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Corset.

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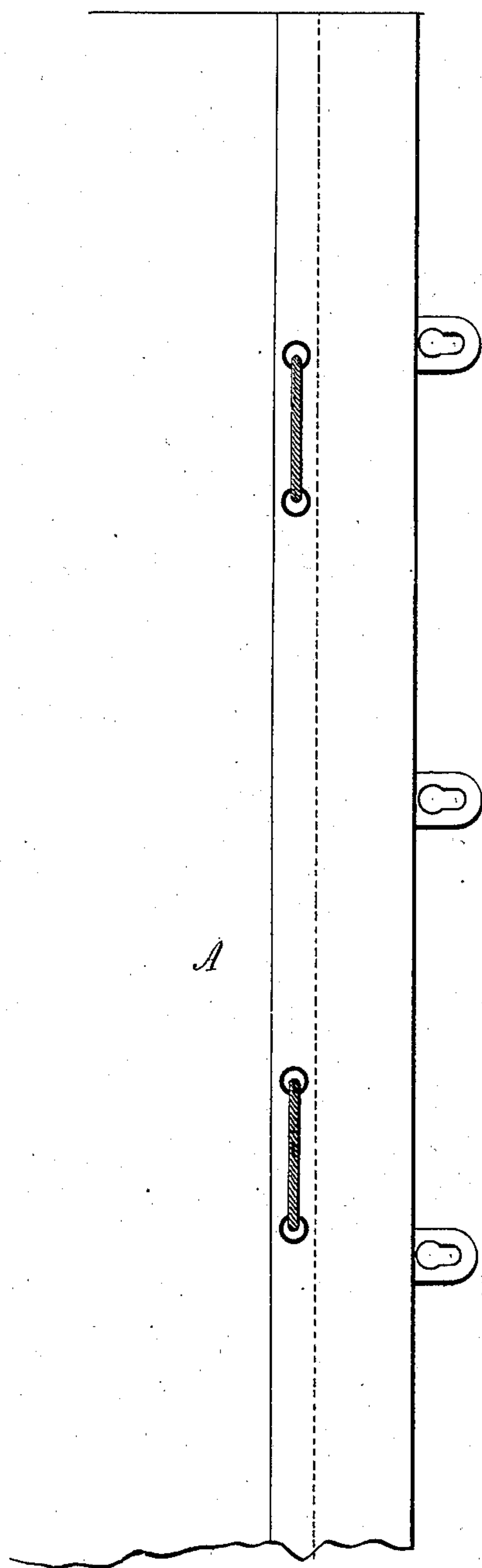


fig. 1.

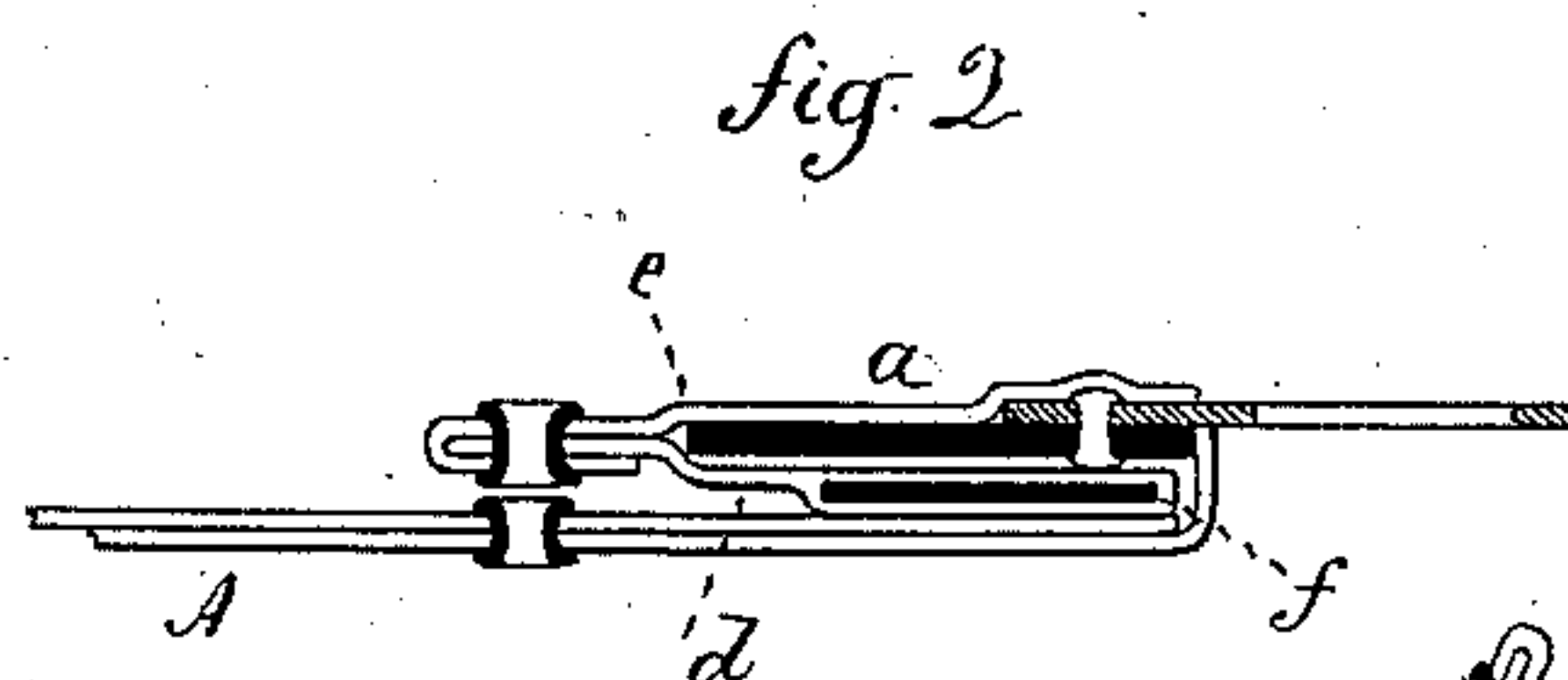


fig. 2

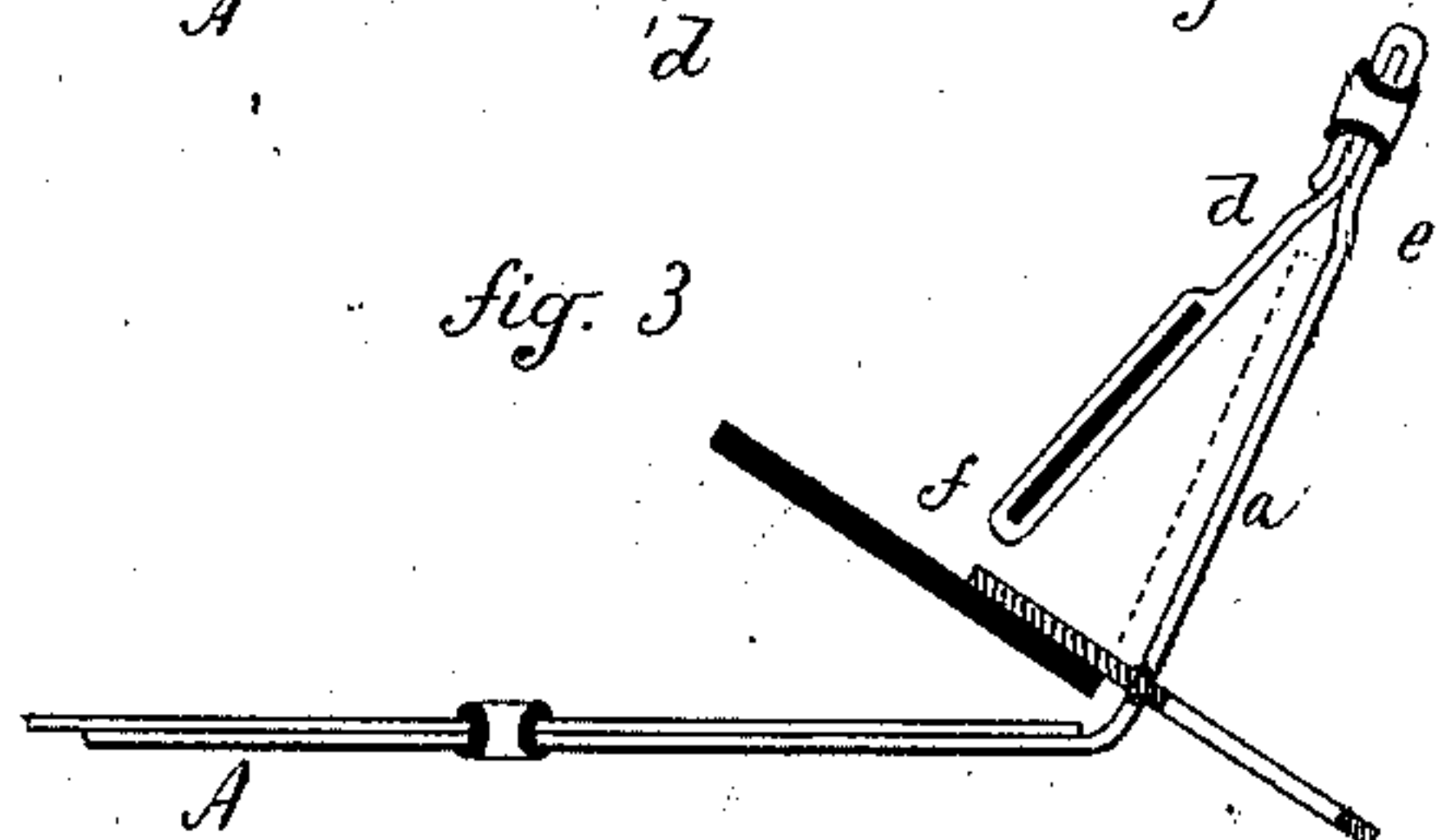


fig. 3

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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **201,490**, dated March 19, 1878; application filed October 26, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ISAAC W. BIRDSEYE, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in 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; Fig. 2, transverse section of the parts enlarged; Fig. 3, transverse section, illustrating the method of introduction and removal.

This invention relates to an improvement in the method of securing the steels or clasps in corsets, the object being to attach the steel so that it may be removed without ripping, as also to afford an auxiliary stiffening to the steel; and it consists, principally, in a double flap, between the two portions of which the steel is introduced, and then the two flaps folded onto the surface of the corset, so that one of the said flaps lies between the steel and the surface of the corset, combined with an auxiliary stay in the said intermediate flap, as more fully hereinafter described.

A represents the body of the corset, which may be of any of the known styles. The edge is extended, so as to form a flap, *a*. Onto the edge of this flap *a* a second flap, *d*, is attached; then the two are folded over onto the body of

the corset, the edge of the combined flaps secured to the body by eyelets, as represented, or otherwise. Before thus folding the two flaps over onto the corset, the steel *e* is placed between the two flaps, the hooks or eyes, as the case may be, inserted through the opening in the fabric, as seen in Fig. 3. Thus secured, the two flaps form a pocket for the steel, which holds it securely in place, and without contact directly with the body of the corset; and to remove the steel it is only necessary to detach the edge of the double flap from the body, turn it up, as seen in Fig. 3, and open the inner flap *d*, as indicated in broken lines; and the introduction is made in the same manner.

The second flap *d* is constructed with a pocket, as seen in Fig. 2, to receive an auxiliary stay, as seen at *f*. The said stay not only retains the flap in its proper position, but forms an additional strength or support for the principal steel; yet this stay is not essential to the invention.

I am aware of Patents No. 146,127 and No. 136,320, and claim nothing therein shown.

I claim—

The combination of the two flaps *a* and *d* with the steel *e* between said two flaps, and the auxiliary stay *f* in the flap *d*, substantially as described.

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