

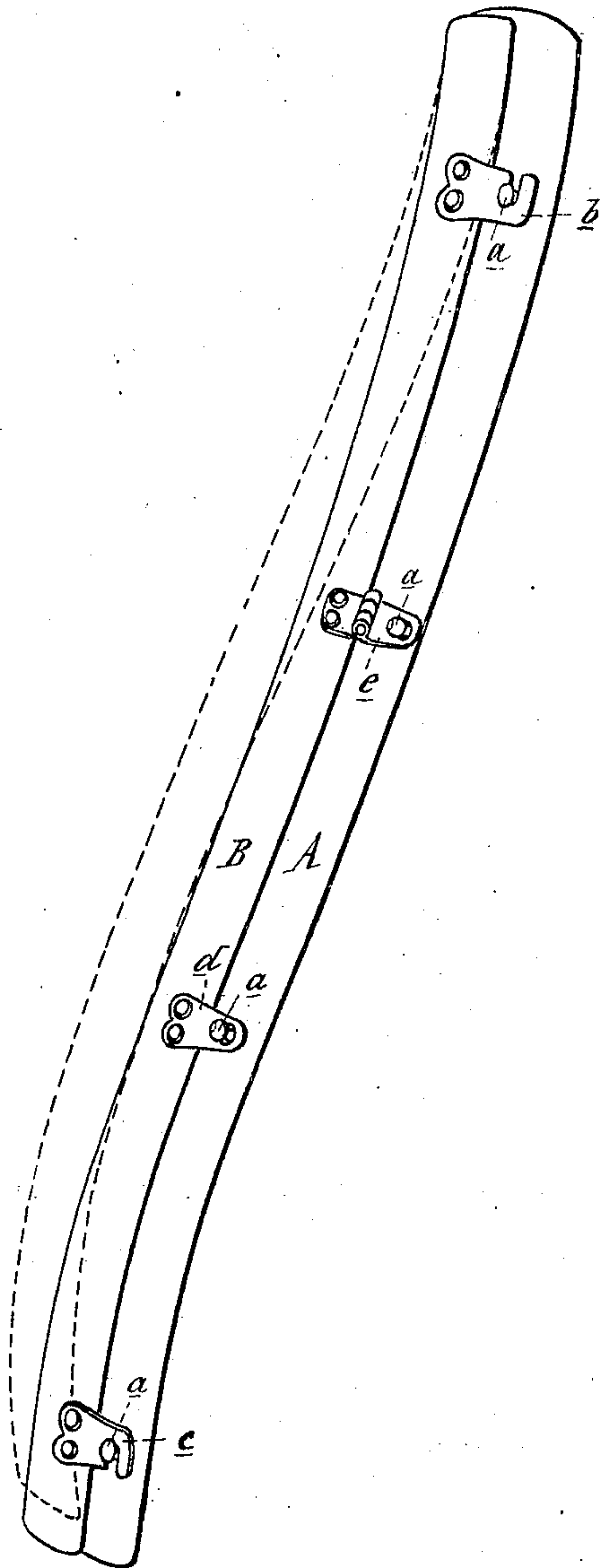
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## FASTENING FOR CORSET-BUSKS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. COLLEY, of the city and county of Jackson, and State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Fastenings for Corset-Busks, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of this invention relates to new and useful improvements in corset-busk fastenings, by means of which corsets are secured around the person of the wearer with ease and certainty, and whereby accidental displacement or unfastening is avoided.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction and operation of the fastenings in combination with the busks of corsets.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and in which my invention is shown in perspective as attached to a busk, A represents one of the busks, provided with the rigidly-attached studs *a*, which are of the usual construction.

B represents the other, at the upper end of which is secured the flat metallic hook *b*, with the hook pointing upward. Another similar hook, *c*, pointing downward, is secured near the lower end of the busk, and these hooks are designed to engage with the respective studs at top and bottom, as shown in the drawing, by first engaging the one at the top or bottom, and by giving a slight outward spring to the busk engaging the other at the opposite end with its stud.

*d* represents a clasp-fastening of the ordinary description, which, when the hooks are engaged, will embrace its coincident stud on the busk. The loop and the hooks are rigidly secured to the busks in any suitable way. Another clasp, *e*, is hinged to the busk, as shown in the drawing, and after the rigid loop and the hooks are engaged with their respective studs, the hinged loop is engaged with its stud, when the parts will be found to be perfectly secured together.

To disengage the busks, release the engagement of the hinged loop, and a slight spring then of the busks will disengage the hooks and rigid loop.

By the use of this device corsets will be secured and removed with very little difficulty or trouble to the wearer.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a corset, the combination, with hooks near the ends of one busk, adapted to engage in opposite directions with studs on the other busk, of the hinged clasp between the hooks, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a corset, and in combination with the busks A B thereof, the studs *a*, hooks *b*, and the hinged clasp *e*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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