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Fig. 1.

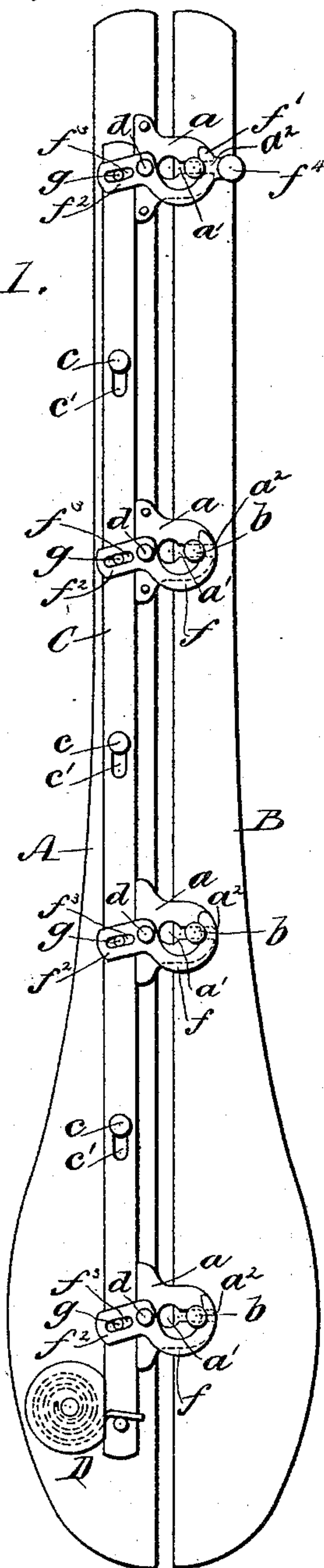
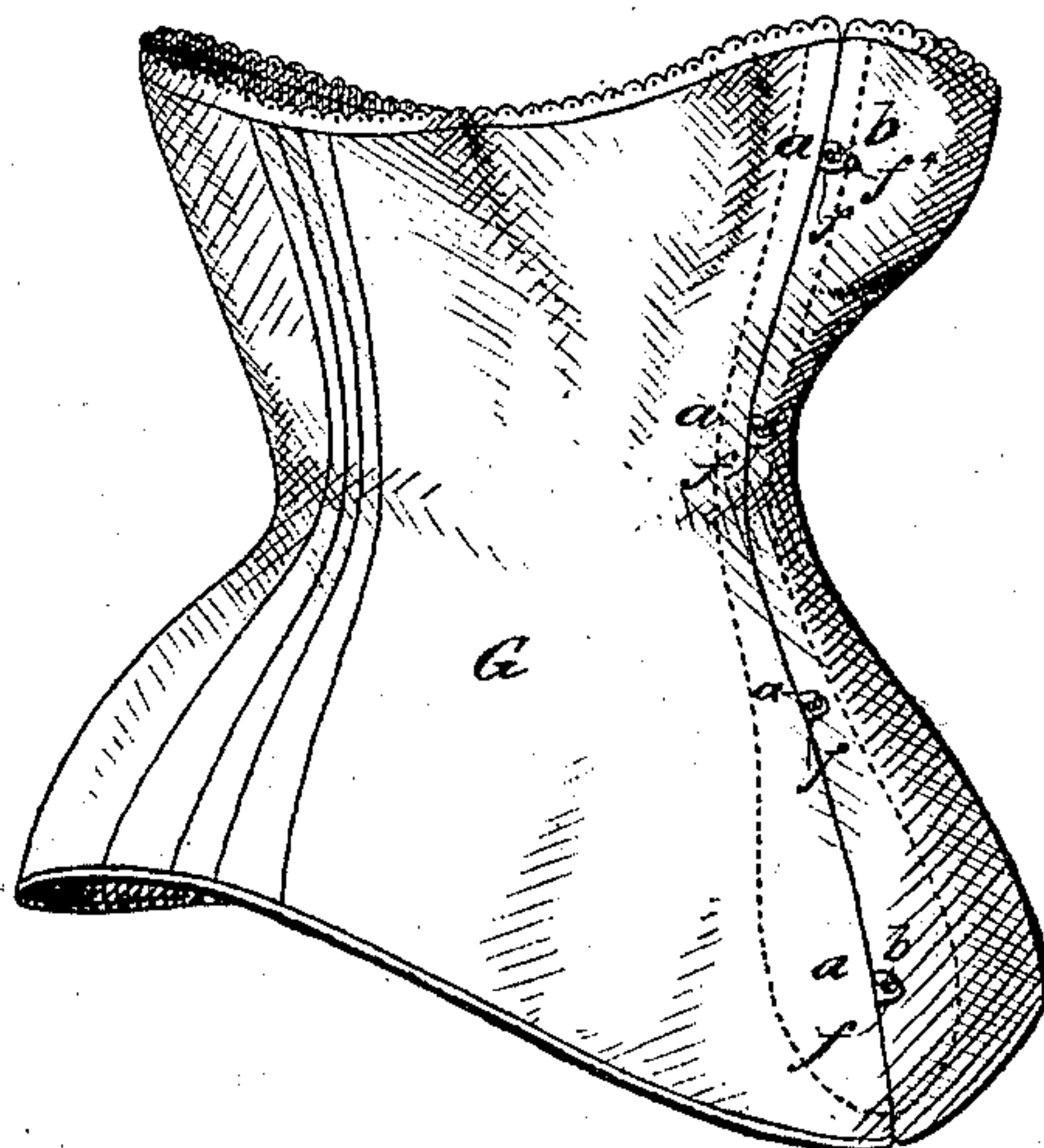


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS HERTZ, of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corset-Fastenings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of two front corset-stays having my new and improved corset-fastening applied thereto, and Fig. 2 shows my invention applied to a corset.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then pointed out in the claims.

A B represent the two front corset-stays, of steel. The stay B is provided with the short fastening pins or knobs *b b* in the usual manner. The stay A is provided with the fastening-plates *a a*, situated to correspond with the pins *b* of stay B, and these plates *a a* have key-hole-shaped slots *a'* formed in them to receive the pins *b*, and these slots *a* are open, as shown at *a''*, to permit the pins to disengage the plates by passing out through the slots when the corset is to be taken off the person. Along the outer surface of the stay A is secured, by the headed pins *c*, the sliding plate C. The pins *c* pass through slots *c'*, made in the plate C, so the plate may slide longitudinally a short distance upon the pins. Pivoted to the plates *a* upon the pins *d* are the hook-shaped keepers *f f'*, which are arranged at their hooked ends to close over the slots *a''* in the plates *a* for retaining the pins *b*. The extensions *f''* of the keepers *f f'* are slotted, as shown at *f'''*, and the pins *g* in the plate C pass through these slots, so that the longitudinal sliding movement of the plate C will turn the hook-shaped keepers *f f'* upon their pivots to cause them to open and close the slots in the plates *a a*. To the lower end of the plate C is attached the coiled spring D, which serves to constantly

hold the plate C forced downward as far as the pins *c* will permit, as shown in Fig. 1, and in this position the hook-shaped keepers *f f'* are closed over the slots *a' a''*, so as to retain the pin *b* of the stay B. The upper hook-shaped keeper, *f'*, is formed with the finger-piece or knob *f''*, so that it may be conveniently used as a lever for lifting the plate C against the tension of the spring D for simultaneously swinging the hooked ends of the keepers below the slots *a''* for releasing the pins *b* of the stay B, and thus instantly open the corset. The stays A B will be inserted in the body G of the corset at the front edges in the ordinary manner, so that all parts will be covered, save the pins *b* of the stay B and the plates *a* and keepers *f f'* of the stay A, as shown in Fig. 2. Constructed in this manner, the corset is to be hooked about the person in the ordinary way; but when it is to be removed it is only necessary to press downward upon the finger-piece *f''*, which will operate plate C and hook-shaped keepers *f f'* and open the corset.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The stay A, provided with the plates *a*, having open key-hole-shaped slots, in combination with the sliding plate C, hook-shaped keepers *f f'*, and spring D, the keepers being arranged to close the slots in the plates *a*, substantially as described.

2. The stay B, provided with pins *b*, and the stay A, provided with the plates *a*, having open key-hole-shaped slots formed in them, in combination with the sliding plate C, spring D, for forcing plate C downward, and hook-shaped pivoted keepers attached to the plate C and arranged to close over the slots in the plates *a*, for retaining and releasing the pins *b*, substantially as described.

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