

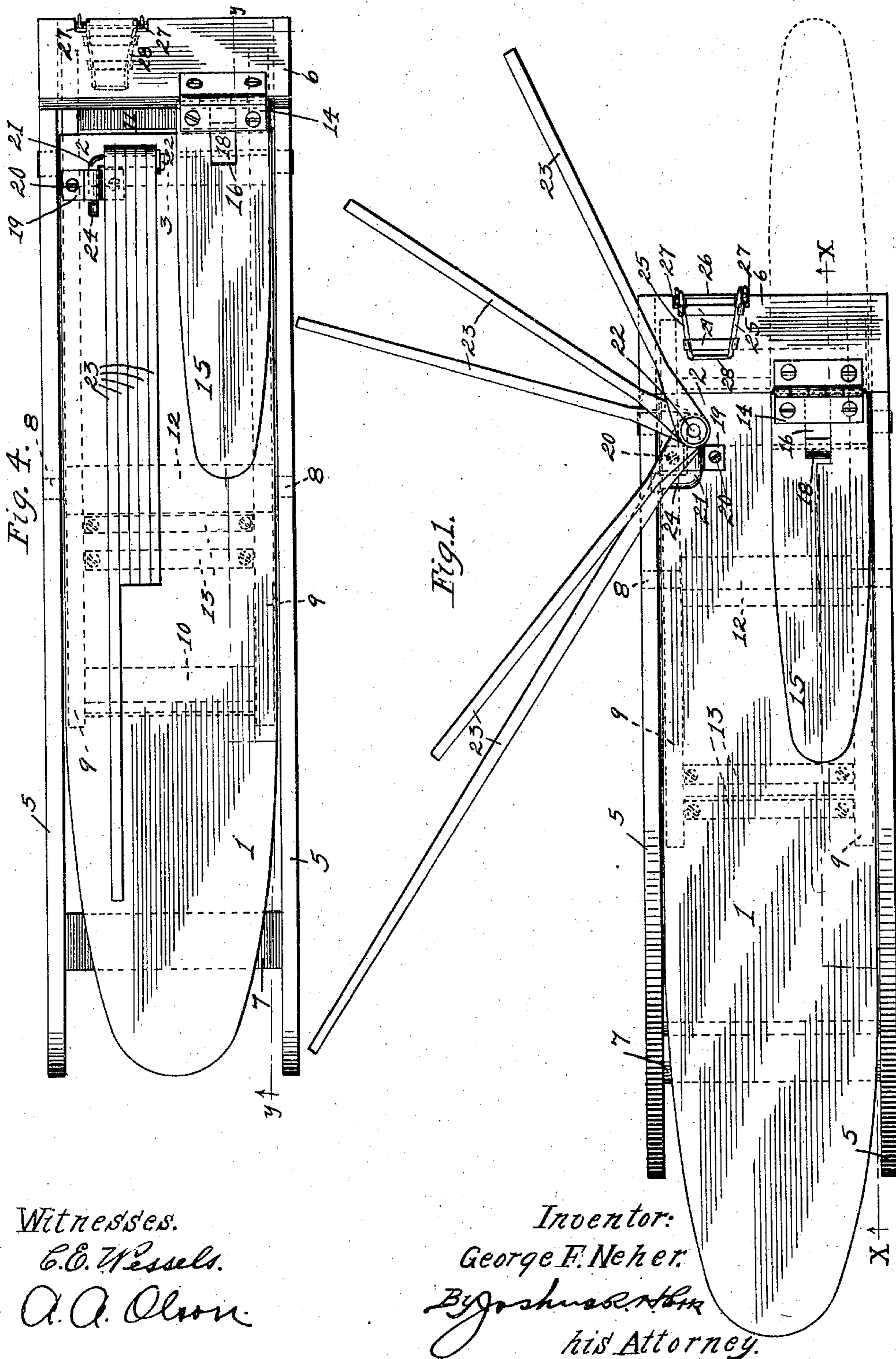
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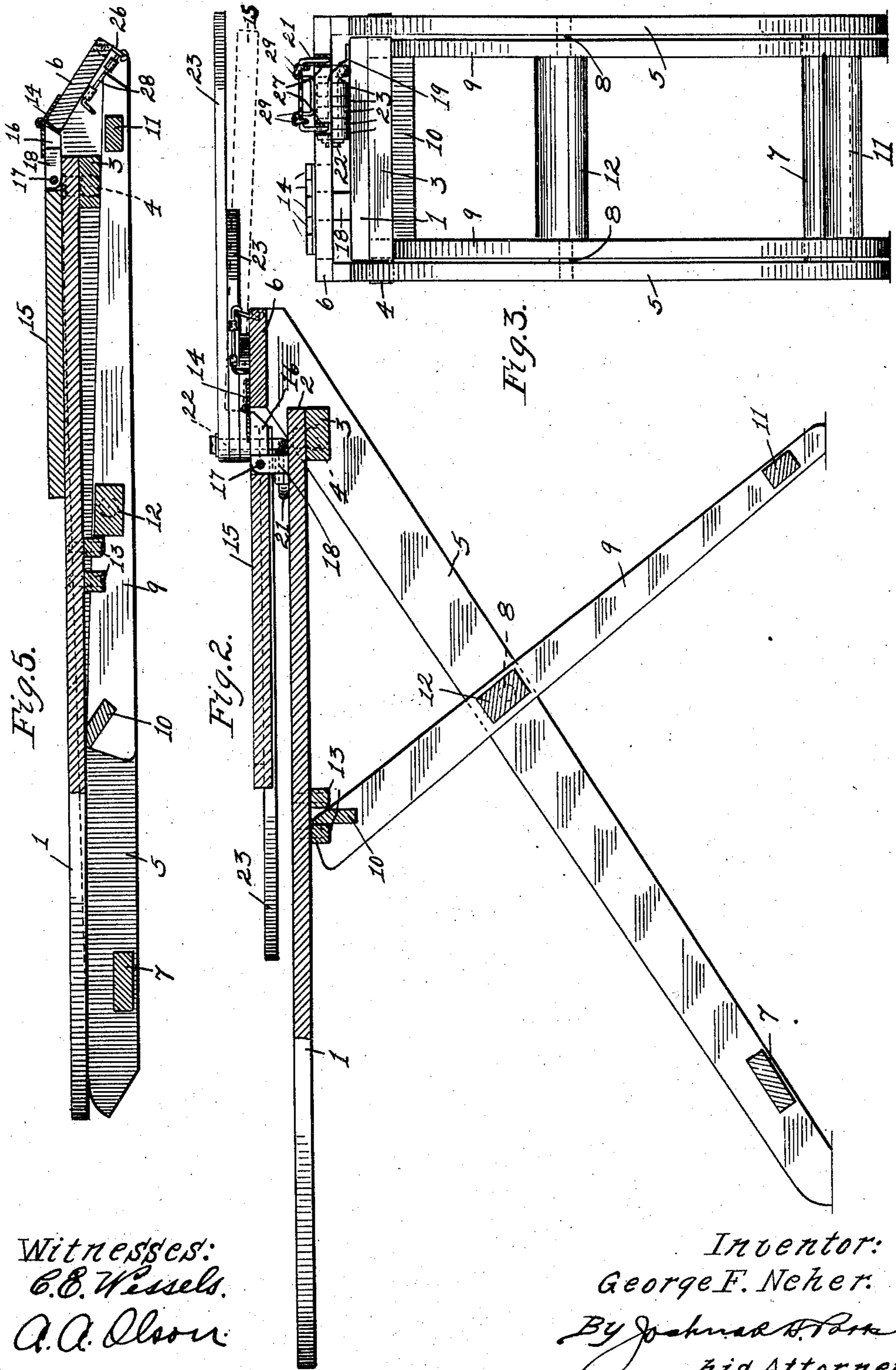
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. NEHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Shelbyville, county of Shelby, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Boards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to ironing boards and has for its object the provision of a device of such character which will be of the highest possible efficiency.

A further object is to provide a device as mentioned which will be of a collapsible construction adapting the same when not in use to be folded into a small compass for storage or shipment; a still further object being to provide an ironing board as mentioned which will be of strong, durable and economical construction.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

With these objects in view my invention consists in an ironing board characterized as above mentioned and in certain details of construction and arrangement of parts all as will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which,

Figure 1 is a top plan view of my improved ironing board illustrating the same arranged for use, Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal section thereof taken on substantially the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1, Fig. 3 is an end elevation thereof showing the supporting arms embodied in the device arranged in inoperative position, Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the device collapsed, and Fig. 5 is a vertical longitudinal section taken on substantially the line $y-y$ of Fig. 4.

Referring now to the drawings 1 indicates the ironing board proper of the device the head 2 of which rests upon and is secured to a member 3 the cylindrically formed extremities 4 of which are rockingly secured in the upper end portions of parallelly extending supporting legs 5. Secured to and extending between the upper extremities of the legs 5 is a rectangular member 6 which, when the device is arranged for use, is disposed to extend in a substantially horizontal plane slightly above that of the board, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. A brace bar 7 extends between and is secured to the lower ex-

trémities of the legs 5. Positioned between and pivotally secured, by means of pins 8 to the legs 5, substantially midway the extremities thereof, are parallelly extending supporting legs 9 of a length slightly less than that of the legs 5. Secured to and extending between the legs 9 at the upper and lower extremities and central portions thereof are brace bars 10, 11, and 12, respectively. Provided upon the under surface of the board 1 is a plurality of transversely extending strips 13 suitably secured thereto, against which, when the device is arranged for use, the bar 10 of the legs 9 is adapted to abut to retain the latter in obliquely supporting position, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. Said strips are of such length, that, when the device is collapsed, the same will be received between the legs 9. By the provision as stated of a plurality of such strips 13 the vertical adjustment of the board 1 may evidently be readily effected.

Swingingly secured by means of a suitable hinge 14 to the forward edge of the member 6 adjacent one extremity thereof, is an ironing board 15 of smaller dimensions, designed for employment in ironing the sleeves of a garment or the like. Provided in the attached extremity of the member 15 is a slot 16 in which is pivoted, by means of a pin 17, a supporting leg 18 which, when said board is arranged for use in a position above the board 1, may be dropped to depending or vertical position to engage the upper surface of the member 1, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, in which position the same is evidently adapted to act in the capacity above stated. If desired the member 15 may be swung to a position in which it projects outwardly from the board 1, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, said member being in such position supported upon the upper surface of the member 6. However, the former is the preferred position for employment of said board inasmuch as when so arranged the garment whose sleeve is being ironed may be supported upon the board 1, this obviously being of advantage.

Having its central portion swingingly secured by means of a strap 19 and screws 20 for securing said strap, to the upper surface of the board 1 adjacent to one edge thereof is an angular pivotal member 21 to the portion 22 of which is pivotally connected a plurality of arms 23 of suitable length, which, when the device is in use, may be

radially arranged to serve in the capacity of a rack for the support of the articles ironed. The portion 24 of the member 21 is disposed in a plane parallel to that of the portion 22 but at right angles to the latter, the same being so formed, that when the portion 22 is in a vertical position, such portion 24 will engage the upper surface of the board 1 to support the portion 22 and hence the arms 23, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. When collapsing the device, the member 21 may be rocked to dispose the portion 22 thereof in a horizontal plane, in which event the arms 23 will rest upon the upper surface of the board 1, as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

Pivottally arranged upon the outer longitudinal edge of the member 6 is a sad iron support 25 comprising an angular wire member 26 having its extremities pivottally secured in slots 27 formed in said edge of the member 6, and a frame or body 28 pivoted at 29 to the outer portion of the member 26, the iron, when said support is arranged for employment, being supported upon transverse bars 29 of the body 28. Said frame when in use is arranged over the member 6 as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, but when the device is collapsed for storage, the same may be swung to a position under said member as shown in Figs. 4 and 5.

From the drawings and foregoing description the construction of the device is clear without further discussion.

By the provision of an ironing board of a construction shown and described, one of neat and finished appearance, and of rigid and economical construction, and one which in use will be of the highest possible efficiency, will be provided.

While I have shown what I deem to be the preferable form of my device I do not

wish to be limited thereto as there might be many changes made in the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention comprehended within the spirit of the appended claims.

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

1. In an ironing board, the combination with a board mounted upon foldable legs, of a rack support comprising a pivotal member rotatably mounted on the top of said board and having arms at either end, the said arms being located at right angles to said pivotal member and to each other; and rack arms pivottally mounted on one of said arms, substantially as described.

2. In an ironing board, the combination with a board mounted upon foldable legs, of a rack support comprising a pivotal member rotatably mounted on the top of said board adjacent to and parallel with its side edge and having arms at either end, the said arms being located at right angles to said pivotal member and to each other; and rack arms pivottally mounted on one of said arms, the arm carrying the rack arms being adapted to swing forwardly to lie parallel with said board and the other arm being adapted to swing rearwardly to lie flat against said board, substantially as described.

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

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