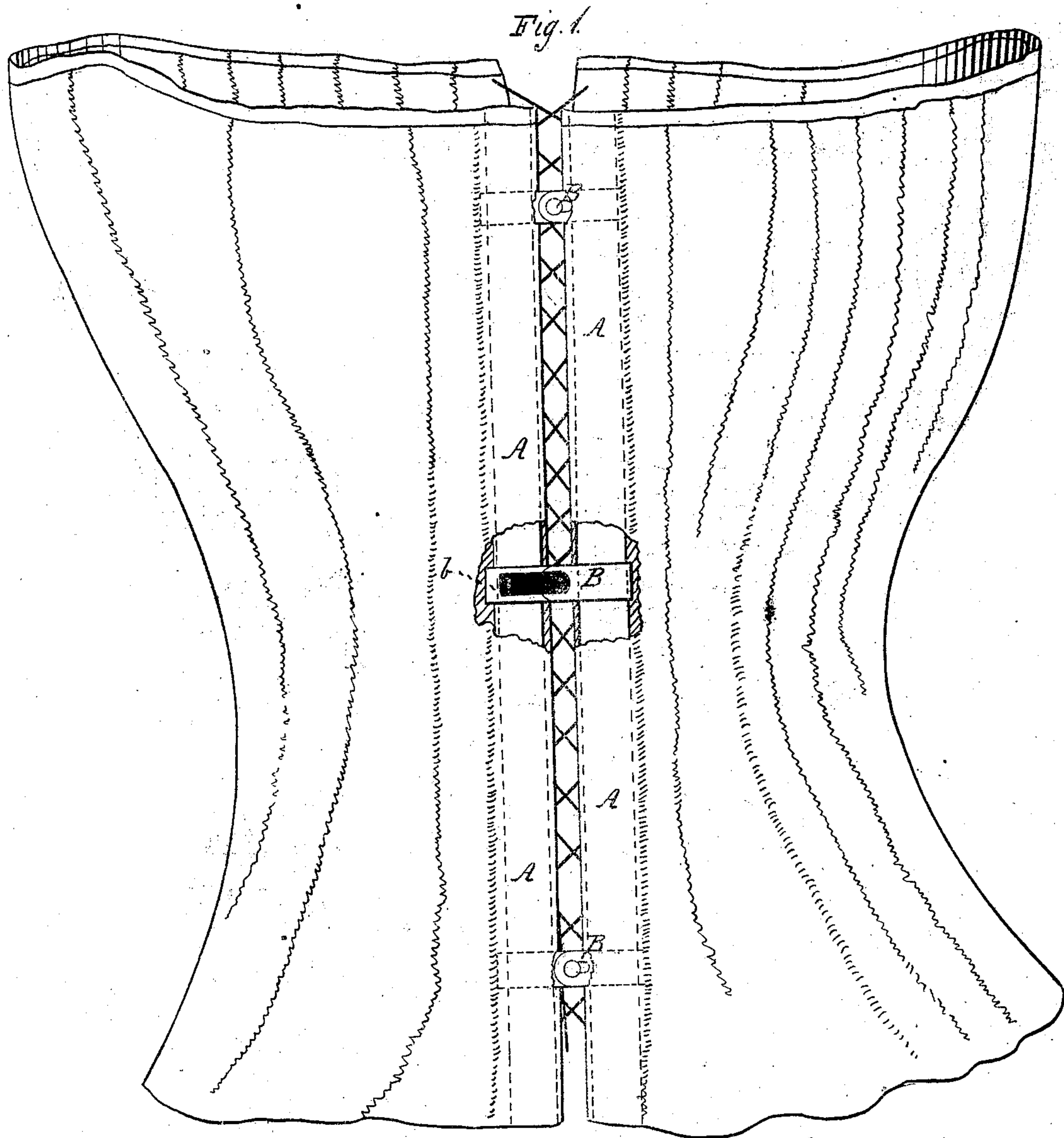
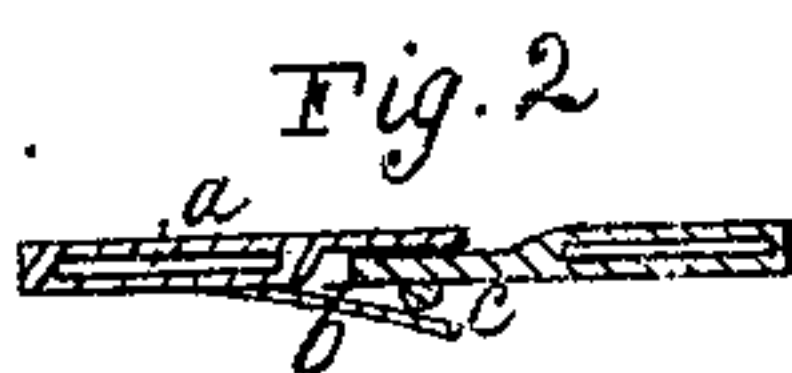


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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET CLASPS.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, LUCIAN HILL, of North Brookfield, Worcester county, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in "Corset Clasps;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon. In the drawings forming a part of these specifications—

Figure 1 represents a front view of a corset, showing my invention; and

Figure 2 is a detailed view of the clasps used in my arrangement.

This invention consists of forming the clasps of a corset in such a manner that the steel pieces, forming the outside stiffeners along the edges of the corset, can be removed when it is wished to wash the corset. Ordinarily the clasps or fasteners of the corset are attached or form part of these stiffeners, and are placed suitable distances apart, the hooks being on one side and the eyes on the other, and protrude outside of the hem in which the stiffeners are confined. In this arrangement it is impossible to draw the stiffeners out without ripping up the whole hem, the clasps, or hooks and eyes, preventing them from being moved up or down. In my device, however, the stiffeners are formed of smooth pieces, without any attachment directly to them, but pass through the shanks of the clasps which are let through the edges of the hem at suitable distances apart.

In fig. 1, of the drawings, this is shown by the dotted lines showing the positions of the stiffeners A A and clasps B B B; the edges of the corset being brought together and hooked. In this, the stuff around the middle clasps is represented as torn away and revealing the manner in which the pieces A A pass through the clasps. When it is desired to remove these pieces it is only necessary to rip that small portion of a seam immediately above or below them, when they can be drawn out, leaving the clasps in their places to be taken out afterward. In fig. 2 is shown an edge view of the clasps as hooked together, having the eyelets *a a* through their shanks, through which the pieces A A pass when in the corset. In this is also shown my device for preventing the clasps from coming unfastened when they are hooked. It consists of a small flat spring, *b*, attached to the shank of the hook and resting on the knob upon the same. This prevents the eye from getting over this knob and becoming unfastened. The hook can also be formed by merely turning up the end instead of riveting on a knob as is usual. The advantages I secure by this device are the readiness by which the stiffeners can be removed from the stuff forming the corset when it is wished to wash the latter, or perform any mending operation in which the stiffness would interfere. By the use of the spring *b* I prevent the corset from coming undone when once fastened.

Now, having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The detachable clasp for corsets herein described, consisting of the parts *a a*, and spring *b*, constructed as set forth.

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