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Corset-Steel.

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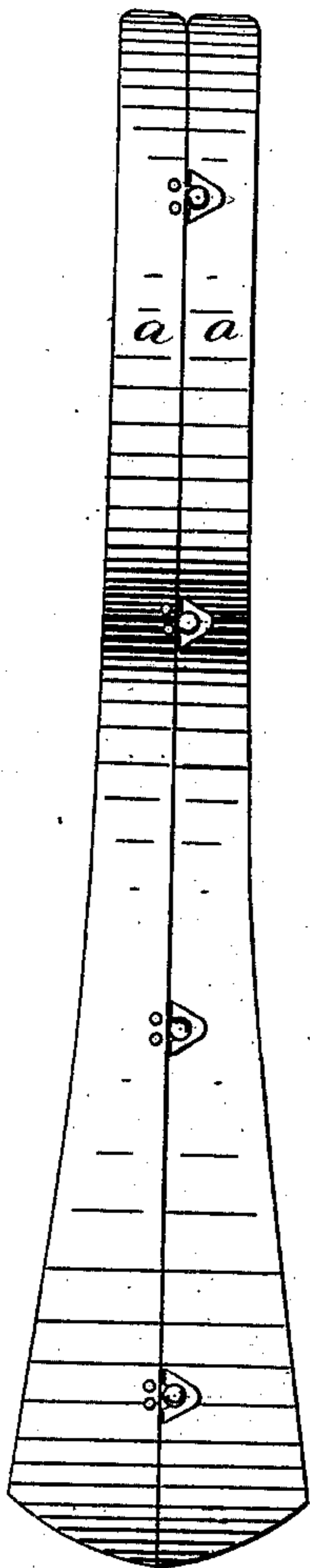


Fig. 1

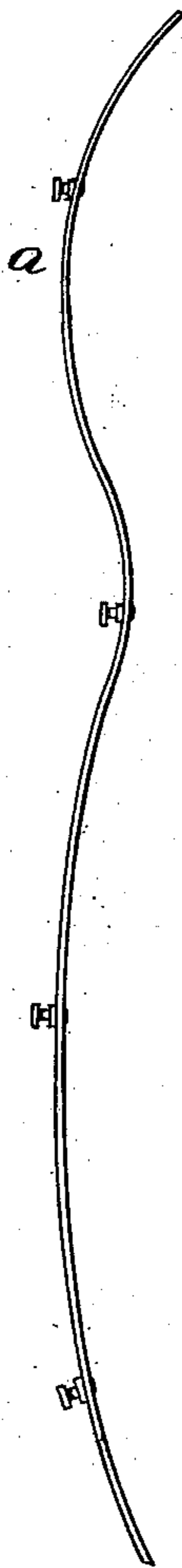


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET-STEELS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES JORDAN, of Wakefield, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corset-Steels, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a corset-clasp or a pair of corset-steels embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same.

My invention relates to the steel or steels, clasp, or busk directly in front of the corset. These steels or springs lie in the center of the front of the corset, between the natural breasts, over the chest. As such steels are now constructed they lie upon and usually press upon the chest, thus being uncomfortable and injurious.

This invention consists in providing a steel which bends or curves outward at that portion next the chest, as represented by *a* in the drawings. Thus the chest is protected and left free.

Another great advantage arising from the convex shape of the steel at *a* is, that it facilitates the fitting of the dress over the corset. This steel will be used mainly in connection with "full-bust" corsets, whether woven or "domestic," and its introduction serves to keep the corset well in shape over the chest, and to fill out the garments worn, so that the entire bust presents a full and well-rounded appearance.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a corset steel or steels curved outwardly, as at *a*, into substantially the shape of the natural bust, as herein set forth, and for the purpose specified.

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