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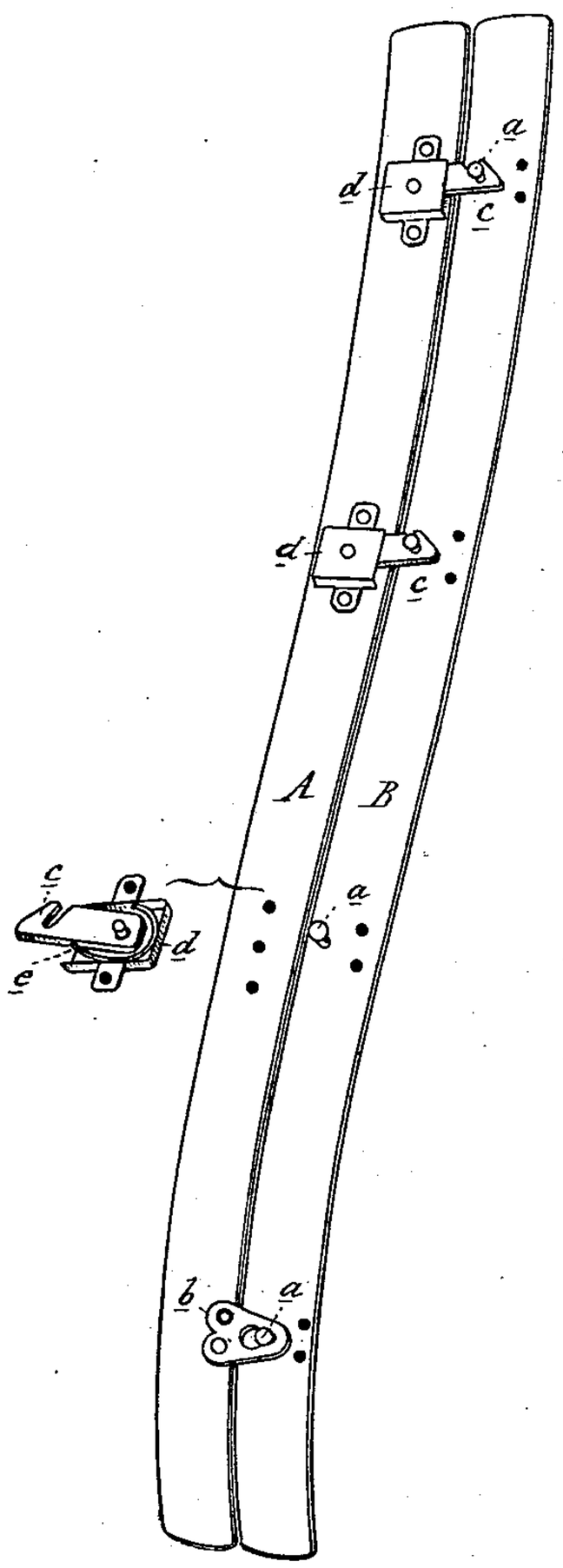

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To all whom it may concern:

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

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in fastenings for corset-fronts, by means of which the two parts of the front are easily and readily secured together after the corset has been drawn around the wearer; and the invention consists in the peculiar construction and combination of the parts, as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, my corset-fastening is shown in perspective, with one spring-latch detached and shown reversed.

A represents the steel for one half of the front, and B the steel for the other half, and this latter is provided with the usual studs, *a*.

Near the lower end of the steel A is secured rigidly the loop *b*, which is of the usual construction. At proper distances apart, above this loop, there are pivoted the hooks *c*, which are designed to engage with the studs upon the opposite steel. Over these hooks are secured the cases *d*, and within each of the cases is secured the spring *e*, which forces the outer end of the hooks upward to the limit of the case.

In practice the lower loop is engaged with its corresponding stud, when a side pressure will cause the remaining studs to engage with the sloping edges of the hooks and force them down against their springs until the two steels are brought into contact their whole length, when the springs will cause the hooks or latches to engage with the studs and hold them rigidly together.

To disengage the parts the lower loop is first disengaged and the steel B slightly raised vertically, when the entire front is unloosed.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a corset, and in combination with the steels thereof, a rigid stud upon one steel and a hook pivoted to the other steel and kept in its normal position by a spring, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a corset-fastening, the steels A B, provided at one end with an ordinary stud, *a*, and loop *b*, in combination with additional fastenings, consisting of studs *a* on one steel and spring-pivoted hooks *c* on the other steel, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. A corset fastening consisting of a recessed shell, *d*, pivoted hook *c*, and spring *e*, in combination with the steels A B and a suitable fastening-stud, substantially as described.

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