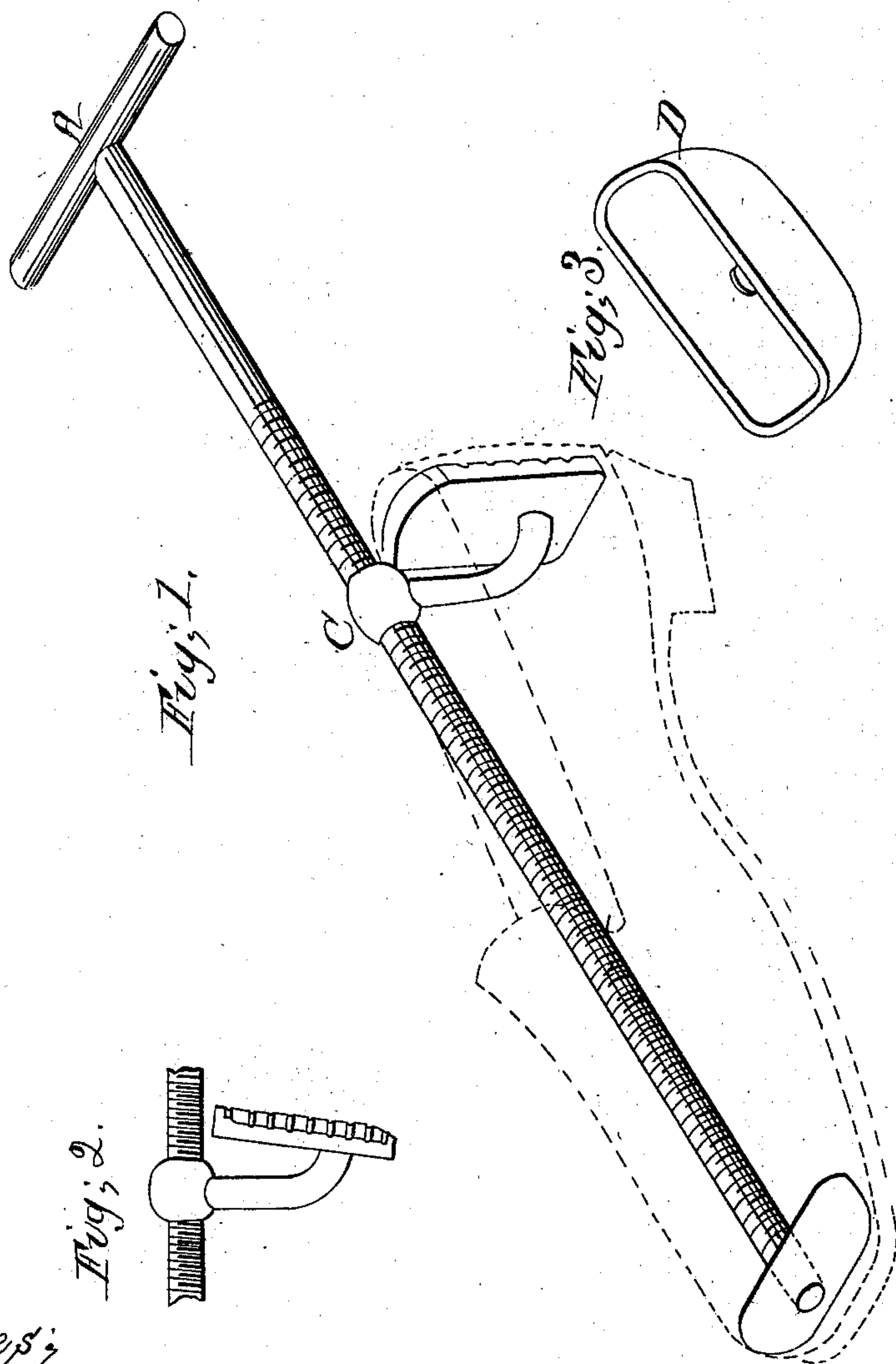


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## INSTRUMENT FOR STRETCHING BOOTS AND SHOES LENGTHWISE.

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### SPECIFICATION.

Be it known that I, WILEY JONES, of Norfolk, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Virginia, have invented an Instrument for Stretching Boots and Shoes lengthwise at the toe; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in an iron rod, about half an inch in diameter, and eighteen inches long; on fifteen inches of which, a screw thread is cut, and having a straight handle fixed transversely to one end, as shown at A, and formed with a shoulder at the other end, from which the screw is cut, marked B. On this rod works a movable brace, C, which presses against the counter, or back part of the boot or shoe, inside; that part of the surface of the brace which presses against the counter, being provided with teeth-like ridges to prevent it from slipping from its position. On the shoulder formed on said screw, at the end which goes up into the toe of the boot or shoe, is placed a half spherical oblong iron shell or cap, D, when it is desired to make room lengthwise in the toe of the boot or shoe for two or more of the toes of the foot. The larger cap, D, is accompanied also with a smaller cap, E, which is to be used when it is desired to make room for one toe only. It is manifest that caps of various forms may be used, and that the brace and handle may be made of other metal; also, that a rope, chain, or other device, may be worked over the brace and around the heel on the outside of the boot or shoe, when the counter may be too weak to bear the pressure. I do not intend to confine myself to the exact forms or materials mentioned.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The above described instrument, or its equivalent, for the purpose of stretching boots and shoes lengthwise at the toe, and thus securing ease and comfort to the wearer, when the boot or shoe is found to be too short or to cramp the toes of the foot, in the manner and for the purpose specified.

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