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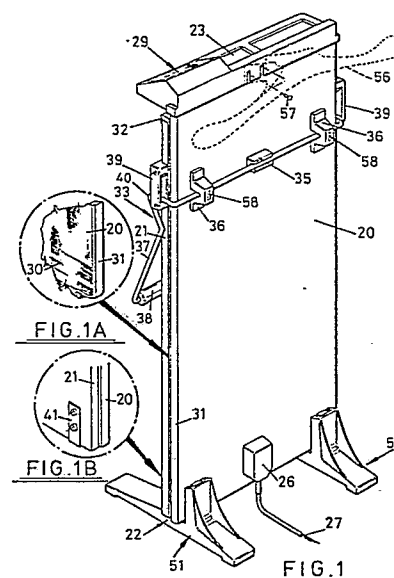
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⑤④ **A trousers press.**

⑤⑦ A trousers press comprises a fixed flat pressing member (20), electrical heating means supported by the fixed flat pressing member, a resilient cushioning mat (30) covering a pressing face of the fixed flat pressing member, a pivotal flat pressing member (21) hingedly connected at its bottom end to the bottom end of the fixed flat pressing member, and arm means (33) pivoted to the sides of the fixed flat pressing member and cooperating with abutment means on the sides of the pivotal flat pressing member to urge the flat pressing members together for trouser pressing purposes and with the pivotal flat pressing member to restrict the extent of its pivoting movement relative to the fixed flat pressing member. The trousers press is characterised in that the hinge connection between the two flat pressing members is constituted by upwardly-open U-shaped resilient clip means, preferably two spring steel U-clips, between the limbs (41) of which the lower ends of the flat pressing members are accommodated with each flat pressing plate secured to a respective resilient limb of the resilient clip means, which resilient limbs flex to provide the required spacing to accommodate the thickness of material of the trousers to be pressed.

As a result of this hinge connection all thicknesses of trousers including, for example, turn-ups (cuffs) and tweeds can be readily catered for.





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namely:

1. Claims 1-8,16: Hinge connection for a trousers press
2. Claims 1,9-13: Stretching device for a trousers press
3. Claims 1,14,15: Electrical heating means for a trousers press

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