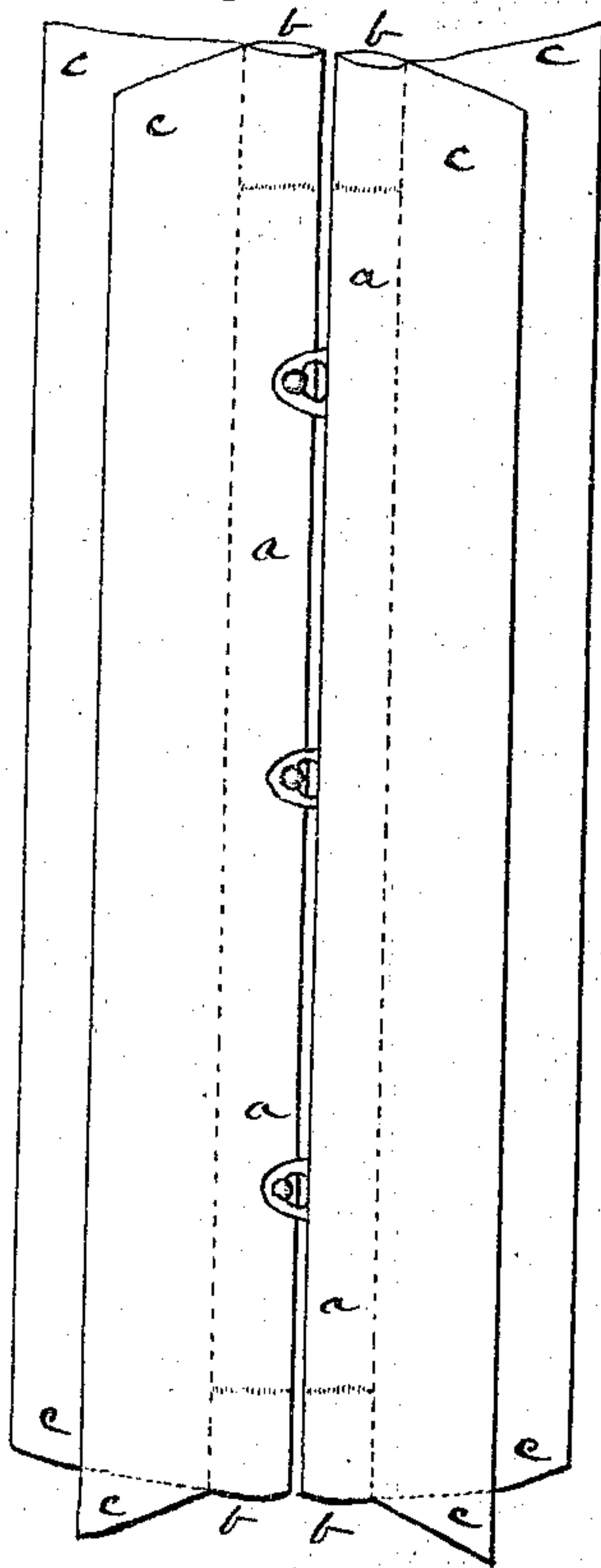


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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET-CLASPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILLIPP LIPPMANN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful article of manufacture, being a Corset-Clasp and cloth attachment, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my improvement is to provide a cheap, convenient, and suitable remedy for the breaking, rusting, or wearing out of the ordinary corset-clasps, which have upon them the hooks and eyes for clasping and unclasping the corset in front. These clasps are, from constant use and frequent clasping and unclasping, and from the motion and bending of the body of the wearer, very liable to break, and to tear the cloth composing the sheath in which they are inclosed, and they are also very liable to rust from perspiration, and thus injure or destroy the cloth, and render the corset useless.

In the corset-clasp, as ordinarily attached to and made part of the corset itself, these injuries or accidents, when they occur, either destroy the utility of the corset, or require that the sheath of the cloth composing the edge of the corset, and incasing the clasp, should be ripped open, a new clasp inserted, and the sheath must then be resewed. This is troublesome and difficult, and sometimes impracticable, from the hooks and eyes not matching, and the trouble and inconvenience of repairing in this way are about equivalent to the cost of a new corset of the ordinary kind.

My improvement consists in the inclosing the corset-clasp in a cloth sheath having a margin or flap, or two flaps, along the whole length, as a separate and independent article of manufacture, and which, being very trifling in cost, ready at hand, and easily applied to the corset, enables the wearer to repair any injuries or defects to the original clasp and cloth incasing it, and thus save time and trouble,

and the cost of a new or perhaps several new corsets.

The improvement is shown in the drawing accompanying my specification—

a being the sheath of cloth inclosing the clasps, *b*, provided with the usual hooks and eyes for clasping and unclasping; and *c-c* being the extended margins or flaps by which the clasp is to be secured to the corset. These margins or flaps are the extension of the cloth covering of the clasps, and they are made of just sufficient breadth to allow of their being easily and neatly sewn on each side of the corset edge after the removal of the injured or worn out original clasp or clasp-covering.

This removal is done in a minute, when my separate attachment is to be used, by cutting off the old cloth with the scissors, or cutting the old clasp out of the sheath.

This article, constituting a separate and independent manufacture, and being made in large numbers, ready always for sale and use, and being exceedingly cheap, convenient, and easily applied, is a very useful and economical addition to the comfort and supply of the wants of the very large class of females who use the clasp and common kind of corsets. It is of course applicable to the repairing of all other kinds of corsets.

What I claim as my invention, and for which I desire Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a covered corset-clasp, the cloth of which forms a marginal flap or flaps along its length suitable for and adapted to being sewn upon the corset, substantially as described, and for use in the place of broken, injured, or worn-out clasps or cloth, as herein set forth.

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