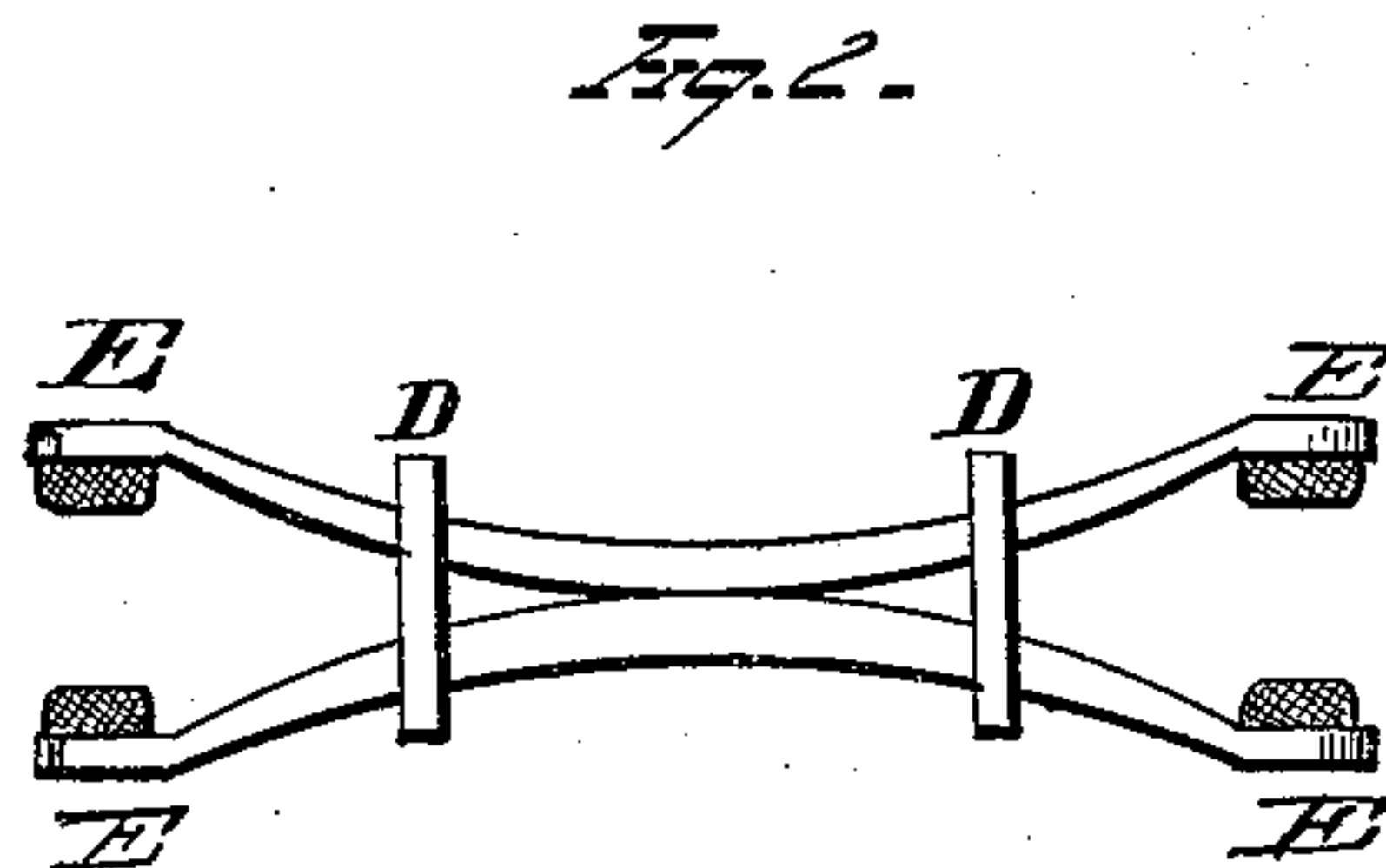
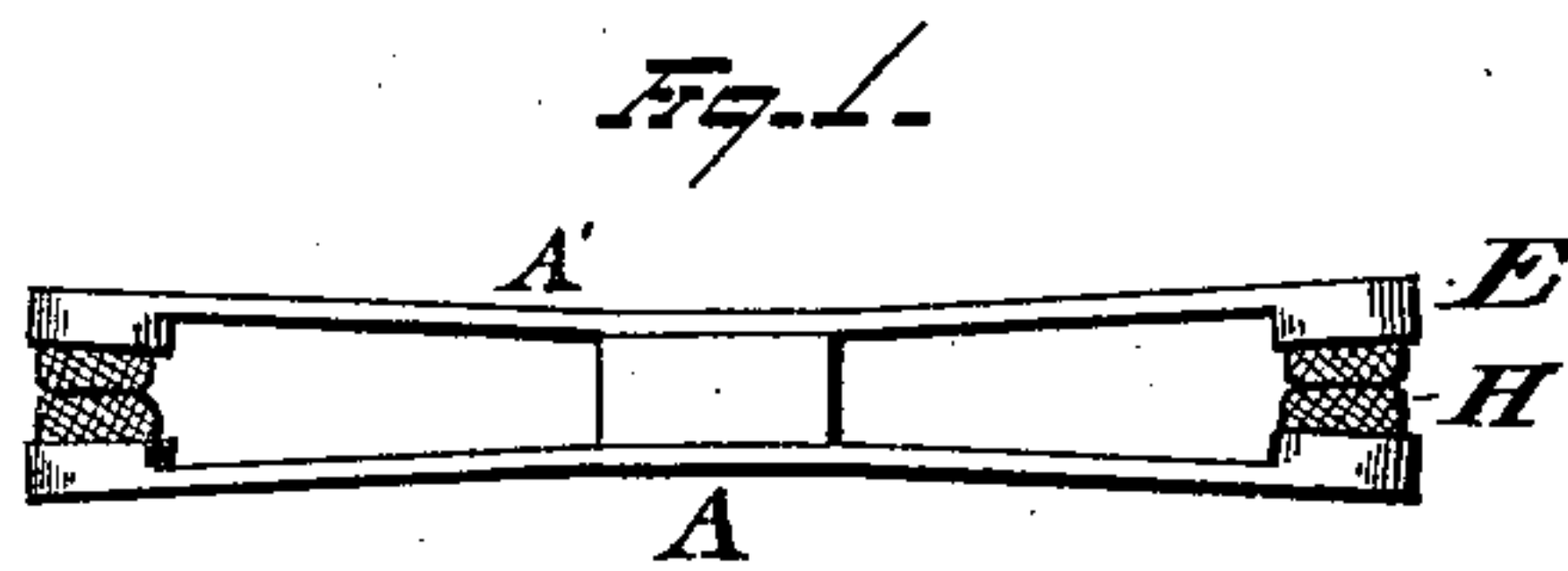


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CLASPS FOR LOOPING SKIRTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. LYNCH, of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Looping Clasps; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to skirt-looping clasps.

In the drawing, Figure 1 represents a side view of a clasp embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a modification of my device.

The invention consists of the parts as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, wherein A A' represent two bars of any suitable material, preferably of metal, secured together at about their center by a screw, rivet, or other effectual means. The extremities of the bars A A' are constructed with heads E, which are provided with the cushions H of soft material, so as to prevent injury to the skirts or dresses to which they are applied.

These bars are formed of elastic or springy material, and the construction of same is such that the ends E press toward each other with sufficient binding force to grasp and retain a fabric between them.

Fig. 2 of the drawings shows a modification of my invention, in which the bars are curved relatively outward as they approach their extremities from their central point of connection, and they are provided with clasping-collars D, which slide thereon to and from the extremities, and thus adjustably lock or unlock the bars in their retaining hold upon the dress or skirt. In this case the jaws or ends E are gradually opened or closed, as the collars or clamps D are moved to or from the middle part of the bars.

To apply the clasp, fasten one of the jaws to a part of the skirt or dress, and close the other jaw upon the raised or gathered part of the same.

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

As an article of manufacture, a skirt-looping clasp, consisting of two bars of elastic or springy material, secured to each other at about their center, provided with cushions on their heads or ends, and with or without clasping-collars, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses

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