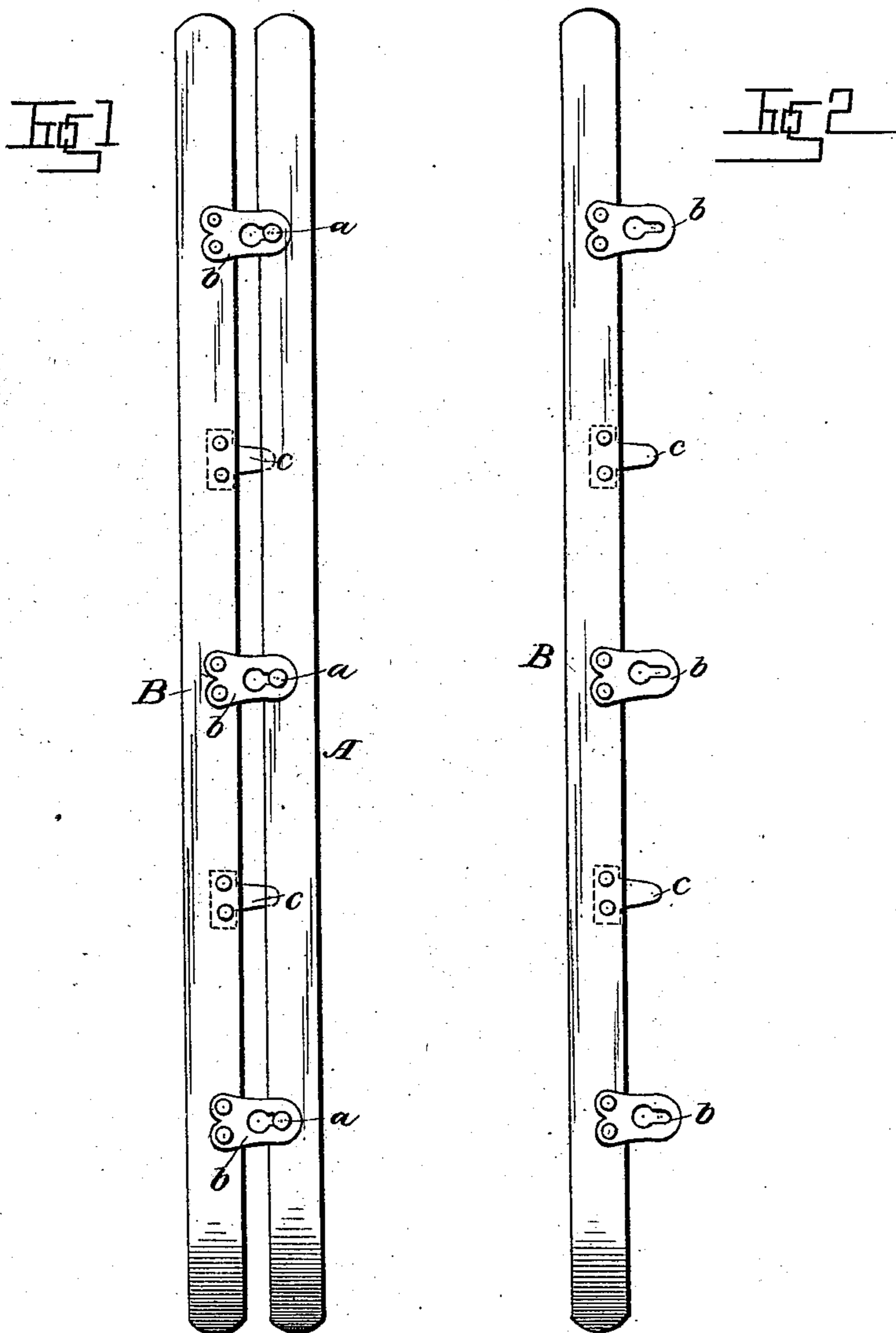


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED TAYLOR, Jr., a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bridgeport, Fairfield county, Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Busks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to corset-busks; and it has for its object to furnish a cheap and effective means to prevent the corset from coming unclaspd by accident or otherwise when worn; and to this end my invention consists in a corset-busk having one or more tongues fastened to one part of the steel, and adapted to project under and bear upon the other part in such a manner that while the said tongue or tongues will not interfere with the fastening and unfastening of the clasps of the busk, it will prevent the clasps from unfastening accidentally.

It is well known that corset-clasps will often become unfastened while the corset is being worn, and thereby cause much annoyance to the wearer, and various means have been invented to overcome this objection. These means generally consist of some sort of a lock to keep the post in the eye, or some sort of spring or extra fastening. While some of these means are more or less effective, they are expensive to make and liable to be broken and get out of order, when they become of themselves objectionable. My invention is intended to avoid these objections, and at the same time furnish a cheap and efficient lock that is not liable to get out of order, and that does not interfere with the ordinary clasps.

My invention can be applied to a busk having any desired form of fastening device, and it is especially applicable to a busk having the ordinary post-and-eye fastener. To the busk having the flat eyes, and preferably to the under side thereof, I fasten one or more metallic tongues so arranged that the ends thereof will project under the busk having the posts when the corset is clasped. These tongues are preferably located a short distance from the clasps, near the ends of the busk, as those parts are more likely to become unclaspd, but may be put in any

other desired position to accomplish its purpose. By this arrangement, when the busks are fastened, the tongues counteract any tendency of the eyes to slip from the posts and become unclaspd.

To more particularly describe my invention, reference is made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a corset-busk of ordinary construction with my invention applied thereto, and Fig. 2 shows one of the busks having the tongues secured thereto.

The busk A is of the usual construction, and is provided with the usual posts, *a*. The busk B is provided with the usual flat eye-pieces, *b*, attached to the upper or outer side thereof, adapted to engage with the posts *a*. About midway between the flat eye-pieces *b* are attached one or more tongues, *c*, consisting of flat pieces of metal fastened to the under or inner side of the busk B, and extending sidewise far enough to engage with the under side of the busk A when the busks are clasped. These tongues, while not interfering materially with the operation of clasping or unclasping the busks—it only being necessary to spring the parts slightly out of parallelism—create a force beneath the busks which counteracts all tendency to fly apart or become unclaspd accidentally.

The tongues C may be fastened to the busk in any desired manner. I have shown them riveted in the usual way of fastening the flat eye-pieces. They may be fastened to the upper or outer side of the busk, if preferred; but in this case they should have a step to bring their projecting ends to the rear of the post-busk.

The tongues may be made of other material than metal, and may be of wire or other than a solid metal piece.

Various other modifications of this invention will readily suggest themselves, and I do not wish to limit my invention to the precise form of arrangement shown, as the gist of the invention consists in providing some sort of tongues which are arranged to resist the tendency of the busk to become unclaspd.

By my simple arrangement the objections

to the ordinary corset-busks are fully overcome without adding materially to the cost of manufacture.

I claim—

- 5 A corset-busk provided with clasps on one side, and with a tongue extending from said busk at the opposite side and projecting beneath the other busk, which carries the studs.

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

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