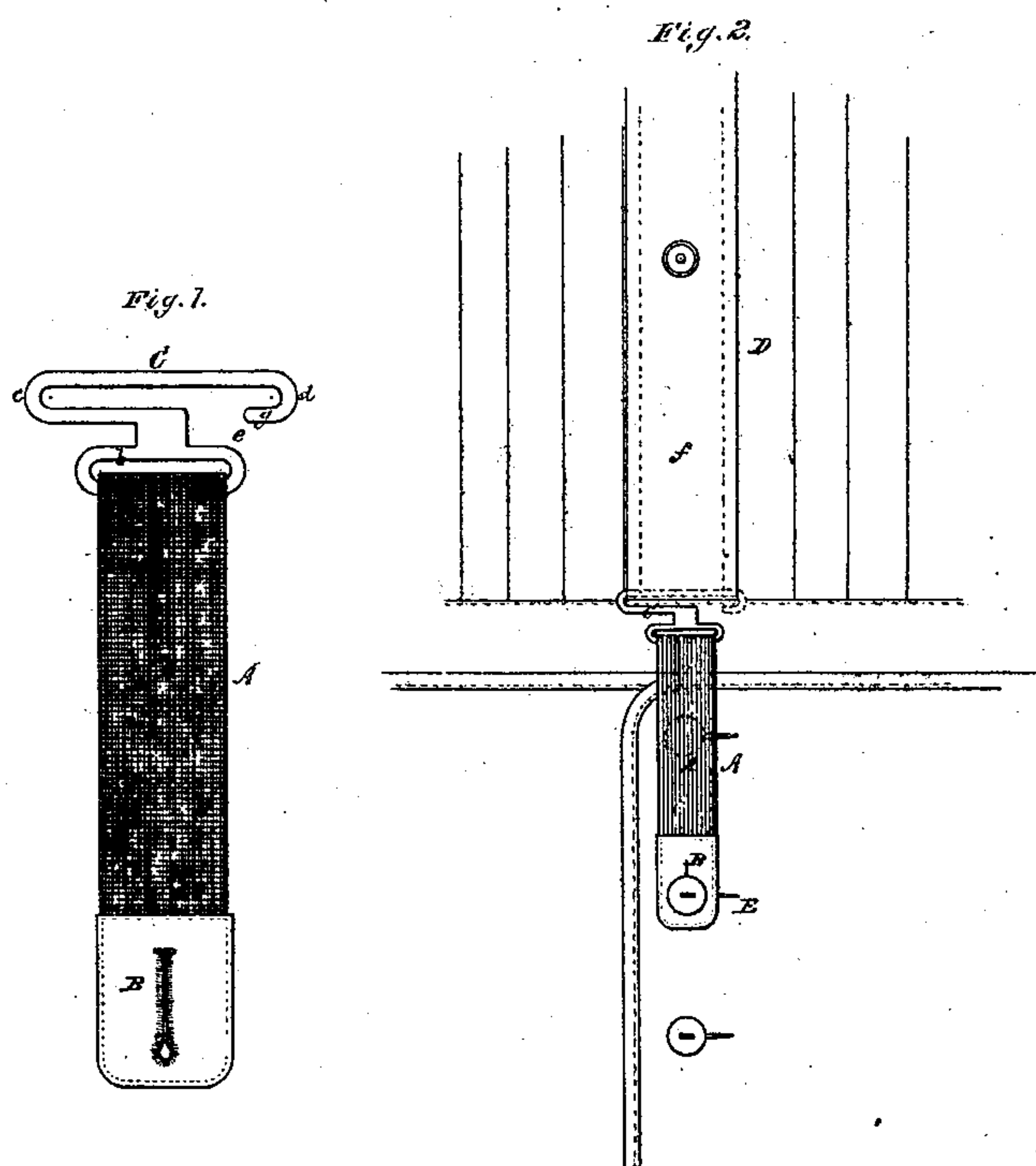


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IMPROVEMENT IN STAYS FOR SHIRT-BOSOMS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all persons to whom these presents may come:

Be it known that I, J. R. LITTLE, of West Roxbury, of the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful or Improved Shirt-Bosom Stay; and do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a front view of it.

Figure 2 is a representation of it as applied to a shirt-bosom and the pantaloons or drawers of a person, its purpose being to draw the bosom downward, so as to keep it stretched or strained, and free from wrinkles while it may be in wear, or, in other words, it is to cause the shirt-bosom to fit or set well, whether the wearer may be in a standing or stooping or other position.

In the drawings, A denotes a piece of elastic webbing, provided at its lower part with a button-hole, or being joined at one end to a button-holed piece or attachment B. At its upper end the said piece A passes through or is fastened to the elongated eye *b* of a flat hook, C, formed with two bends *c d*, arranged as represented, so as to make an opening or passage, *e*, between the extremity of the hook and one end of the eye-piece *b*, the hook at its other end being projected from and joined to the eye-piece. The upper part of the hook, or that portion which extends between the two bends *c d*, is straight.

This peculiar hook, which, in fact, is a double or duplex hook, is for effecting the ready connection of the strap or elastic band, A, to a shirt-bosom, such being accomplished by introducing the lower part of

the front fly *f* thereof into the opening *e*, so as to catch the bent head or portion *g* of the hook upon or into the cloth or a plait, or around the edge of the back fly, and cause the upper or straight portion of the hook to rest on the junction, the bottom of the fly with the back fly of the shirt.

After having so applied the hook C to the shirt-bosom, the button-holed part B of the strap A should be drawn down and buttoned on one of the front buttons of the drawers or pantaloons. The elastic strap A, with its bosom and pantaloons or drawers-attachments, thus constitutes an elastic stay or device, for the purpose above set forth.

In fig. 2 the stay is represented as so applied to a shirt-bosom, D, and pantaloons or drawers E.

I am aware that it is not new to affix to the lower part of a shirt-bosom a strap provided with one or more button-holes, such being sewed to the bosom so as to be a permanent fixture, and being inelastic. I, therefore, make no claim to such, or its combination with a shirt or a shirt-bosom.

What I claim as my invention, is—

The new article of manufacture or shirt-bosom stay, as composed of the button-holed strap A and the hook or attachment C, as specified, the whole being substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

Also, the double hook-attachment C, made as and for the purpose above explained.

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