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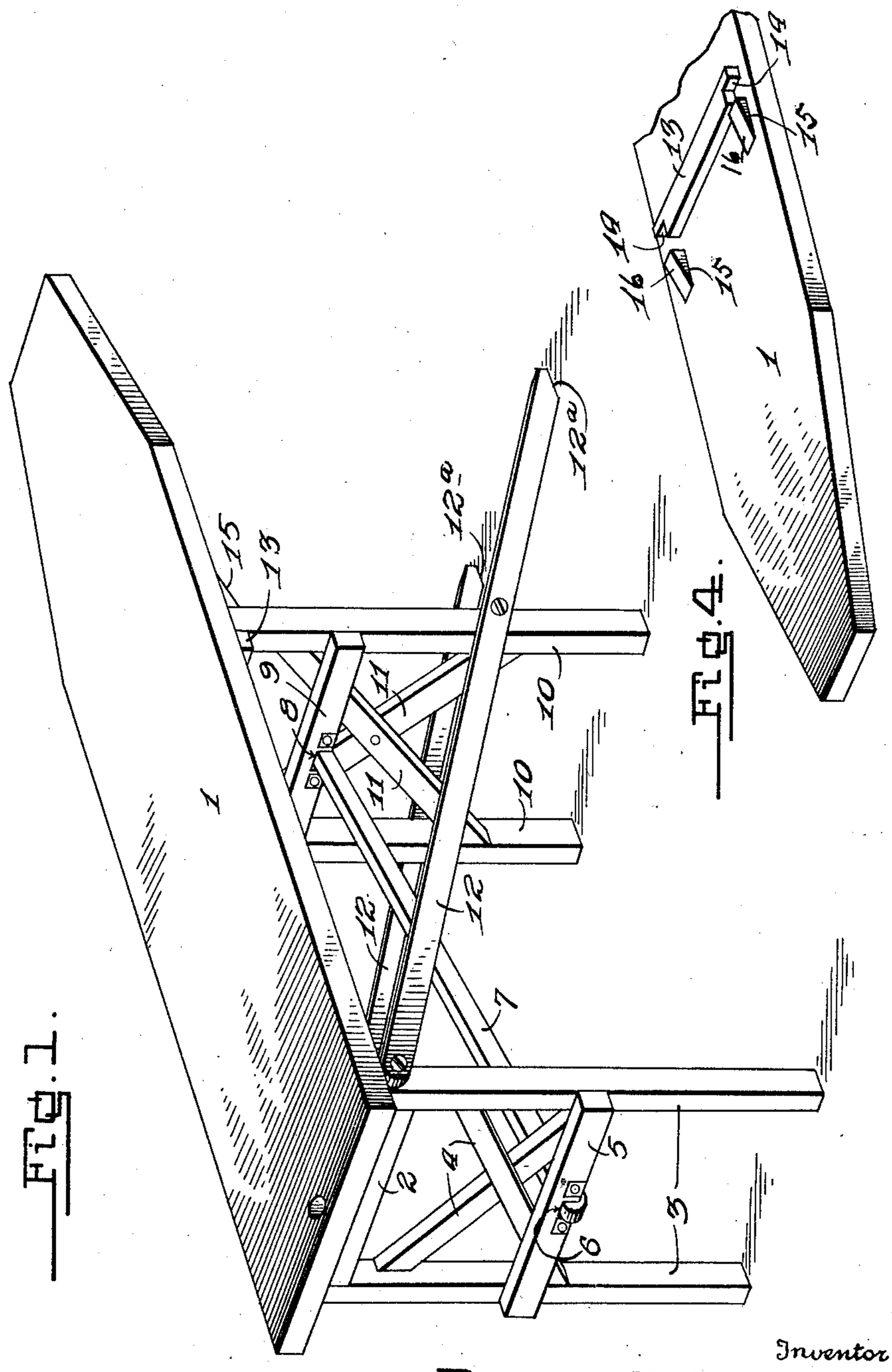

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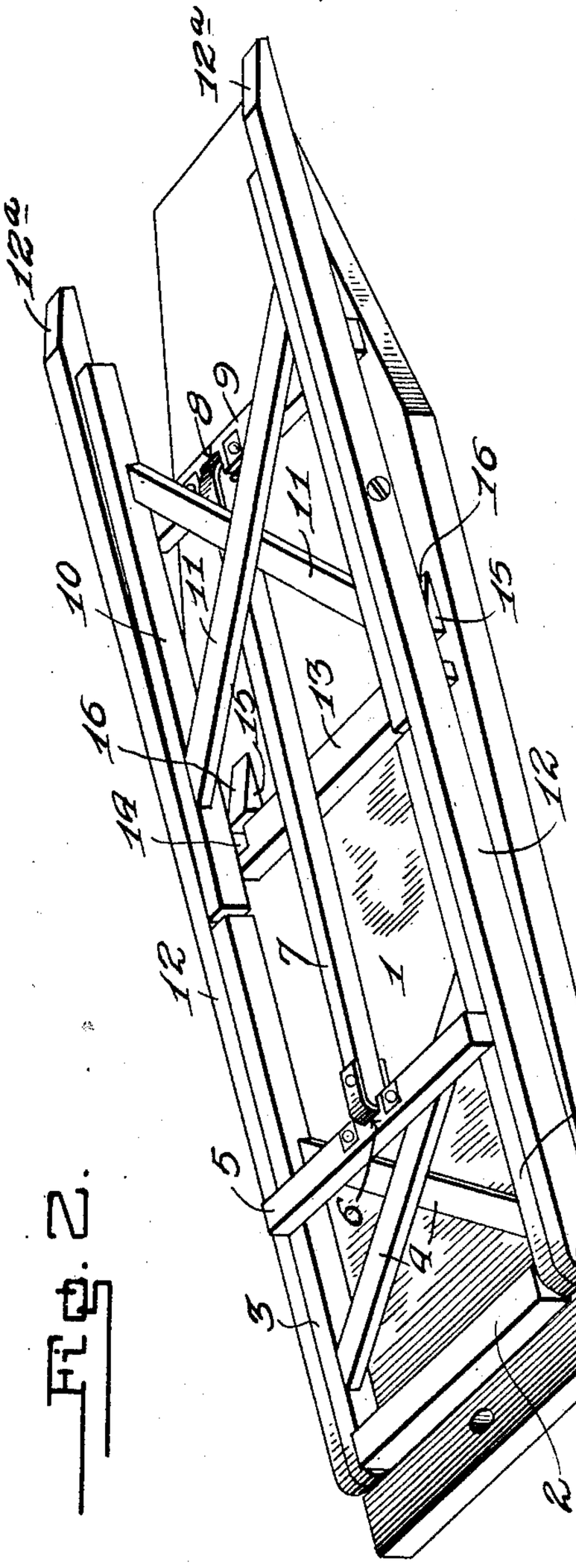

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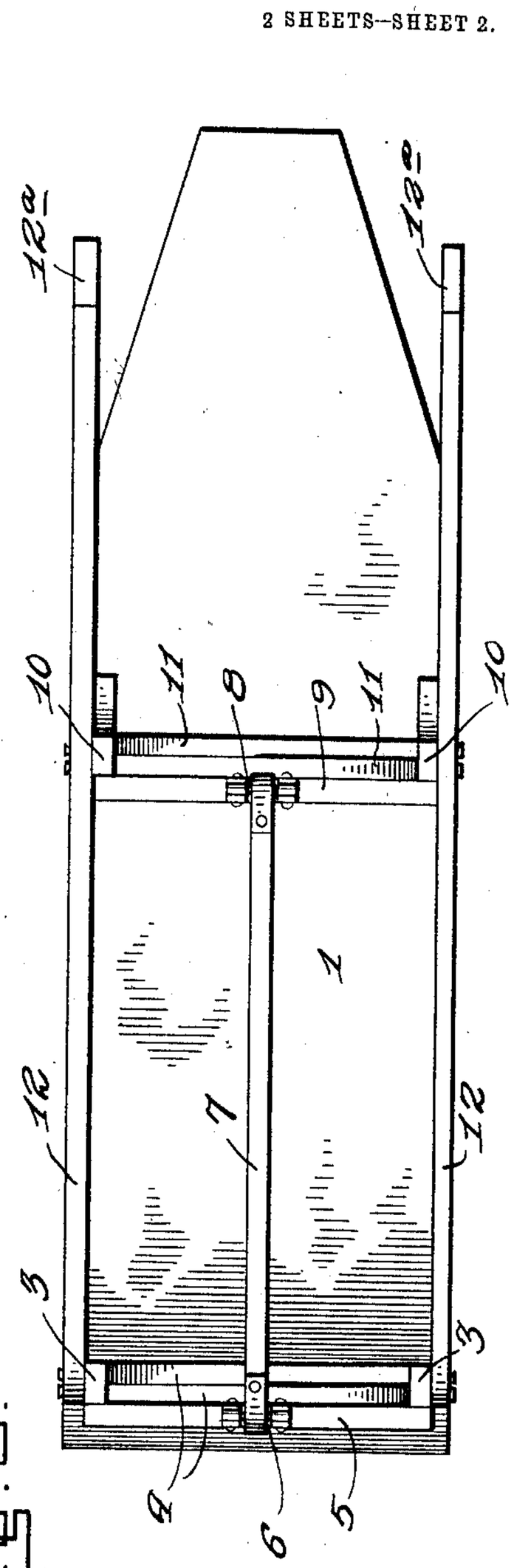

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD S. DOTEN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Stigler, in the county of Haskell and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ironing-Tables, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to ironing tables, and the principal object of the same is to provide novel foldable legs therefor which may be folded onto the undersurface of the ironing board so that the table will require small storage space.

In carrying out the objects of the invention generally stated above it will be understood, of course, that the essential features thereof are necessarily susceptible of changes in details and structural arrangements, one preferred and practical embodiment of which is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved ironing table as it appears when ready for use. Fig. 2 is a bottom perspective view of the table when folded. Fig. 3 is a plan view thereof. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary detail perspective view of one end of the undersurface of the ironing board.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 designates the usual or any preferred type of ironing board which is provided with a transversely arranged bar 2 on the undersurface adjacent one end. Supporting legs 3 are pivotally connected to the ends of said bar, said legs being connected by the inclined brace bars 4 and the horizontal brace bar 5, said bars 4 and 5 being arranged in crossing relation. Brace bar 5 is provided with a central notch 6 in which one end of a connecting bar 7 is pivotally mounted, the other end of said connecting bar 7 being pivotally mounted in a notch 8 of a horizontal brace bar 9 that connects a pair of forward legs 10. Said legs 10 are also connected by the inclined brace bars 11. Legs 3 and 10 are of the same length, and are connected by the inclined supports 12 which have one end pivotally mounted on the pivots which connect legs 3 to bar 2, said supports being pivotally connected to the legs 10 adjacent their lower ends and being extended in a direction toward the forward end of board 1, their free ends 12[a] being beveled so that they will rest firm on the floor or other surface upon which the table is supported and assist legs 3 and 10 in providing a firm support for the table.

As will be understood from the foregoing, supports 12 inclose legs 3 and 10, legs 3 being pivotally connected to the bar 2 that is rigid with board 1, and legs 10 are not connected to said board but are carried by supports 12 and are also pivotally connected to legs 3 by the connecting bar 7. This arrangement causes legs 3 and 10 to swing together within supports 12.

Sockets are provided on the undersurface of board 1 for the reception of the upper ends of legs 10, said sockets being formed by the transversely arranged cleat 13 provided with a notch 14 adjacent each end. A guide strip 15 is arranged in front of each notch 14 to form a socket and is provided with an inclined surface 16 which guides the legs 10 to said sockets.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the legs 3 and 10 may be readily folded within the inclined supports 12 and said supports rocked onto the bottom of board 1, thereby requiring the minimum of storage space. And it will also be seen that said supports 12, in addition to providing additional supporting means for the table, also provides means for normally retaining legs 10 in position for engagement with the sockets of the board 1.

What I claim as my invention is:—

1. An ironing table comprising a board provided with sockets, a pair of rear legs hinged thereto, a brace bar connecting said legs, elongated supports pivotally connected to said legs, forward legs pivotally connected to said supports, the upper ends of said forward legs being adapted for engagement with said sockets, a brace bar connecting the forward legs, said rear and forward brace bars being provided with notches, and a connecting bar having its ends pivotally mounted in said notches.

2. An ironing table comprising a board, a cleat extending transversely across the forward portion of the under-surface thereof, said cleat being provided with end notches, inclined guiding strips carried by the under-

surface of the board and arranged in spaced relation to the said notches to provide leg sockets, rear legs hinged to said board, supports carried by said legs, forward legs hinged to said supports and adapted to engage said sockets, and means for pivotally connecting the forward and rear legs.

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

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