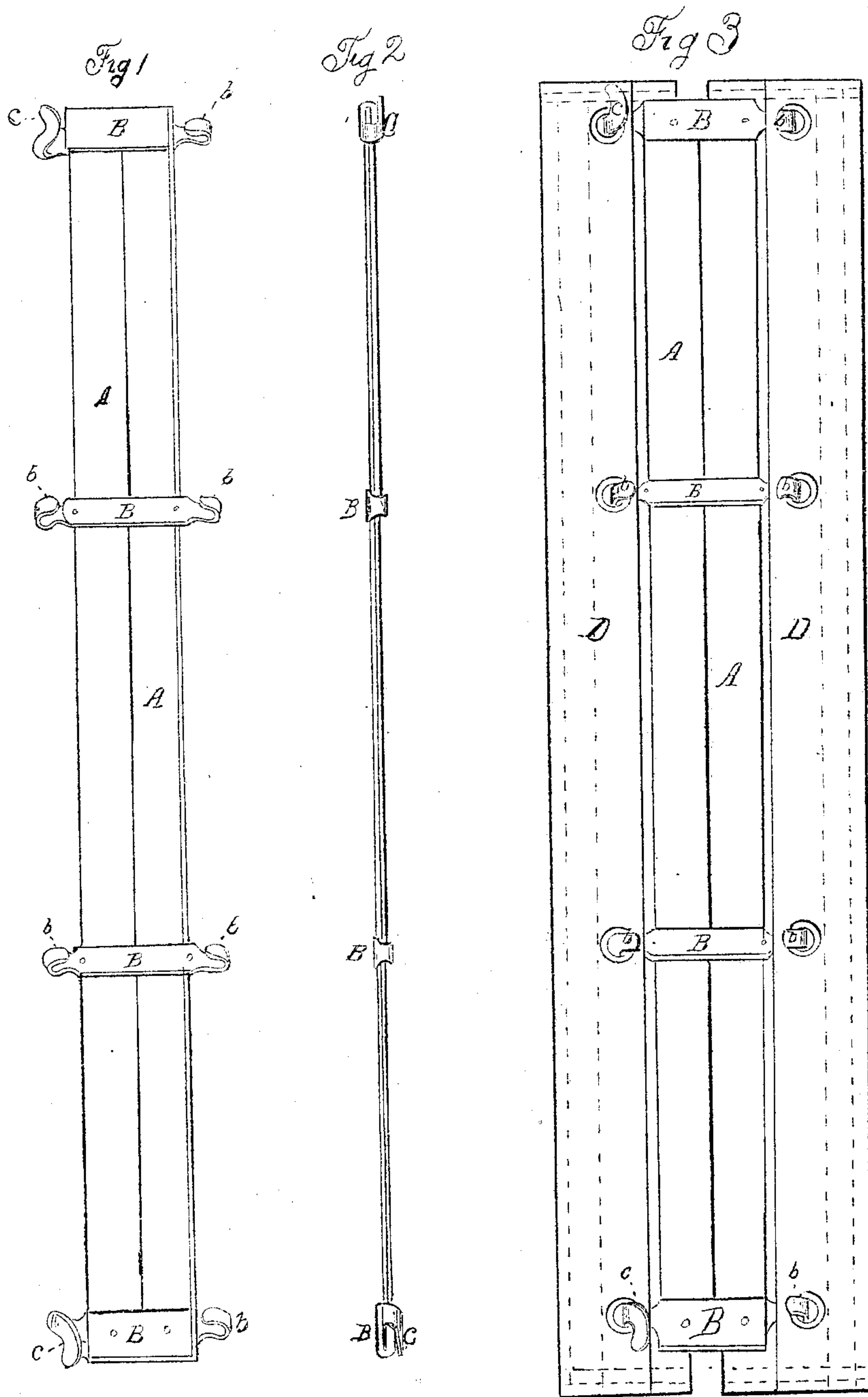


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IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR CORSETS.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. N. SHERMAN, of Beloit, in the State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Springs; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains, to make and use my said invention or improvements without further invention or experiment.

The nature of my invention and improvements consists in the manufacture of metallic corset-springs, substantially in the particular manner or style clearly shown by the drawings below, herein fully described, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of the springs complete, except being without covering;

Figure 2 is an edge view of the same; and

Figure 3 is a representation of the spring as connected to and with the corset when in use on the person of the wearer, save that it is to be suitably covered before using.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in each of the figures.

The spring may be manufactured, constructed, or made of any suitable and available number of pieces or strips of sheet, hoop, or other form of metal adapted to the use and purpose in question. Finely-tempered, thin spring-steel is here used, and is deemed the best.

B B are metallic clasps, riveted to and through the spring A A, at one end, but only one-half through the other end, which is provided with slots, so the spring can work freely, holding the strips or pieces of metal forming the same firmly in position. Other similar clasps are used, and riveted through outside of the spring, to hold the pieces firmly together, yet so as not to impair the free action of the metal spring.

C C are hoops, having their points turned in opposite directions, for the purpose of attaching and firmly securing the spring to one side of the corset D, which is easily effected, by curving the spring and inserting the hooks through the eyelets at the upper and lower edge of the corset D. The hooks *b b* on the same side

of the spring are then inserted in the eyelets in the corset. The spring is thus securely held to the garment, and will not cause annoyance by falling from the corset when not in use, or getting mislaid by falling off.

The hooks *b b*, on the opposite side of the spring, engage with suitable eyelets on the opposite side of the corset D, thus providing an efficient method of attaching the front parts of the corset together, easily detached, convenient of manipulation, and effective in all respects, dispensing with ripping the corset to take out the spring when the garment requires washing, &c.

I make the spring of four strips of thin clock-spring steel, as shown. Any available number of pieces may be used. The spring is intended to have a covering made of kid, linen, jean, or other suitable material.

The corset is intended to be provided with laps on each side, in front, so as to quite cover over the spring when in use.

I am aware that corsets have been made in two parts, and with elastic clasps, steel springs, or busks, to be clasped or held by hooks and eyelets in front; I therefore do not claim either of these devices as such; but

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The herein-described combination corset-spring, A A, consisting of two or more leaves in width and thickness, which leaves slip on each other, the whole forming one separate spring, united and secured in position by clasps B, which are provided with hooks C C and *b b*, for the purpose of attaching the spring to each side of the corset-fronts, thus conveniently adjusting that garment to the person of the wearer, the spring being independent of the corset, complete in one part, and detachable at the pleasure of the wearer, each part in combination with the whole, substantially in the manner specified, as an article of manufacture.

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