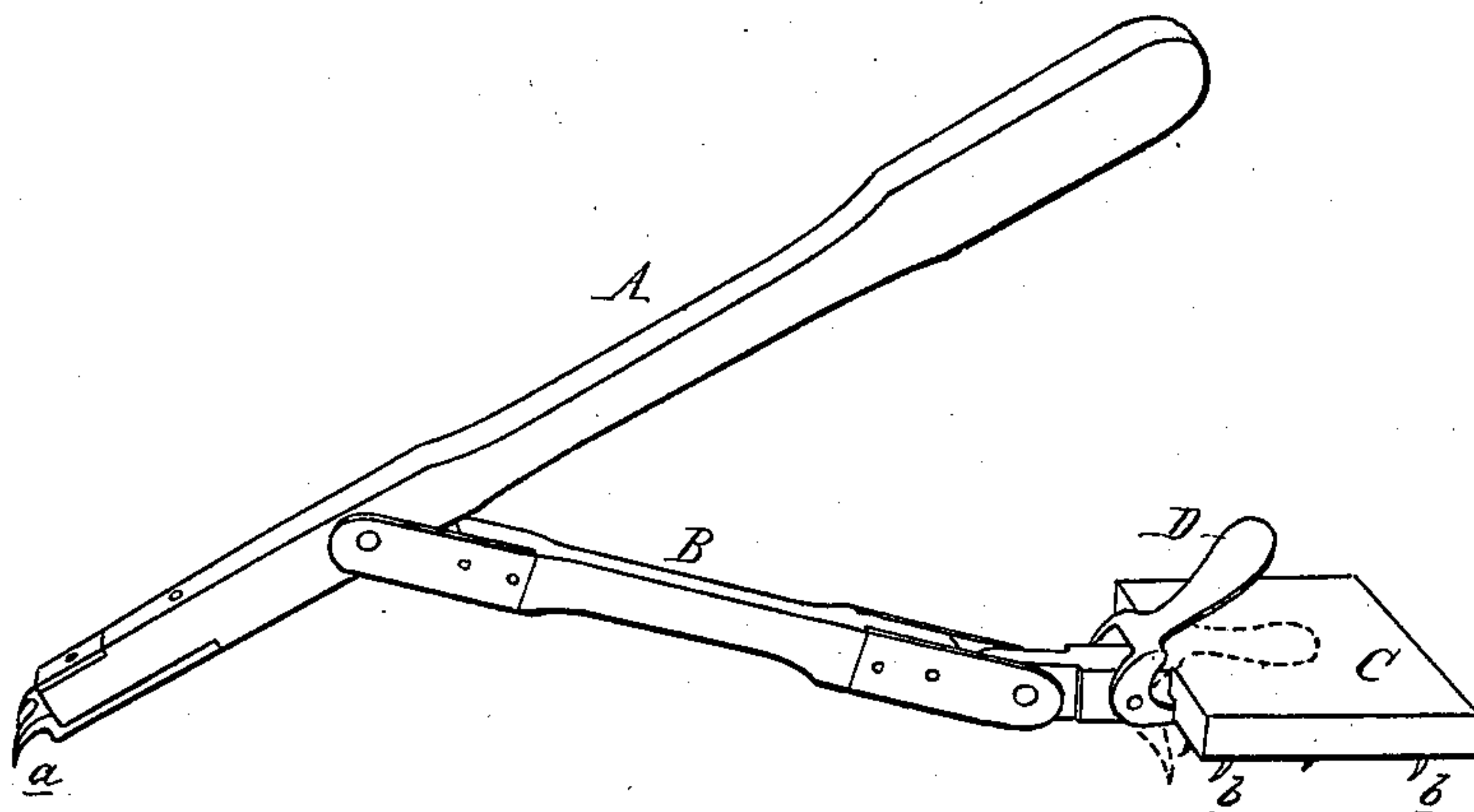


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## CARPET-STRETCHER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SETH JUDSON SPITLER, of Greenville, in the county of Montcalm and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Carpet-Stretchers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification.

10 The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of devices employed for stretching carpets; and the invention consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts, all as more fully  
15 hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, in which my invention is shown in perspective, A represents a suitable lever, to one end of which I secure  
20 a hook or toe, *a*. To this lever I pivotally secure by any proper means the connecting-bar B, to the opposite end of which I pivotally secure the plate or block C. This plate I provide with a series of spurs, *b*, and to the end  
25 of the connecting-bar C, I also pivotally secure the dog D.

In practice the plate C is laid upon the carpet with the lever in its depressed position. By raising the end of the lever the hook or toe *a* pierces through the carpet and engages with  
30 the floor, compelling the plate with its spurs to engage with the carpet, and as the lever is still further raised it will stretch the carpet. When it has been sufficiently stretched, and I desire to tack the carpet, I depress the dog  
35 D, compelling its prongs to engage with the floor, which prevents the carpet from slipping back.

As the construction and operation of this device are so simple, a further description thereof is deemed unnecessary.  
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What I claim as my invention is—

A carpet-stretcher consisting of the lever A, provided with the hook or hooks *a*, connecting-bar B, and plate C, provided with  
45 spurs *b* and dog D, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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