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Skirt Elevator.

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Fig. 1.

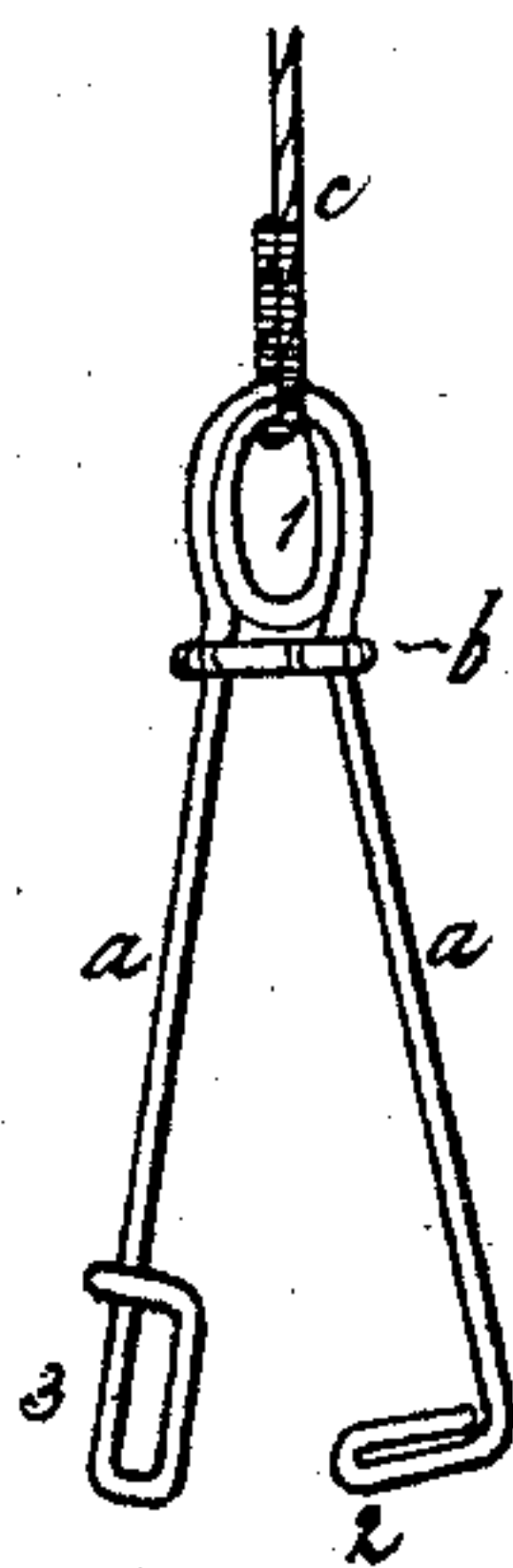
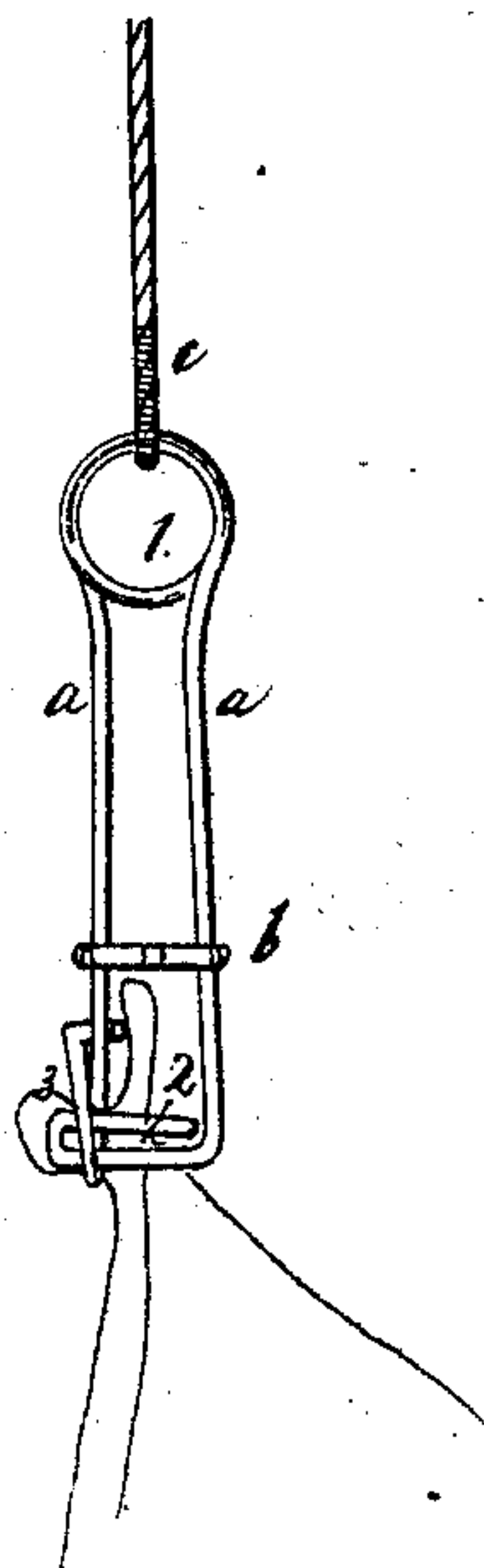


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DRESS-ELEVATORS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 55,842, dated June 16, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY ESSEX, of West Haverstraw, in the county of Rockland and State of New York, and JOB JOHNSON, of Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improvement in Spring-Fastenings for Garments; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the said spring-fastening as open, and Fig. 2 represents the same as closed upon a portion of a garment.

Similar letters denote the same parts.

Hooks have heretofore been formed for catching fish, and also for garments, in which spring-carrying perforating points and hooks have been employed.

The nature of our said invention consists in the combination of an eye and a projection that pushes the garment into the eye without perforating the same, said eye and pusher being formed at the ends of springs which open the fastening for disconnecting it from the garment.

In the drawings, *a* is a wire, formed into a spring-coil at 1, and with a return-bend at 2 and an eye at 3; and *b* is a slide or ring upon the legs, formed by the spring-wire *a*, which slide draws the parts together when moved

toward 2 and 3, as seen in Fig. 2, or allows them to spring apart and open, as seen in Fig. 1, when said slide *b* is moved toward the coil 1.

The fastening may be employed for holding up ladies' dresses around the lower portions of the skirt, for which object it may be suspended by a string, *c*; or it might be sewed at the coil 1 to the seams on the inside; or said fastening may be connected to any other portion of the garment. The fold of the dress or other garment is entered within the fastening between the eye 3 and projection 2, and the sliding of the ring *b* endwise on the legs causes the projection 2 to hold said garment by pushing a portion thereof into the eye 3, as illustrated by the blue lines in Fig. 2.

We do not claim a fastening for garments having two eyes kept together by a slide on the spring-arms; but

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

The fastening for garments formed by the spring *a*, eye 3, and pusher 2, combined with the sliding ring or slide *b*, as and for the purposes set forth.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our signatures this 2d day of October, 1865.

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