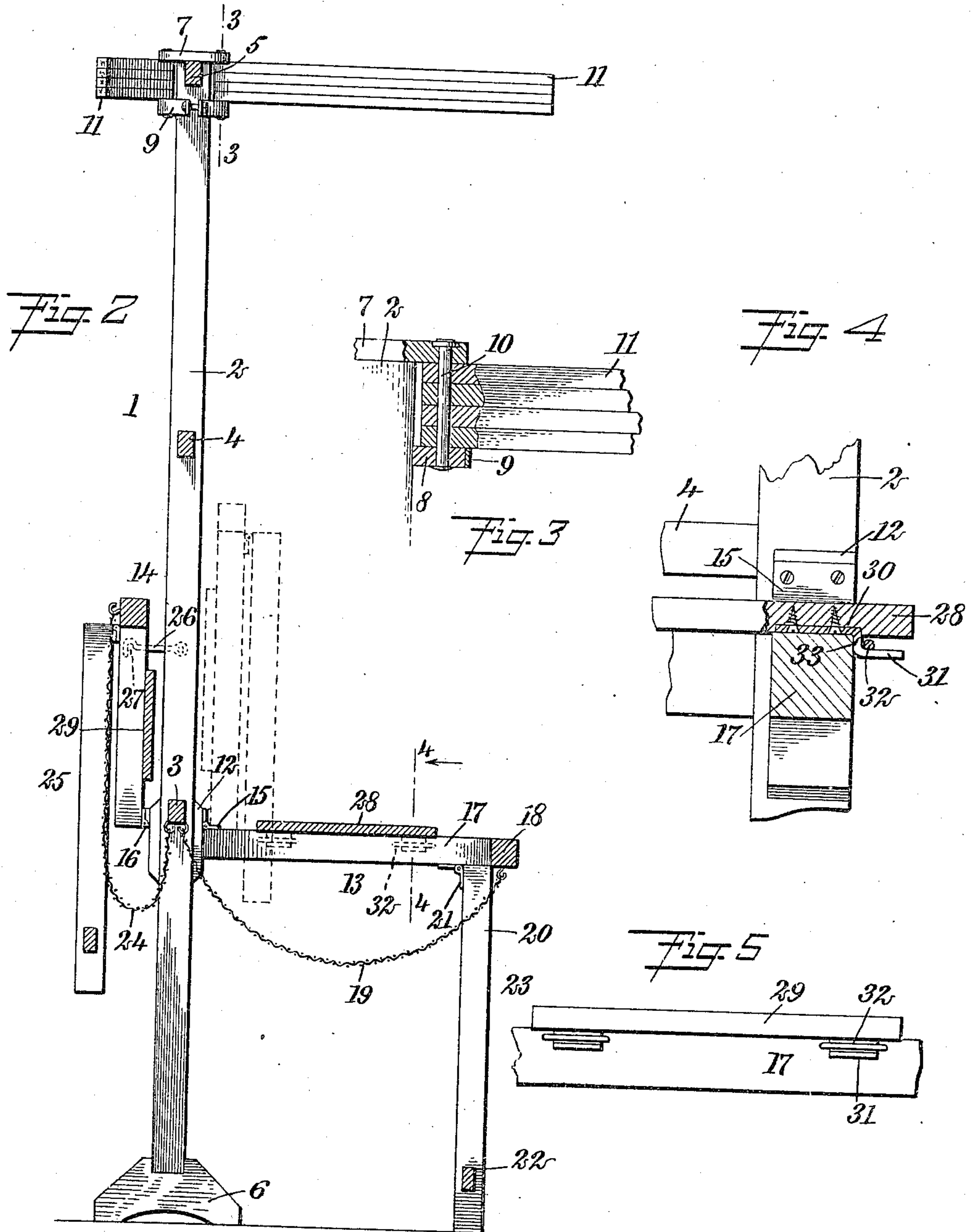
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNE M. GARMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Le Beau, in the county of Walworth and State of South Dakota, have invented a new and Improved Ironing-Board, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to ironing boards, and the object of the invention is to produce a device of this class having a main frame of improved construction constituting a clothes-horse, upon which the clothes may be hung after ironing, and to this main frame, folding frames are attached, provided with ironing boards and nets, in which the clothes may be placed before being ironed. The folding frames are arranged on opposite sides of the clothes-horse, and either or both may be used simultaneously. It is intended that one of the ironing boards shall be used for the larger pieces of work, such as sheets and table linen, while the other ironing board is used for smaller work.

The invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, to be more fully described hereinafter and particularly set forth in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective of the complete device; Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section through the device showing one of the folding frames in its operative position, and the other in its inoperative position; Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, certain parts being shown partially in elevation; Fig. 4 is a vertical section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2; and Fig. 5 is an end view of one of the ironing boards and showing the manner in which they are attached to the folding frame.

Referring more particularly to the parts, 1 represents the clothes-horse, which is formed of two stanchions or posts 2, which are connected a short distance above the floor by a main horizontal bar 3. The upper parts of these posts 2 are connected by similar bars 4, 5, the bar 5 being arranged at the heads of the posts, as indicated. The posts 2 are provided with feet 6, as indicated. The heads of the posts 2

are provided with head plates 7 respectively, which are attached to the posts so as to project on opposite sides thereof. Under the projecting parts of the head plates 7, bracket plates 8 are provided. These bracket plates 8 are of the same form as the projecting portions of the head plates 7, and are secured in position by split collars or straps 9, which clamp them to the posts, as indicated. The head plates 7 and the bracket plates 8 are connected by a pivot bolt 10 on which a plurality of arms 11 are pivotally mounted, as shown. One set of arms projects away from one side of the post, while the other set projects in an opposite direction. On the sides of the posts 2, hinge plates or hinge seats 12 are provided, and to these plates folding frames 13 and 14 are attached by means of suitable hinges 15 and 16, respectively. The folding frame 13 is of greater width than the frame 14. It is of substantially rectangular form, presenting outwardly extending end bars 17, and a longitudinal bar 18. The under side of the longitudinal bar 18 is connected with the under side of the main horizontal bar 3 by a net 19 which normally hangs below the frame, as indicated in Fig. 2. On the under side of the end bars 17, legs 20 are attached by hinges 21, the lower ends of said legs 20 being connected by a brace 22 so as to constitute a leg frame 23.

The construction of the small frame 14 is identical with that of the large frame 13, and includes a net 24 attached in a similar manner, and a leg frame 25 similar to the leg frame 23.

The posts 2 are provided on their outer faces with hooks 26 which afford means for holding the folding frames in an inoperative position, as indicated at the left in Fig. 2. For this purpose the folding frames are provided with studs 27 which are engaged by the hooks, as indicated. The folding frames are provided with ironing boards 28 and 29 respectively, the ironing board 28 being applied on the frame 13 and being of greater width than the other board. One end of each of these ironing boards is rounded, as shown, while the other end is cut squarely across and projects across the end bar of the frame to which it is attached. At this end of each of the ironing boards, cleats 30 are attached, which cleats have depressed toes 31, as indicated in Fig. 4. These toes are adapted to be engaged by staples or



similar fastening devices 32 which are driven into the end bars of the frames, as indicated. By reason of the downward offset position of the toes 31, the cleats 30 form shoulders 33 which are adapted to abut against the outer edges of the end bars, as shown. From this arrangement it will be evident that the rounded ends of the board may be raised if desired, so as to permit pillow-cases or the like to be slipped over the ends of the ironing board when desired.

In using the device, the clothes to be ironed are placed in the nets 19 and 24. As shown in Fig. 2, the folding frames are of considerably greater width than the boards 28 and 29 so that spaces are left at the edges of the board through which the linen within the nets may be removed. As the linen is ironed, the pieces may be hung upon the arms 11 and the cross bars 4 and 5 of the clothes-horse.

Special attention is called to the bracket plates 8 and to the fact that they are secured to the posts 2 by means of the straps or split rings 9. On account of the clamping force which these pieces exert, it is unnecessary to provide fastening devices at this point.

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

1. In combination, a clothes-horse comprising a pair of posts, a main bar connecting the same, a folding frame attached to said horse on one side at said posts, a leg

frame supporting said folding frame in a substantially horizontal position, a second folding frame attached to the opposite side of said clothes-horse at said posts, a leg frame for supporting said second folding frame in a substantially horizontal position, ironing boards carried by said folding frames and of less width than said frames, nets attached to the under sides of said folding frames and adapted to hold articles to be ironed, and means for supporting said folding frames in a folded condition at the sides of said clothes-horse.

2. In combination, a clothes-horse comprising a pair of posts and a main bar connecting said posts, folding frames hinged to said posts near said main bar, leg frames attached to said folding frame and adapted to support the same in a substantially horizontal position, nets attached to the under side of said folding frames and to said main bar, ironing boards of less width than said frames and supported thereupon, and means for holding said folding frames in a folded position against the sides of said posts.

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

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