

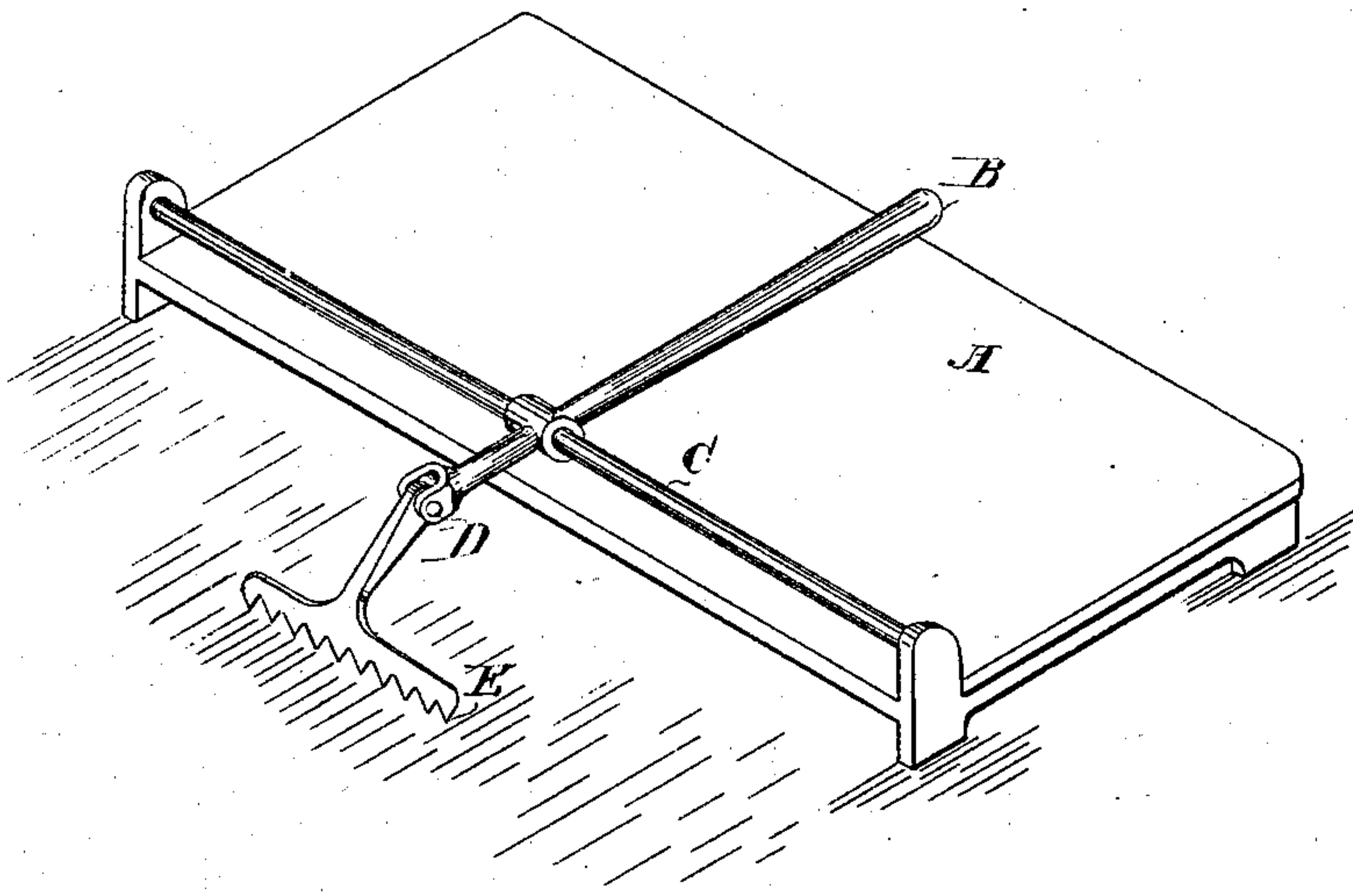
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CARPET STRETCHER.

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WITNESSES.

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CARPET-STRETCHER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN H. WILLIAMS and VOLNEY M. BRAFFETT, of Indianapolis, Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Carpet-Stretchers, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which is a perspective view of our device.

Our invention consists in providing a platform for the operator to kneel upon, and we preferably make this platform wide enough to include a breadth of carpet between its end supports, so that the carpet will stretch more readily.

Our invention further consists in a rod or support upon which to rest the handle of the stretcher, and in jointing the handle of the stretcher so that it can readily be lifted and moved, and to give proper leverage.

In the drawing, A represents the platform and its supporting feet, on which the operator kneels; B, the handle, having a socket through which the bar or rod C passes, and a jaw at D, which receives the end of the stretcher E, and to which it is secured by a bolt.

The operation of our device is simple. The operator, depressing the handle B, forces the teeth of the stretcher E into the carpet and pushes the carpet forward in the direction of the stretcher, and holds it firmly when it has reached the limit of its movement, and may be

held by the knee of the operator, while he works with his hands or drives a tack to secure the carpet in place. By raising the handle B the claw E is released, and the operator can push forward his platform and repeat the operation.

What we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A carpet-stretcher in which the claw is directly connected with the handle by a joint, the handle moving upon a suitable fulcrum, substantially as described.

2. In a carpet-stretcher, a platform for the operator to rest upon, in combination with the handle and claw of the stretcher, substantially as described.

3. The combination of a claw for stretching carpets, jointed to its handle, with a fulcrum and a platform for the operator to rest upon, substantially as described.

4. The combination of the platform A, rod C, socketed handle B, and claw E, the latter jointed to the handle, substantially as described.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 5th day of September, 1882.

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