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Corset Bush.*

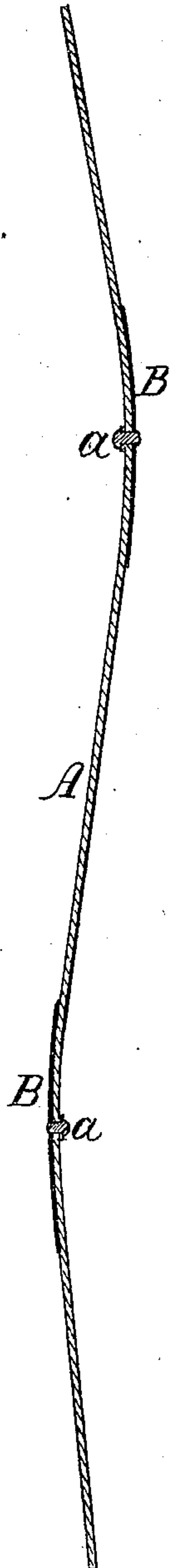
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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**IMPROVEMENT IN BUSKS 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, EDWARD HEATON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Busks for Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view, and in

Figure 2, an edge view.

This invention relates to an improvement in the stay, which, combined with hooks and eyes, forms the clasp for the front of the corset; and

The invention consists in constructing the stay from wood, or material other than metal, and combined with auxiliary springs, so as to give the required curve and elasticity to the stay.

To enable others to construct my improvement, I will fully describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the stay, of the usual size and form, and at the parts of curvature, I arrange, upon the convex side, a steel spring, B, riveted through the stay, as at *a*, so as to secure the spring to the stay, and the spring curved, so as to hold the material in proper form. This construction produces a much lighter clasp than when made of metal, and at a less cost.

The best material known to me for this purpose is white hickory; yet other, as whalebone or hard rubber, may be used, having auxiliary springs arranged thereon, as described.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new and useful, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The corset-steels, or stays, herein described, consisting of the wooden stay A, provided with metallic springs B, arranged thereon, in the manner substantially as described, as an article of manufacture.

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