

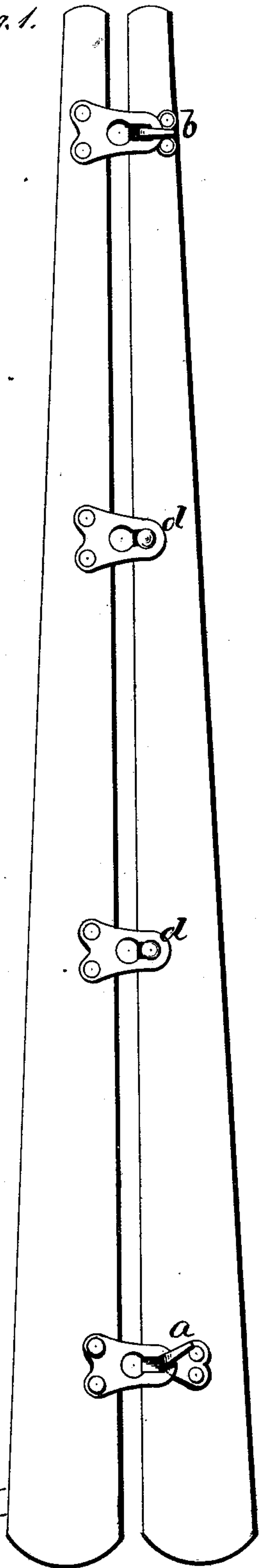
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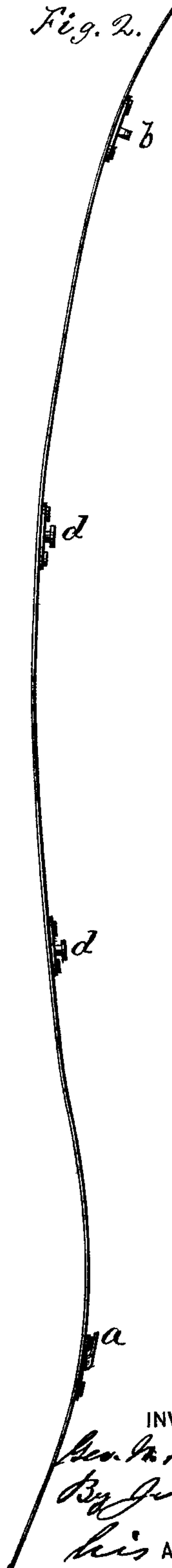
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*Fig. 1.*



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*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET-CLASPS.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. REYNOLDS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Corset-Clasps; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification—

Figure 1 being a front view of a pair of corset-clasps constructed with my improvements; Fig. 2, an edge view of the same as hooked together.

Like letters designate corresponding parts in both figures.

The drawings represent the two clasps united as when the corset is clasped. They are also represented as wide at the bottom and narrow at the top, to give additional strength and support where needed, and at the same time to allow greater freedom of movement at the top and adaptation to the motions of the chest.

By thus making the lower ends of the steels wider than usual they are made stronger in the part where strength is most needed, and thereby also they are better adapted to support the abdomen, and by making the upper ends of the steels narrower than usual they do not so much constrain the corset, and therefore they allow greater freedom of adap-

tation thereto, and do not oppress the chest or bosom, while at the same time they are sufficiently firm and strong to fulfill their purposes.

My invention consists in making the lower hook *a*, by which the clasps are united, somewhat oblique or turned from a horizontal position, as shown, while the upper hook *b* retains the ordinary direct or horizontal position. This form of the lower hook prevents its becoming unhooked, since it cannot be separated from its eye until the upper hook of the clasp is disconnected. Thus, in clasping the corset, the lower hook *a* is first inserted in its eye; then the middle studs *d d* are inserted in their respective eyes, and, finally, the upper hook *b* is fastened. The reverse process is followed in unclasping the corset.

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

A corset-clasp provided with an oblique hook, *a*, at its lower end, constructed and arranged as shown, in combination with a horizontal or direct hook, *b*, at its upper end, substantially as and for the purpose herein specified.

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