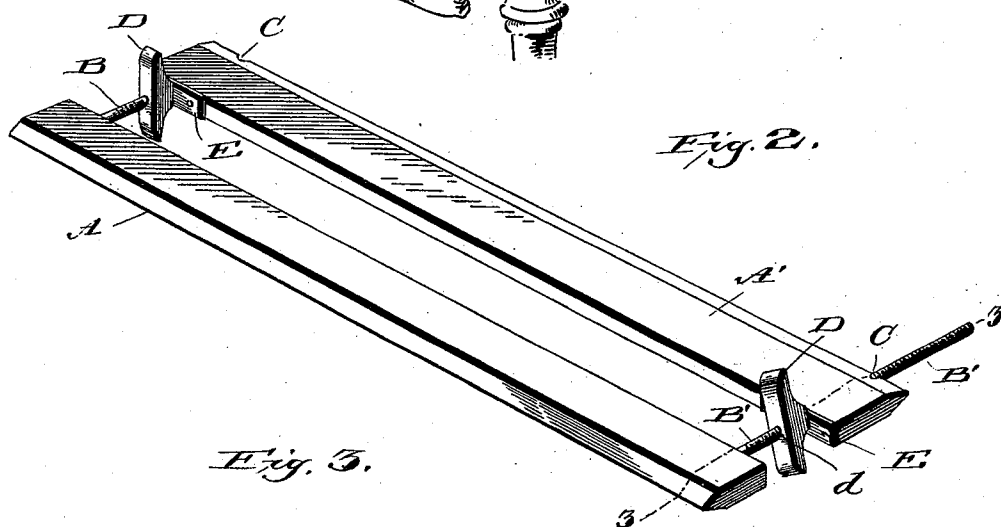
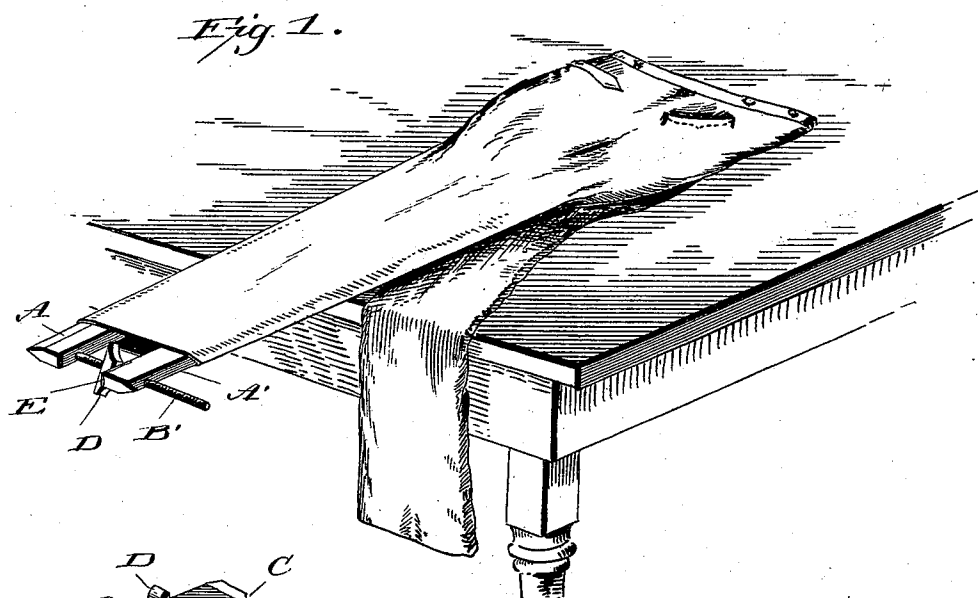


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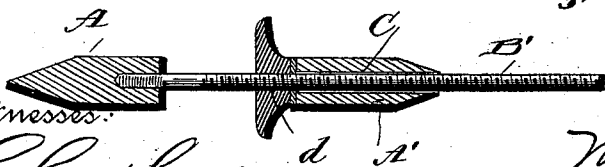
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARK J. WEEDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springville, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trousers-Stretchers; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in garment stretchers, and particularly to devices adapted to stretch trouser legs, and my object is to produce a stretcher, which shall be simple in construction, of easy application, and durable.

My invention aims further to produce a simple trousers stretcher, which is adjustable, being capable of stretching trousers having different sizes of legs, and one by which the tension can be regulated, so that more stretching can be applied to the lower parts of the garment, as from the knee down where the trouser legs are most likely to become wrinkled. I further produce a device whereby the same can be used to hold a garment while the same is being cleaned or scoured.

My invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and adaptation of the parts as will be hereinafter fully illustrated, and then specifically defined in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, like letters of reference indicating like parts throughout the several views, in which—

Figure 1, is a perspective view of my improved stretcher, as applied to a trouser leg. Fig. 2, is a detailed view, and Fig. 3, is an enlarged section on line 3. 3. of Fig. 2.

Reference now being had to the details of construction by letter, A. and A' represent

the strips or bars. One of each is used for each leg of the trousers to be stretched. These strips may be made of metal or of any suitable material, and are beveled on the outer edges, so as to form creases in the trousers legs when the same are being stretched. On the blunt edge of one of the said bars, A at a convenient distance from the ends of the same are seated the two threaded rods B, B', the former being of shorter length than the latter, to allow the stretcher to readily pass up through the trousers leg. The bar A' has perforations C, C, and through which said rods pass, and D, D, are tightening buttons threaded in their apertures *d, d*, so as to work on the threads of the bars or rods B, B'. E, E, are metallic plates against which the thumb screws bear when the trousers are being stretched.

It will be observed that one rod B' extends through the bar A', thus allowing the lower part of the trousers leg to be stretched more than the upper portions.

I prefer to construct my stretchers so that the leg strips will be about four feet long, and at that length the extended rod B' will be below the bottom of the trouser legs.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim to be new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a trousers stretcher, the combination, of two substantially parallel bars A A' with their outer edges beveled, of the threaded rods B and B' seated in the bar A, and at right angles thereto, and passing through apertures in the bar A', of the thumb screws working on the said threaded rods between the bars and adapted to bear against the bar A', to hold the trousers in a stretched position, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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