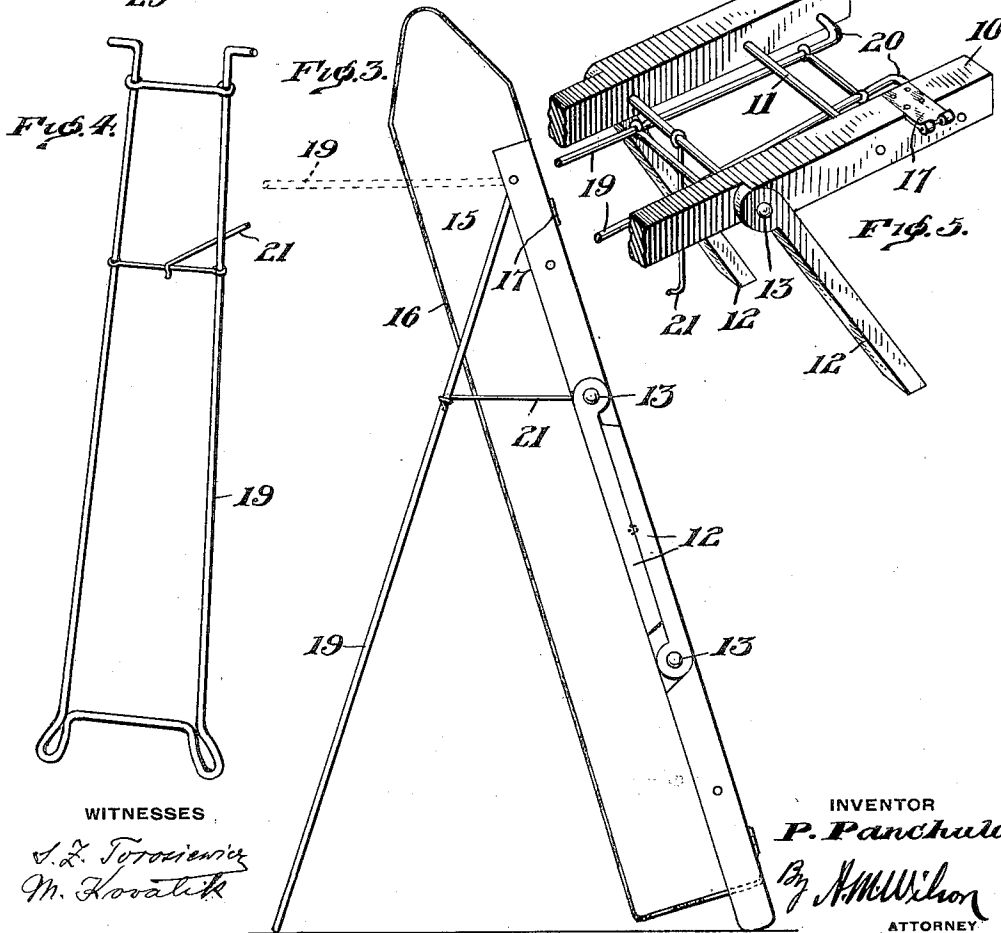
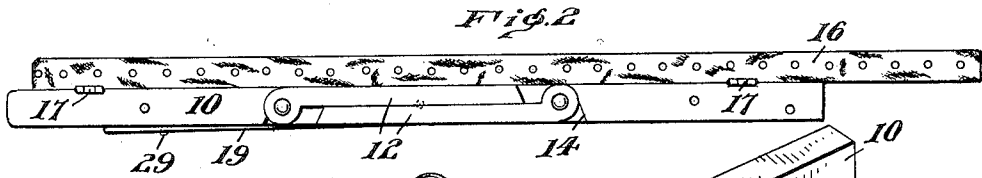
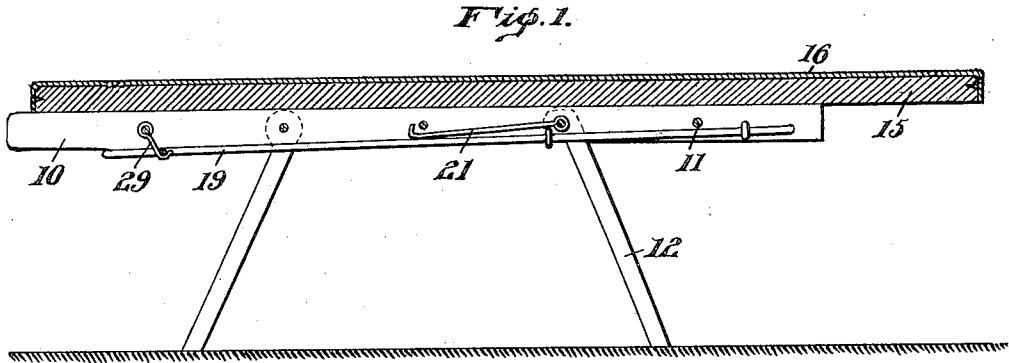


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL PANCHULA, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, residing at Dixonville, in the county of Indiana and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Ironing-Boards and Ladders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in combined ironing board and ladder.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a household article readily adaptable as either an ironing board in table form or as an adjustable step-ladder structure.

A further object is to provide an ironing board with foldable legs and whereby the same may be supported to form a table, the board being so hinged as to be readily shiftable for uncovering a ladder element furnished with a foldable adjusting prop.

A still further object is to provide a combined ladder and ironing table foldable into a unitary compact article for storing and readily unfolded to assume either the form of a complete ironing table or adjustable step-ladder.

With these general objects in view and others that will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings forming a part of this application and in which like designating characters refer to corresponding parts throughout the several views: Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device employed as an ironing table, the ironing board being shown in vertical longitudinal section. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device in its closed or folded position. Fig. 3 is a side view of the device set up as a step ladder structure. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the adjusting prop and hook of the step-ladder, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of an end portion of the structure positioned as an ironing table but with the board removed therefrom.

Referring more in detail to the drawings, a frame is provided consisting of spaced side rails 10 connected together at equally spaced intervals by rounds 11 and having four legs 12 pivoted upon pins 13 at the

opposite sides thereof and adapted for interfitting when closed as shown in Fig. 3, while each pair of legs upon one side of the frame when in their open position engage the abutments 14 of the carrying rails thus retaining the same in their slightly spread apart positions as herein disclosed.

An ironing board 15 provided with a suitable cloth cover 16 is hingedly mounted by means of the hinges 17 to the upper face of one of the rails 10 and whereby said board is adapted to flatly engage said rails spanning the same when desired for use as an ironing table and with the legs 12 unfolded as illustrated in Fig. 1.

A prop member 19 is hinged upon its opposite projecting ends 20 adjacent one end of the frame rails 10 and is adapted for a swinging movement thereon to open position as set forth in Fig. 3 for the purpose of positioning the rails and their rounds 11 as a step-ladder, the prop being retained by means of the pivoted hook 21 carried by one of the rounds.

When desired for use as a step-ladder, the ironing board 15 is swung outwardly to one side as illustrated in Fig. 3 and at which time it interferes in no manner with the use of the structure as a ladder, while the prop may be positioned as illustrated in dotted lines in Fig. 3 as resting against a wall if desired instead of being positioned upon the ground or floor.

The complete operation of the device it is thought will be apparent from the above detail description in that with the apparatus folded in its closed condition as shown in Fig. 2, it is only necessary to outwardly unfold the four legs 12 to position the device as an ironing table. When desired for use as a ladder, the legs are folded up in their closed positions and the latch 22 is released from the prop 19 and whereupon the prop is swung outwardly and retained by the hook 21 and positioned upright upon the ends of the frame rails and prop while the board 15 is freely swung to one side of the structure.

While the forms of the invention herein shown and described are what are believed to be preferable embodiments thereof, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made in the form, proportion and details of construction without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A device of the class described comprising a ladder, an ironing board hinged at one side edge thereof to one of the side rails of the ladder, legs pivoted to the opposite side of said ladder, the rails of said ladder having cut away portions adjacent to the pivoted ends of said legs and adapted as limiting abutments therefor.

2. A device of the class described comprising ladder rails, an ironing board hinged along one side edge to one of said rails and adapted for flat engagement with said rails, legs pivoted to the outer sides of said rails, said rails having cut away portions adjacent the pivoted points of said legs and providing limiting shoulders therefor.

3. A device of the class described com-

prising ladder rails, an ironing board hinged along one side edge to one of said rails and adapted for flat engagement with said rails, legs pivoted to the outer sides of said rails, said rails having cut away portions adjacent the pivoted points of said legs and providing limiting shoulders therefor, a prop having opposite projections at one end pivoted between said rails, a hook pivoted between said rails and adapted for engaging said prop in spaced relation from said rails and an engaging latch upon one of said rails for retaining said prop in its folded position.

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

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