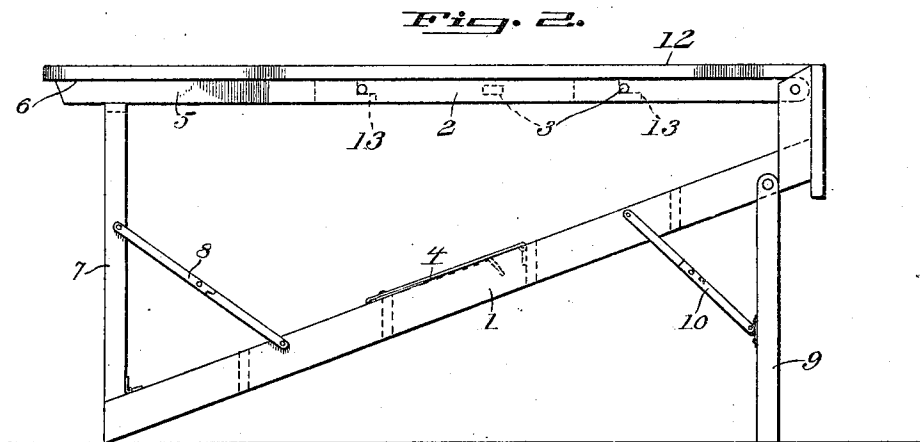
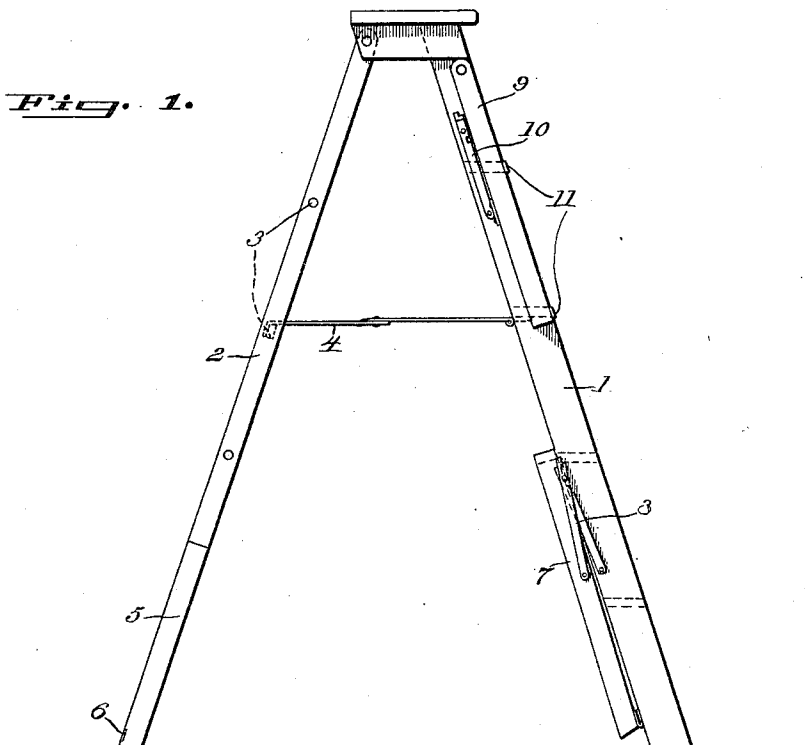


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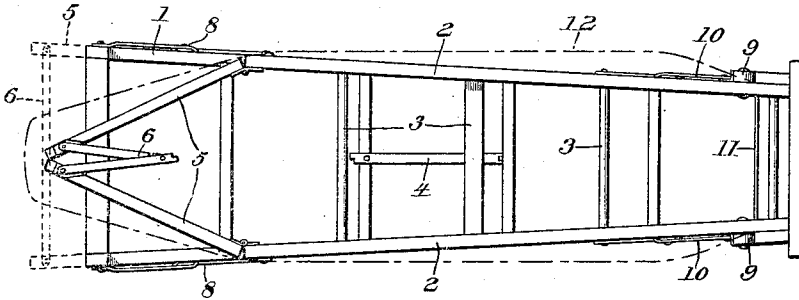


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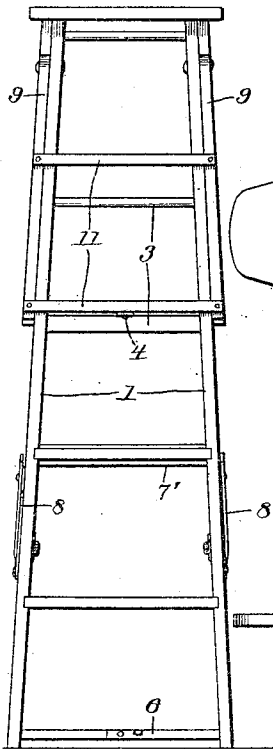


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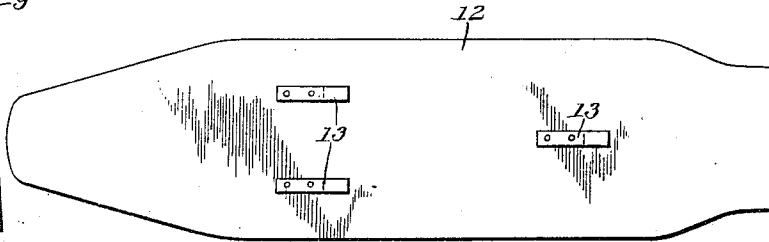
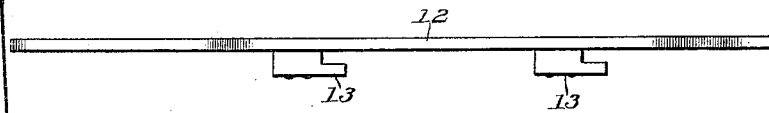


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALEXANDER TOBIAS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Step-Ladder and Ironing-Board Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined step ladder and ironing board support and it consists in the novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide a step ladder of simple and durable structure which may be easily and readily converted into a support for holding an ironing board when it is desired to use the same.

In the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device showing the same set up as a step ladder.

Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the same transformed into an ironing board support.

Fig. 3 is an under view of the device showing the parts collapsed.

Fig. 4 is an under view of parts of the board used upon the device.

Fig. 5 is an edge view of the same.

Fig. 6 is an elevation of the ladder.

The ladder 1 is of conventional form and includes the usual upright and treads or steps. A prop structure 2 is pivotally connected with the upper portion of the ladder 1 and includes side uprights and cross rounds or bars 3. A hook 4 is pivotally connected with the ladder 1 and is provided with a bill end adapted to engage over one of the rounds or bars 3 of the prop structure whereby the said prop is held in proper position with relation to the ladder 1 when the said ladder is supported upon its end. The hook 4 is made in sections which are pivotally connected together, consequently the hook may be folded so that one section will overlap the other and occupy but little space when the hook is not in use. Extension members 5 are hingedly connected with the lower end of the side members of the prop 2 and the said extension members may be swung into alinement with the side members and held apart by means of braces 6 which are pivotally connected with the said extension members. The said braces 6 are pivotally connected with each other at their

inner portion and may swing or fold one upon the other whereby the extension members 5 may swing toward each other when the device is used as an ironing board support. A frame composed of standards 7 united by a cross bar 7' is hingedly connected with the lower portion of the side members of the ladder and braces 8 are pivotally connected with the frame and the sides of the ladder 1. The said braces 8 are in the forms of sections which are pivotally connected together at their inner ends and consequently they may fold one upon the other when the standard 7 is swung to a closed position with relation to the ladder 1. A second frame composed of legs 9 united by cross braces 11 is hingedly or pivotally connected with the end portion of the ladder 1 opposite that end at which the other frame is located and braces 10 are pivotally connected with the legs 9 and the ladder structure 1. The said braces 10 are made in sections which are pivoted together at their inner ends consequently they may fold one upon the other when the legs 9 are swung down in a closed position with relation to the ladder 1. The cross braces 11 register with the steps or treads of the structure when the upper frame is moved to a closed or folded position with relation to the structure 1.

The ironing board 12 is of conventional pattern and is provided at its underside with hooks 13 which are adapted to engage under the rounds or bars 3 when the device is used for ironing clothes and the structure is supported at one end upon the legs 9 as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing.

When the device is used as a ladder the legs 9 and the braces 10 are folded against the ladder structure 1 and the extension members 5 are swung into alinement with the side members of the prop 2. Consequently the lower ends of the extension members 5 and the lower end of the ladder 1 may rest upon a floor or other level surface and the hook 4 may be engaged over one of the rods 3 whereby the prop member 2 may be held at a fixed position with relation to the ladder 1. When the parts are so arranged the ladder may be readily used in the ordinary capacity of step ladder.

When the device is to be used as an iron-

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ing board the ladder is placed in an inclined position (as shown in Fig. 2) and the upper and lower frames are swung into vertical positions and extend in opposite directions. The lower supporting frame supports the prop and the upper frame supports the ladder. The ladder rests in an inclined position, with one end upon the floor, and at its other end is supported upon the floor by the legs 9. The extension members 5 are swung in by folding the braces 6 upon each other and the ends of the said members 5 are permitted to rest at the upper ends of the lower standard 7. Thus the prop 2 is held approximately in a horizontal position and the board 12 may be attached to the said prop 2 by passing the

hooks 13 under the rods 3. Thus the said board may be used for ironing purposes.

Having described the invention I claim:—

In combination with a ladder a prop member hingedly connected thereto and provided with hinged extension members, braces pivotally connected with each other and pivotally connected with the said extension members, the prop member having cross rods, frames pivotally connected with the ladder at the upper and lower ends thereof, braces pivotally connected with the frames and the ladder, and a board having hooks adapted to engage under the rods of the prop.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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