

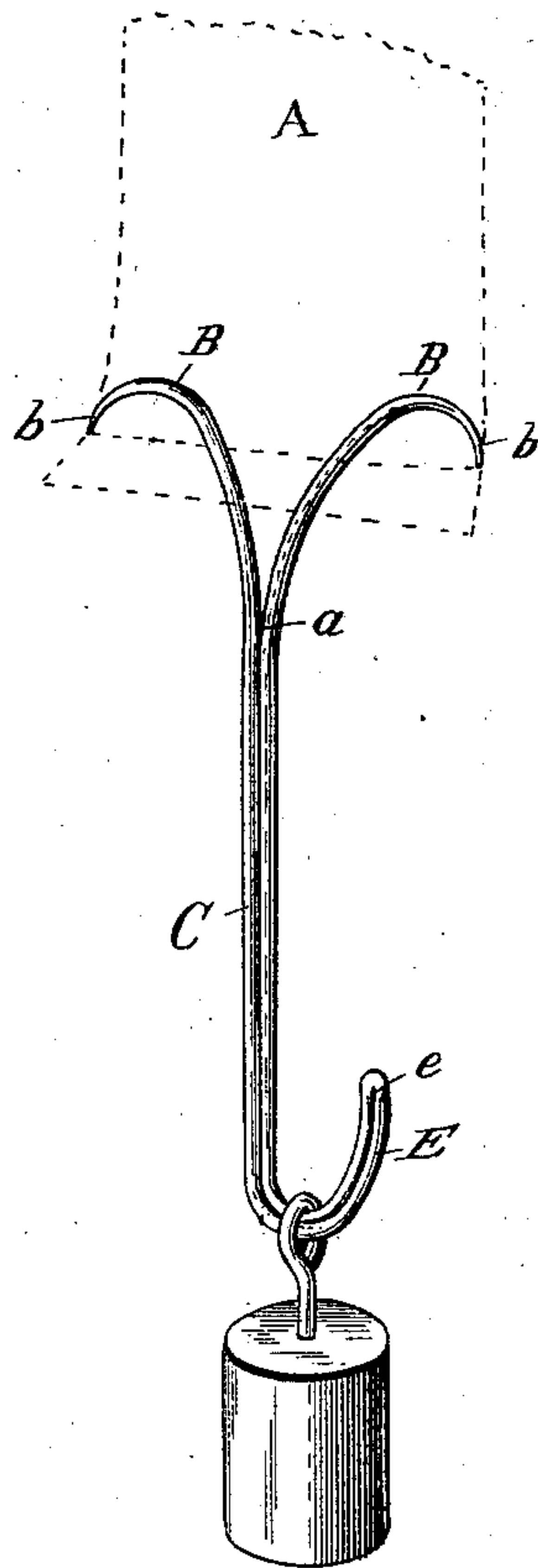
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERIK CONSTANTYN MENSINGA, of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented an Improved Device for Stretching Pantaloons or Trousers into their Proper Shape or Fashion, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is to design a device for stretching pantaloons or trousers into their proper shape or fashion; and it consists, essentially, of a spring-clamp designed to be attached to the end of the legs of the pantaloons or trousers, and having a hook attached to it, upon which a pair of boots or weights may be suspended for the purpose of stretching the trousers into their proper shape or fashion.

The drawing represents a perspective view of my clasp in use.

A represents the bottom of a leg of a pair of pants, and C the spring clasp or frame. This frame is formed of a single piece of wire bent at its middle to form a weight-receiving hook, E, and then the two arms extend upward by the side of each other, and near their upper end are bent outward, as shown, to form outwardly-spreading spring-arms B B, which arms engage the seam at the bottom of the leg of the pants, as shown.

When the wearer removes his trousers, he may hang them upon a suitable hook, (not shown,) then insert the arms B B into the leg, as shown, and then attach the weight to the hook E. The arms B B shape the bottoms of the pants while the weight is removing the wrinkles from the legs.

I am aware of the Patent No. 57,077, and make no claim to the construction shown therein as forming part of my invention. I deem it important that the arms B B turn outwardly in opposite directions from each other, as shown, whereby they shape the bottoms of the pants when the weight is on the hook—a

function that could not be performed by turning the arms, as in the patent above referred to.

I am aware of the Patent No. 313,529, and make no claim to the construction shown therein as forming part of my invention. It will be observed that from the point *e* of the hook E to the point *a* the two strands of wire are contiguous to each other, thus adding greatly to its strength and preventing undue strain on the spring-arms. It will also be seen that the points *b* of the arms B are turned over and downward, so that when the weight is applied the said points will not protrude through the leg of the pantaloons.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A pantaloons-stretching device consisting of a single piece of wire bent to form an up-turned weight-receiving hook, E, at the lower end, and outwardly-spreading spring-arms B B above, the latter being turned in opposite directions from each other, as shown, and adapted to engage the bottom of the leg of a pair of pantaloons, and to shape said bottoms while the weight on said hook is removing the knee wrinkles, and the strands of the said wire being contiguous to each other from the point *e* of the hook to the point *a*, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A spring-wire pantaloons-stretcher composed of a single piece of wire bent at its center to form a weight-receiving hook, E, the ends of said wire being turned in opposite directions from each other, as shown, to form outwardly-spreading spring-arms B B, and the points of said arms bent over and downwardly, as shown and described, and for the purpose specified.

Toronto, April 22, 1886.

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