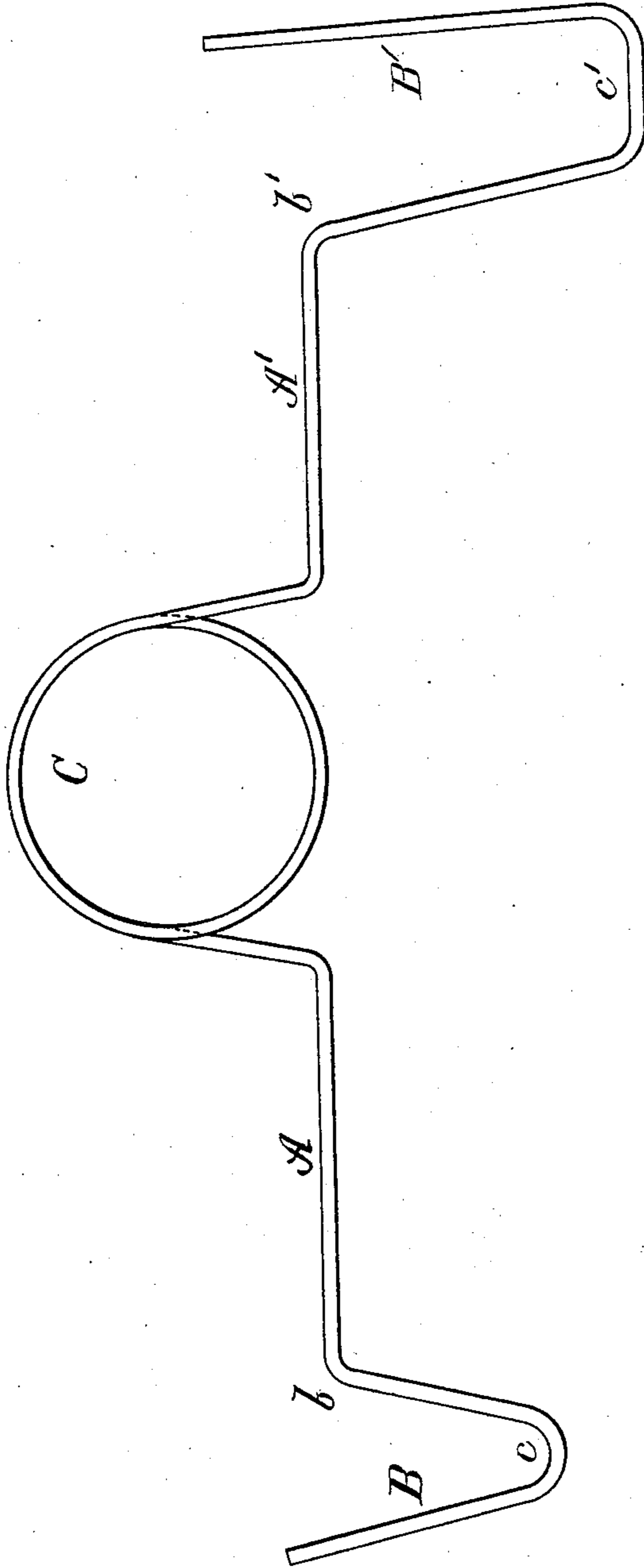


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN JONES GREELY, of Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an
5 Improved Trousers-Stretcher, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which the figure is an elevation of my improved trousers-stretcher.
10 My invention is a trousers-stretcher made up of a length of wire bent upward near its middle to form a loop and bent downward and then upward near its ends to form spring-hooks to engage with the trousers-leg.
15 In the drawing I have shown my improved stretcher made up of a length of wire bent upward near its middle into a loop C and bent downward at *b b'* and then upward and outward at *c c'* to form the spring-hooks B B' on
20 the ends of the arms A A'. The coil near the middle of the wire serves as a spring and also as a loop by which the trousers-stretcher may be hung up. The spring-hooks B B', together with the spring C, combine to prevent
25 the trousers-stretcher from becoming accidentally disengaged from the trousers, the spring-hooks B B' having a spring in themselves independent of the spring C, so that when the free ends of the hooks B B' are
30 placed in the creases of the trousers their

spring prevents them from becoming accidentally disengaged and also stretches the trousers more effectively than in trousers-stretchers where the only spring is that given by the loop C.

When my trousers-stretcher is to be used, the spring formed by the loop C is compressed to bring the hooks B B' inside the trousers-leg. The hooks B B' are then placed in the creases in the trousers-leg, the free ends of the hooks 40 being slightly above the bottom of the trousers. The spring C is then released, and it, together with the spring-hooks B B', serves to stretch the trousers.

I am aware of the patent to Traut, No. 45 442,926, dated December 16, 1890, and disclaim all shown therein, for my trousers-stretcher differs radically in operation from the trousers-stretcher shown in that patent.

What I claim as my invention is—

The trousers-stretcher above described consisting of a resilient wire bent at its middle to form spring C and horizontally-extending arms A A', said arms being bent downward and then upward at their ends to form spring- 55 hooks B B'.

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