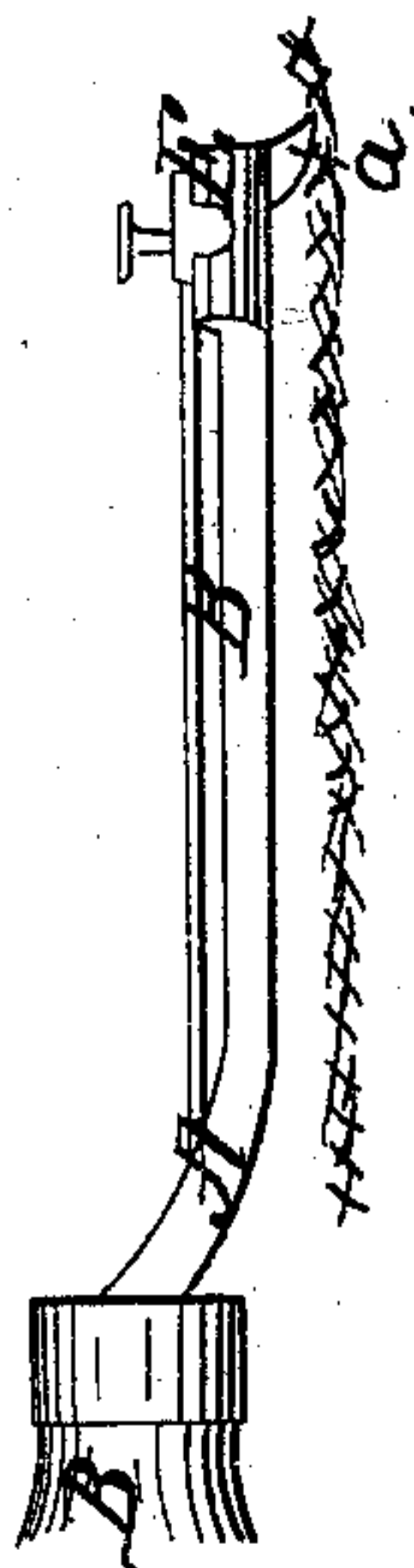


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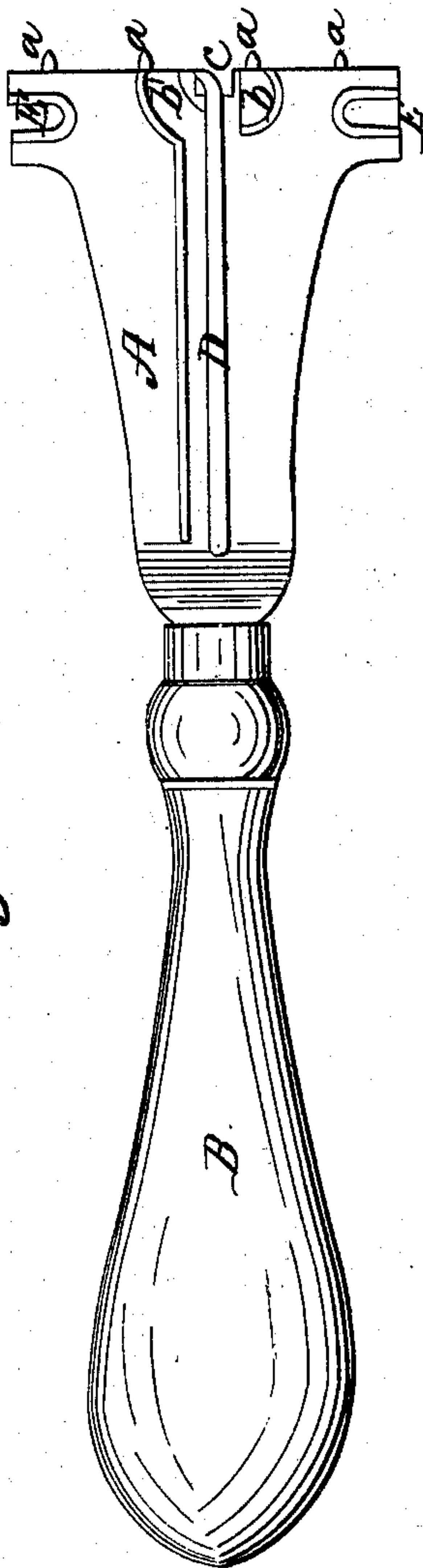
*Carpet Stretcher.*

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*Fig. 1.*



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## IMPROVED CARPET-STRETCHER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, GEORGE O. DUNLAP, of Chicopee, Hampden county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful improved "Carpet-Stretcher;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon. In these drawings—

Figure 1 represents a plan view of my invention; and

Figure 2, a side view of the same.

This invention consists of a convenient arrangement of carpet-stretcher and tack-holder, and is provided with claws for the extraction of the tack should the same be driven in the wrong place or improperly.

In construction I form my device of a plate, A, having its shank at one end inserted in the handle B, and its front edge cut off square underneath, which are placed at suitable distances apart, sharp projections *a a a* protruding underneath and in front. By means of these a hold is obtained upon the carpet, and the edge of the latter forced up to the proper place for it to be fastened down. About the middle of the front edge of the plate A, and through it, is a small hole, C, open in front, on each side of which are projections, *b b'*, which protect the spring D from being injured by the blows of the hammer while the tack is being driven down. This spring D is for the purpose of holding the tack in place, and ready for driving while the carpet is being pushed up to its proper position, and it consists of a rod of spring metal fastened firmly at one end of the plate A, near the handle, with its front end projecting over the hole C. This front end is curved so as to fit around the shaft of the tack and press it against the edge of the hole C, keeping it firmly in place. The projection *b'* continues back the entire length of the spring, so as to fully protect it from misplaced blows of the hammer. At each side of the plate A, at the corners, is a claw, E, by which the tack may be extracted if driven improperly.

The operation of this is as follows: The tack is placed between the end of the spring D and the edge of the hole C, in an upright position, as is shown in fig. 2, where it is held while the edge of the carpet is pushed up in place by the stretcher, the teeth *a a a* obtaining a secure hold upon it. When the carpet is brought to the right spot, the tack is driven by the hammer. The stretcher is then drawn back, leaving the tack, when the finishing blows may be given by the hammer. By this means I render a very disagreeable and inconvenient operation easily accomplished by the use of a cheap and effective tool, which may also be used for putting up curtains and a great many other operations where tacks have to be driven in rather inaccessible places.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The spring D, arranged upon the plate A, in combination with the projections *b b'*, substantially as herein shown.

2. The claws E E, in combination with the carpet-stretcher, substantially as shown.

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