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FIG. 1.

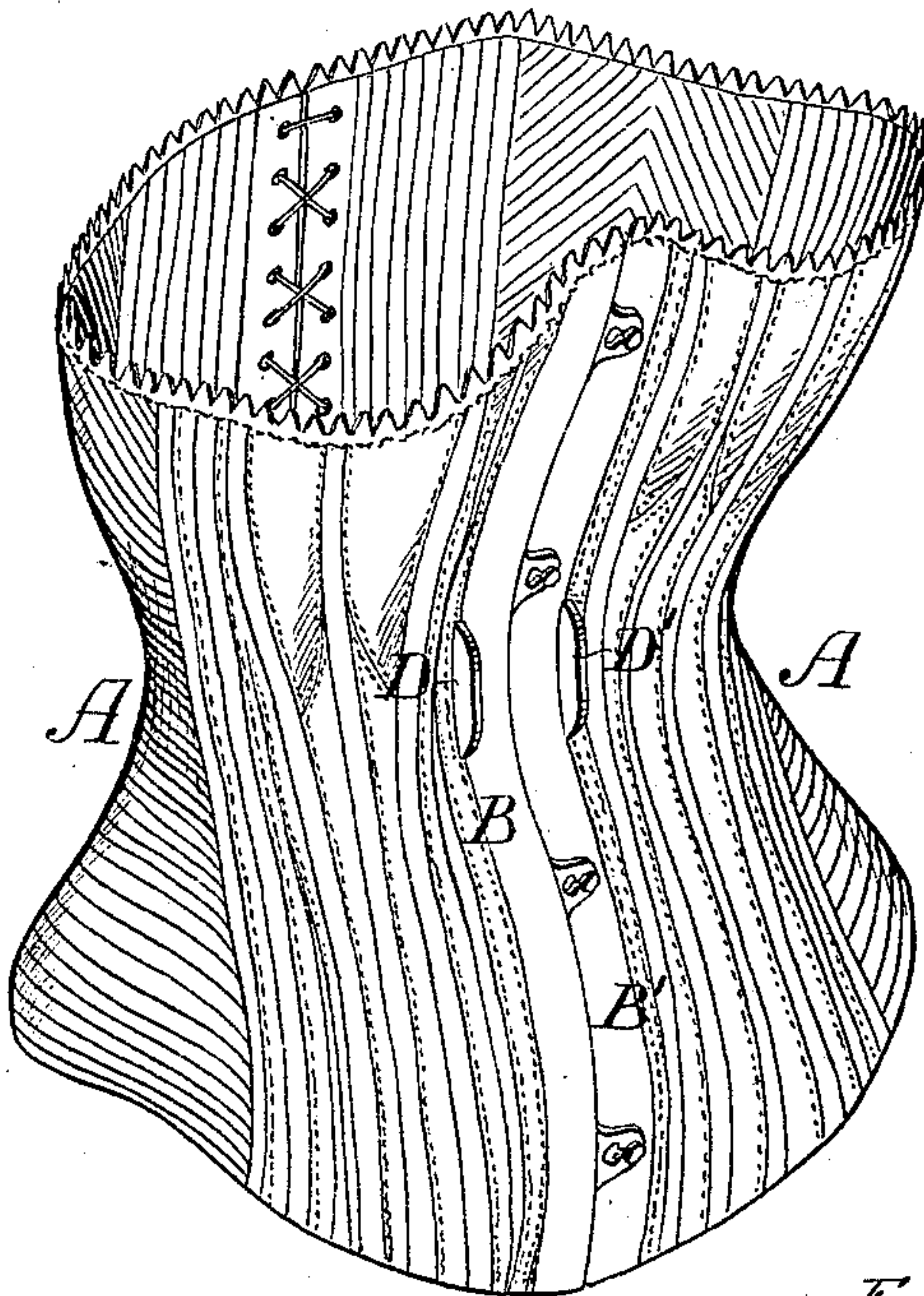


FIG. 6

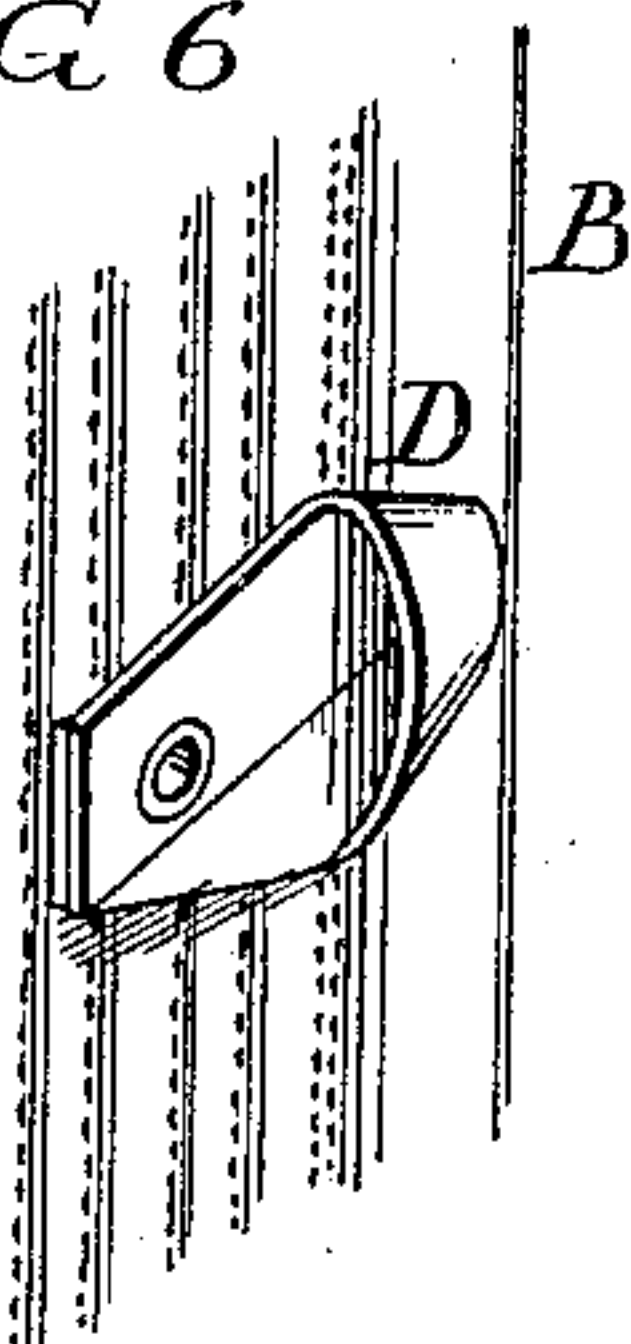


FIG. 2

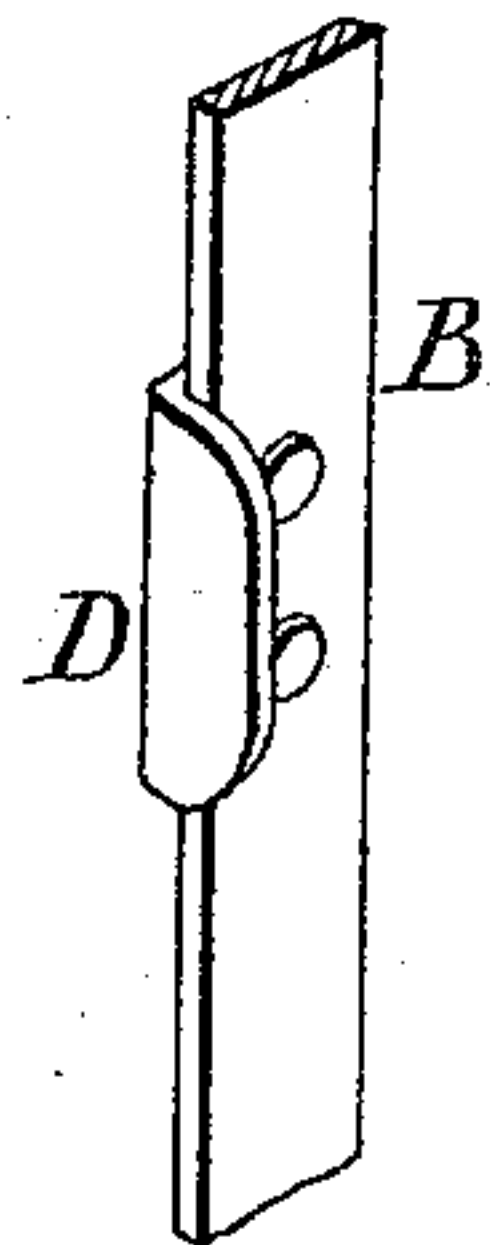


FIG. 4

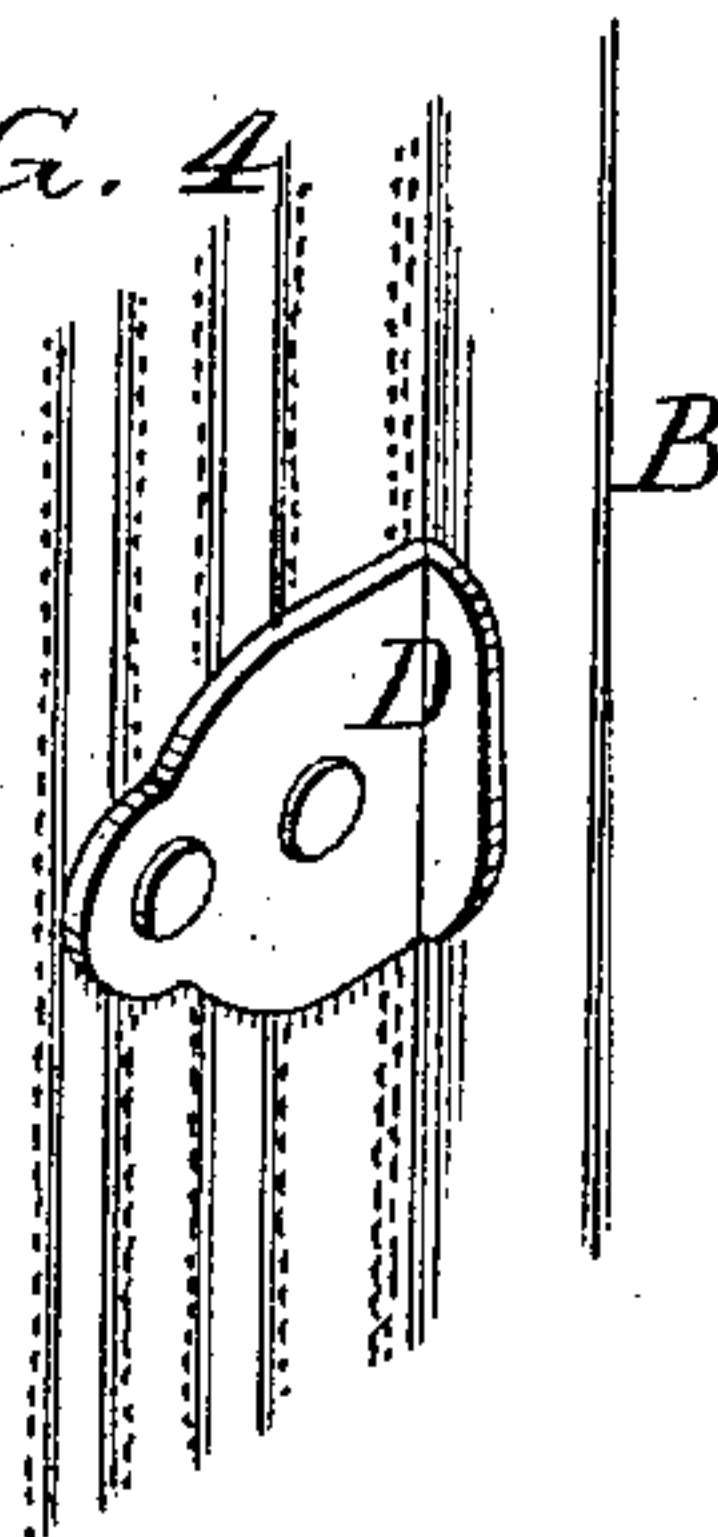


FIG. 5

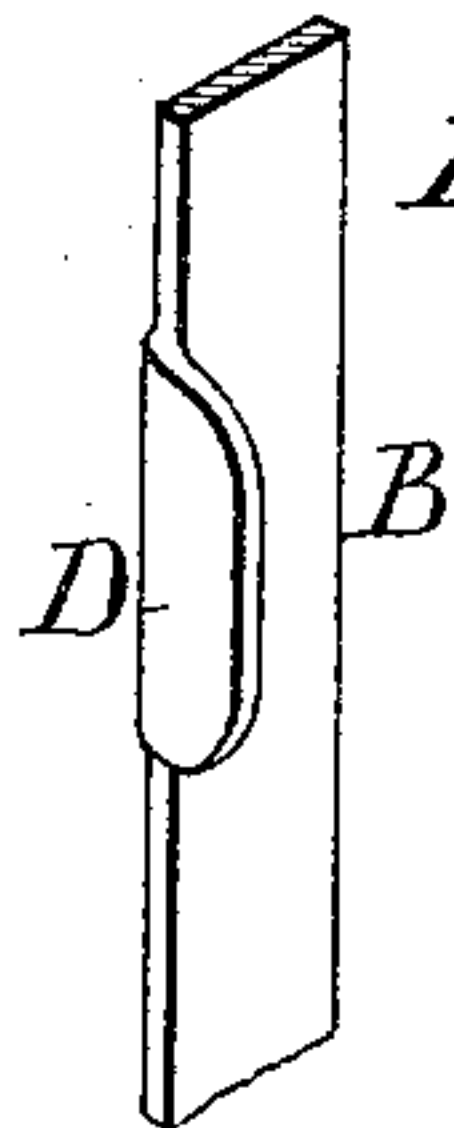


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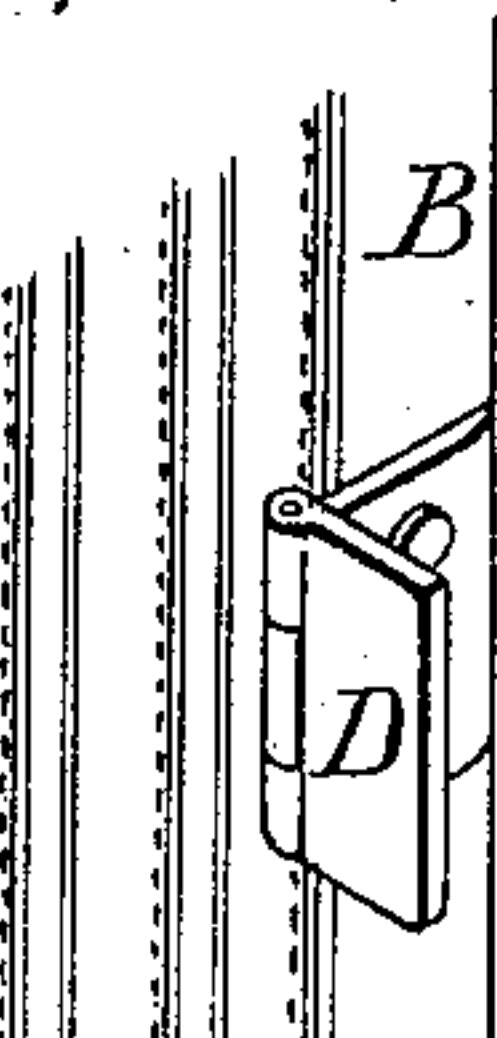


FIG. 8

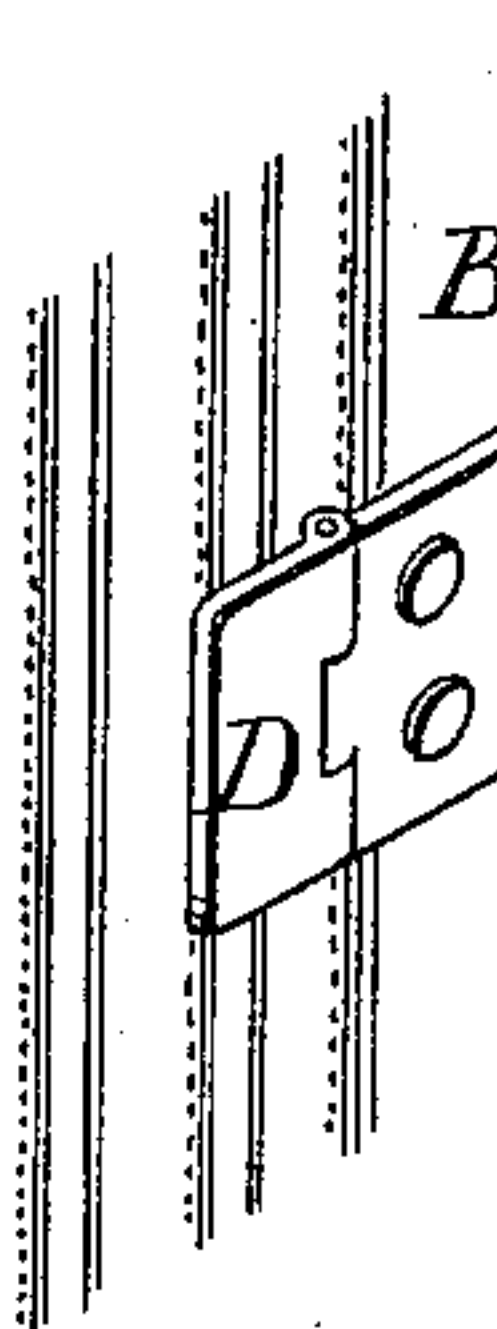
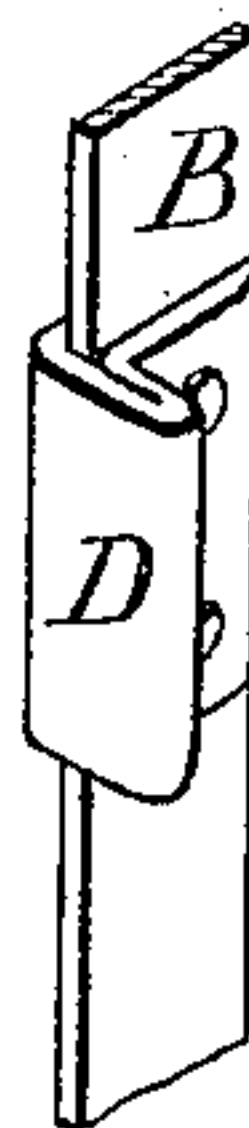


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZA HOWSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to afford facilities for fastening the fronts of corsets, and this object I attain by attaching at the waist portion of the corsets, either on the steels or adjacent thereto, projections against which the wearer can apply her thumbs in closing the corset to her waist.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pair of corsets illustrating my invention; Fig. 2, a detached portion of Fig. 1, drawn to an enlarged scale; and Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, modified forms of the attachment.

The corset A, Fig. 1, may be made in the usual manner for lacing at the back, and having the usual corset-steels, B B', in front, one of these steels, attached to one fold of the corset, being provided with slotted projections for fitting over studs attached to the steel of the other fold of the corset.

In fitting on corsets it is usual to first secure the two steels together at the fastening nearest to the waist, and considerable effort is required to do this, as there are no prominences for the thumbs or fingers of the hand to bear against. Frequently the thumbs are applied to the edges of the steels in forcing the two folds of the corset together; but the steels are not prominent enough to permit this to be done with any comfort; hence I attach to the corset

projections D D', to which the thumbs can be applied in fitting the corset to the body, these projections being at or near the waist, where it is usual to make the first fastening, for after the corsets are secured at the waist it is an easy matter to make the other attachments without the aid of the projections. Each projection may consist of a bent plate of metal riveted to the steel, as shown in Fig. 2, or in the manner illustrated in Fig. 3; or the projection may form part of a plate secured to the fabric, as in Fig. 4; or it may form part of the steel, as in Fig. 5; or it may consist of a simple loop of bent metal or of very strong fabric, as in Fig. 6; or it may consist of a hinge, as shown in Figs. 7 and 8, so that one leaf of the hinge may be turned up to form a projection, and turned down out of the way when the corset has been fastened. I have found, however, that the permanent projection is no obstacle to the proper fitting of the clothes to the corset, providing the projections are at or near the waist.

I claim as my invention—

The combination of the fastening devices of a corset with projections or loops D D' adjacent to the steels or fastening devices, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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

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