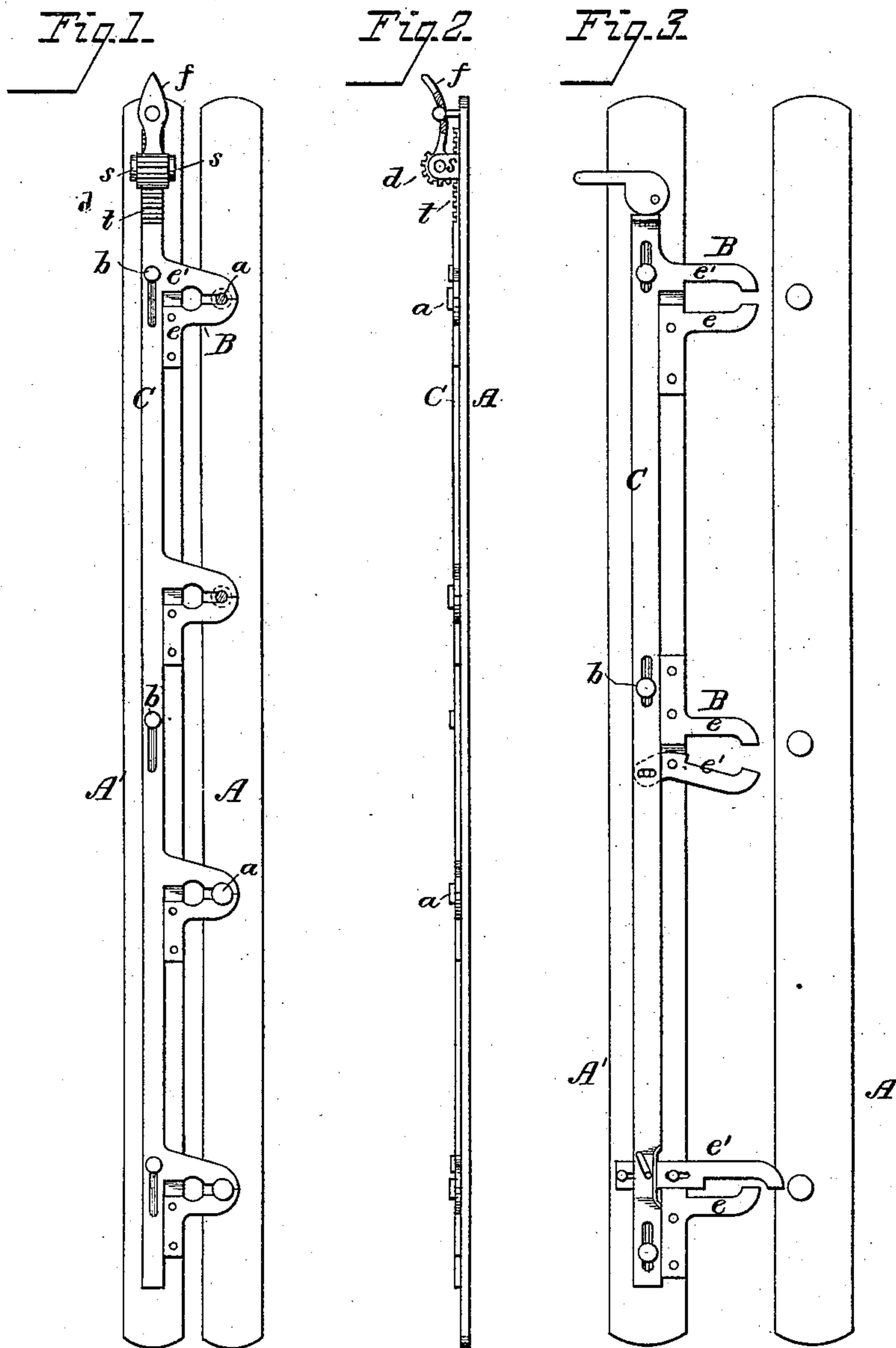


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## CORSET-CLASP.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, AUGUST THÉOPHILE MÜLLER, mechanic, of Paris, France, have invented certain Improvements in Clasps for Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of clasps which are used for fastening together the fronts of corsets; and the object of my invention is to avoid the objections incident to the necessity of bringing the busks together in order to unfasten them. This objection I obviate by arranging the eye-clasp upon one of the busks, each clasp being made of two separable pieces, so as to permit the stud upon the other busk to be released by moving said pieces of the clasp apart.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved corset-clasps. Fig. 2 is a side view, showing a part of one of the clasp-sections; and Fig. 3, a modification.

The device consists of the two steel busks A A', the former having a series of studs, *a*, adapted to the eye-clasps B upon the busk A'. In each eye-clasp there is an opening enlarged at the inner end, so as to receive the head of the stud, and contracted at the outer end for the neck of the stud, which in clasps of the ordinary construction can only be released by carrying it into the enlarged portion. To avoid this I make each eye-clasp B in two parts, one part, *e*, being riveted to the busk A', the other part, *e'*, being secured to or forming part of a slide, C, which is adapted to move upon the busk A', and secured thereto by rivets *b* passing through slots in the slide.

When the parts are in the position shown in

Fig. 1 the eye-clasps present the same shape as in the ordinary clasps; but the studs may be introduced and secured by first moving the slide upward to open the eye-clasp and then downward to secure the stud.

Different appliances may be used for opening the eye-clasp—as, for instance, cams, levers, &c.

In Fig. 1 I have shown a pinion, *d*, turned between studs *s* on the busk A' by means of a lever-handle, *f*, the pinion engaging with a rack, *t*, upon the slide C.

Instead of making one jaw slide in respect to the other, the jaws *e'* may be pivoted, or may otherwise be adjustable, any suitable appliances being used for effecting the adjustment, as in Fig. 3.

I claim—

1. The corset-busk A', provided with divided eye-clasps, one section of each clasp being fixed to the busk and the other section being connected to be operated by a slide, C, on the busk, adapted to adjust all the said movable sections of the clasps, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination of the busk A, having studs *a*, and the busk A', having fixed eye-clasp sections *e*, and a slide, C, having fixed clasp-sections *e'*, and appliances for adjusting the slide, substantially as set forth.

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

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