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Fig. 1.

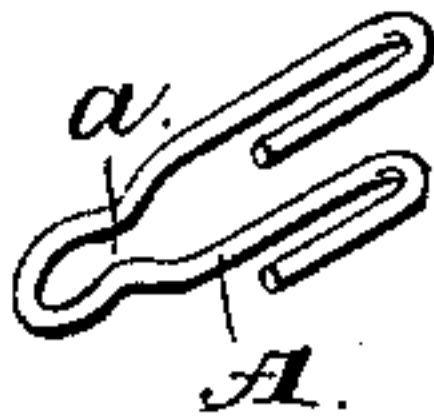
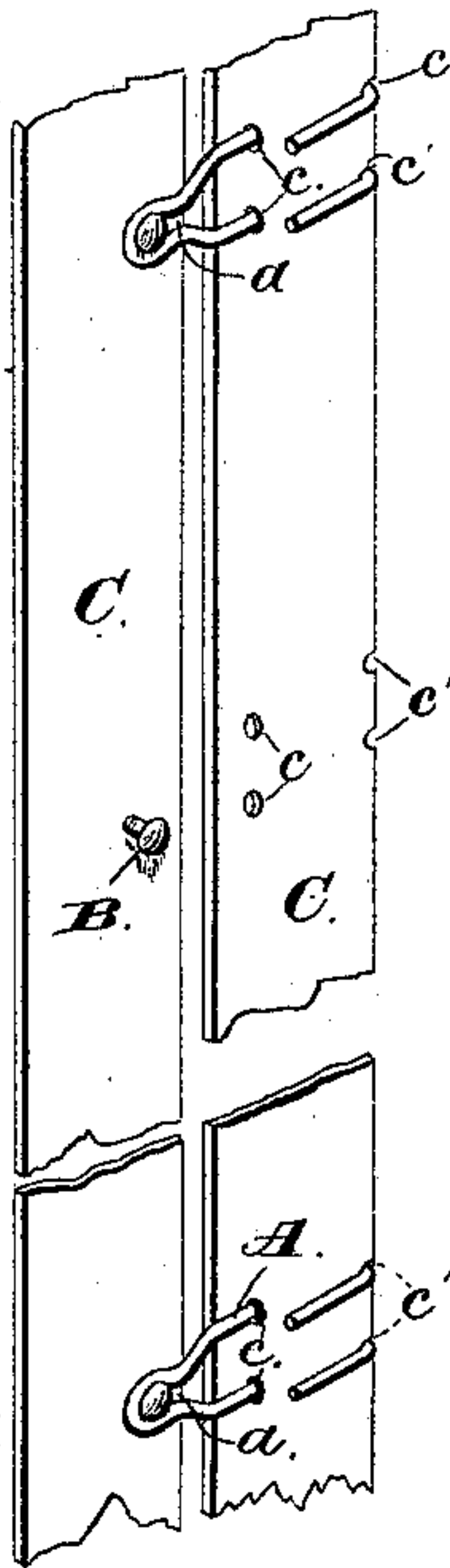


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS J. WOOD, of Ansonia, in the county of New Haven, and in the State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corset Clasps or Hooks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved fastening separated from a corset-steel, and Fig. 2 is a like view of the same in position for use.

Letters of like name and kind refer to like parts in each of the figures.

The design of my invention is to enable the hook-section of a corset-fastening to be easily and cheaply applied, and to cause it to engage with the opposite section of such fastening with a hold which shall not be liable to become accidentally loosened; to which end said invention consists, principally, in a corset-fastening composed of a stud and of a hook, which is adapted to engage therewith by an endwise movement, and to be locked in such engagement by an inward spring of its sides, substantially as and for the purpose herein-after specified.

It consists, further, in a corset-hook which is constructed from wire, and is combined with a corset-steel by the passing of its ends through openings in the same, and then bending said ends outward over the edge of said steel, substantially as and for the purpose hereinafter shown.

In the annexed drawings, A represents a wire hook which has substantially the form of a staple, and at its engaging end is adapted to fit over or around a stud, B, that is secured within and extends outward from a corset-steel, C. Said hook loosely embraces the neck of said stud, and immediately in rear of the same has its sides bent slightly inward, so as to cause the space *a* between such portions to be less in width than the diameter of said neck, by which arrangement said hook is held

in engagement with said stud by the inward spring of the sides of the former, and can only be removed therefrom by an endwise pressure sufficient to force it through the contracted portion *a* into the larger space in rear. The hook A is secured to a corset-steel, C, by passing its ends through openings *c* in the latter, and then carrying said ends around the inner edge of said steel and bending them down upon the same face from which they were passed through said openings. In order that said hook may be prevented from moving laterally, the edge of said steel is provided with notches *c'*, with which said hook ends engage in bending the same around said edge, as before described.

The fastening mechanism thus constructed is simple, cheap, and easily applied, and is not liable to become accidentally disengaged.

Having thus fully set forth the nature and merits of my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A corset-hook constructed of wire and attached to the corset-steel by having its ends passed through openings therein and bent outward over the edge of the steel to engage the same, substantially as shown and described.

2. In combination with the corset-steel, the corset loop or hook constructed of wire, having its ends passed through openings in the steel and then bent outward to engage notches in the steel edge, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. In combination with a corset-steel, the loop or hook constructed of wire, having its ends passed through the steel, bent under the steel, and then outward over and around the edge, and fitting notches in the latter, substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of February, 1884.

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