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fig. 1.

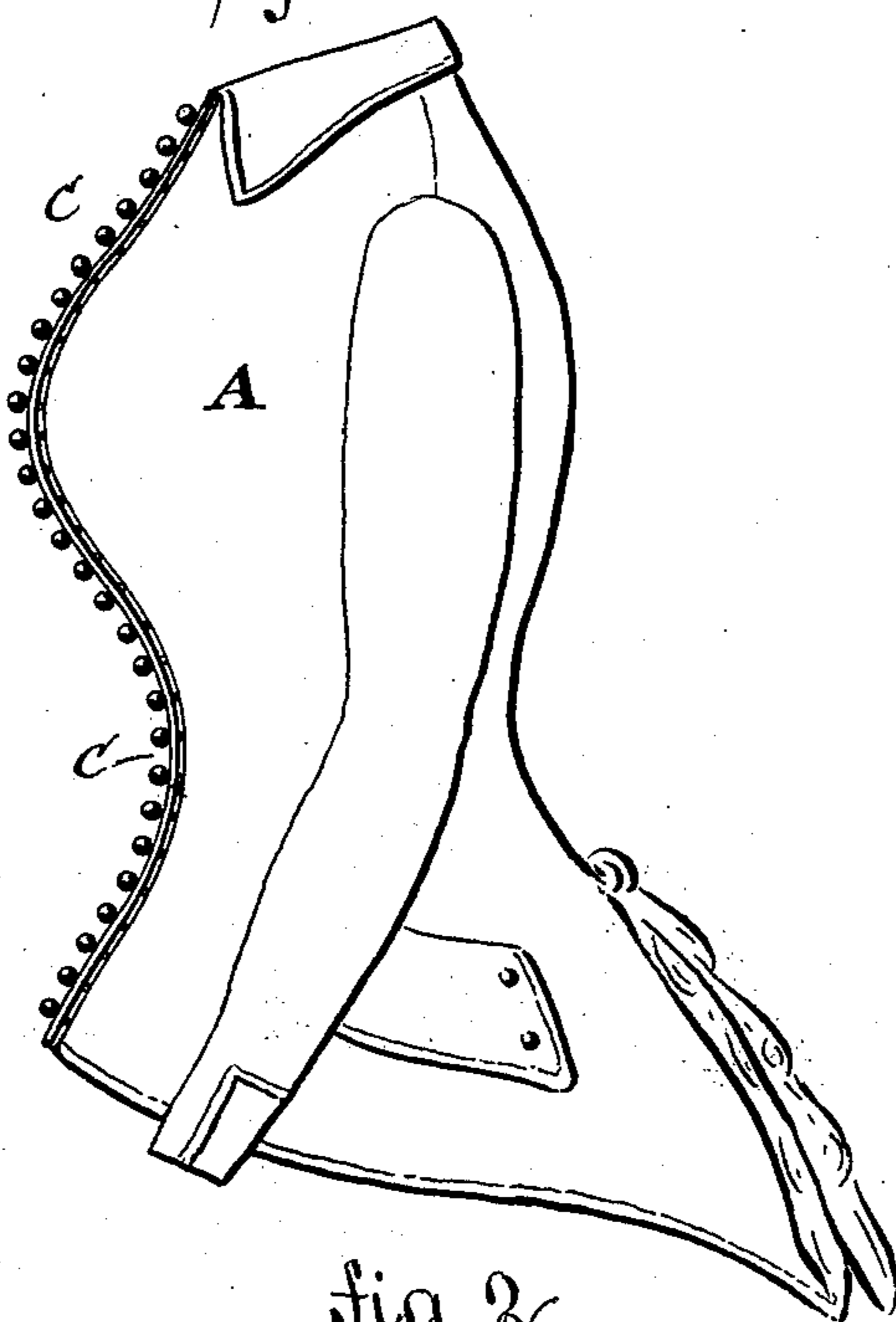


fig. 2.

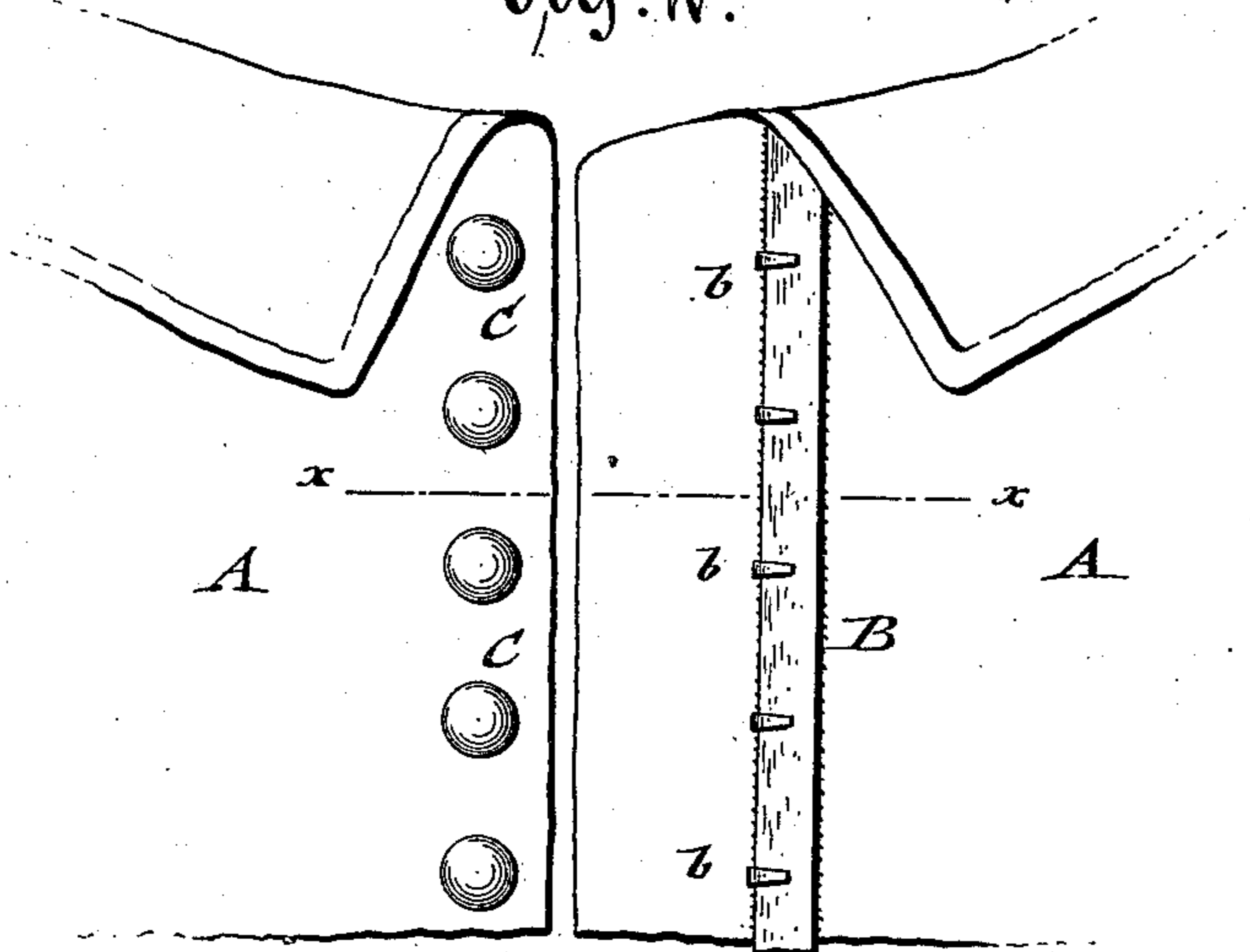


fig. 4.

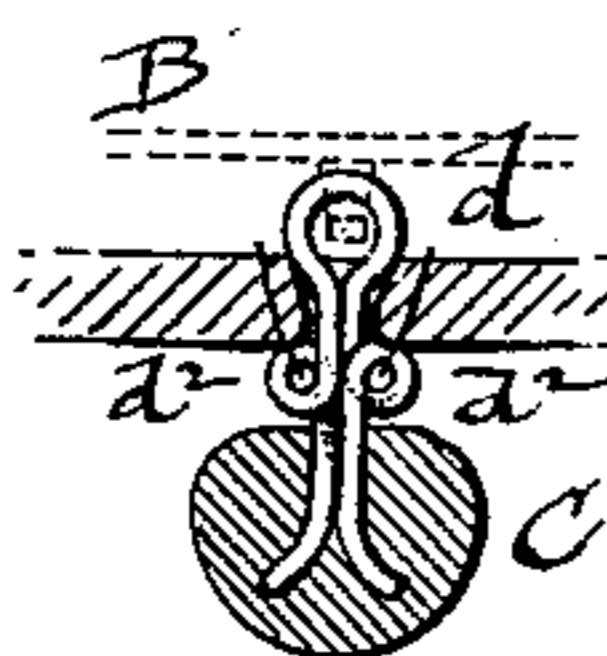
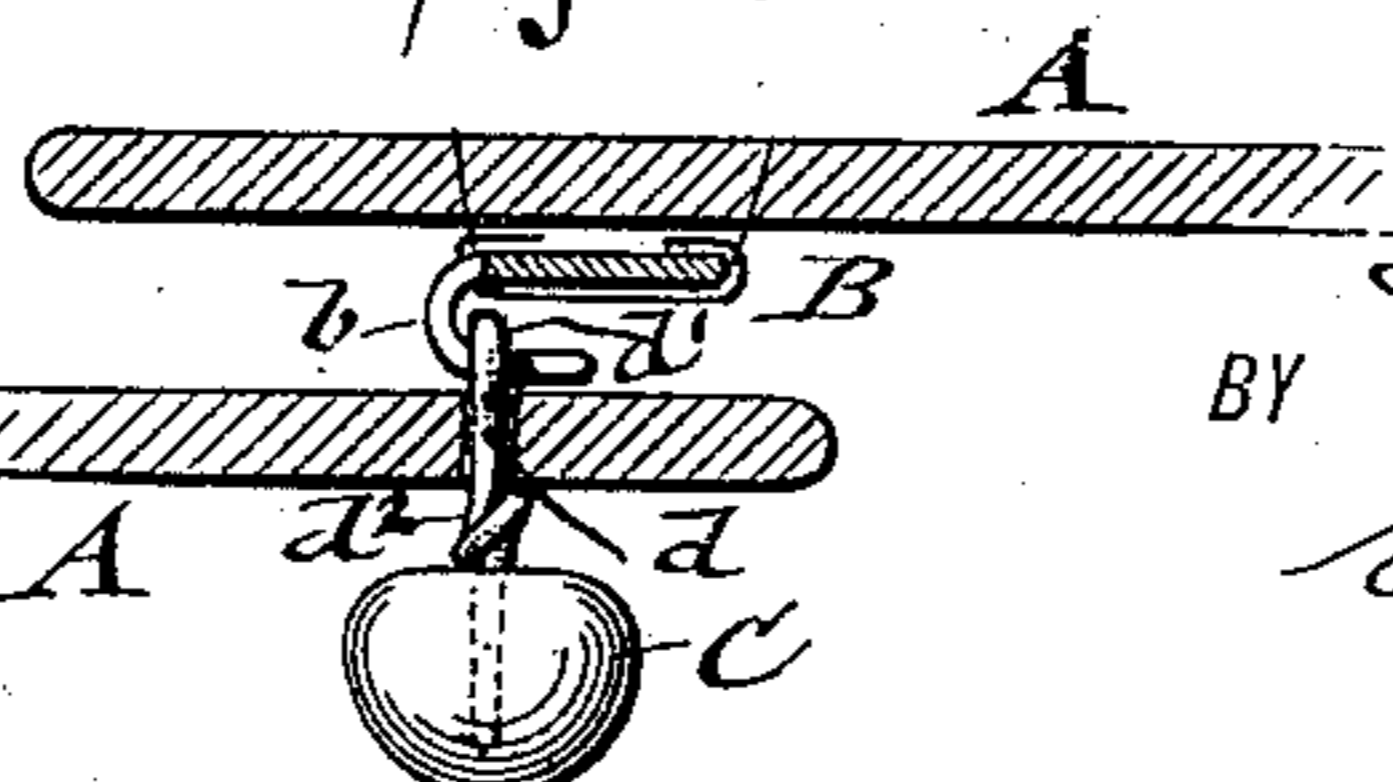


fig. 3.



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## FASTENING DEVICE FOR GARMENTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SIEGFRIED BLUMENKROHN, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening Devices for Ladies' Waists, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved fastening device for waists of ladies' and misses' dresses, to be used for jerseys and other fabrics, so as to produce a better and closer fit of the same without the necessity of button-holes; and the invention consists of a button-waist which is provided at its underlapping edge with a steel having bent-up hooks, and at its overlapping edge with buttons the shanks of which are passed through holes of said edge, and provided with eyes for attachment to the hooks of the steel, and with eyes or other fastening devices for attaching said buttons to the waist.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of my improved fastening device for ladies' waists. Fig. 2 is a front view of a portion of the same, shown in open position. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the closed waist on line *xx*, Fig. 2, drawn on a larger scale; and Fig. 4 is a detail of one of the buttons and its shank.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a waist, which is made of jersey-cloth or other suitable textile fabric. The waist A is provided at its underlapping edge with a thin flexible steel, B, having bent-up hooks *b*, that are either punched up at the edge of the steel integral therewith, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, or from the body of the same, or riveted or otherwise attached thereto. The overlapping front edge of the waist A is provided with a series of buttons, C, the shanks *d* of which pass through holes of said front edge, and engage by eyes *d'* at the lower ends of said shanks the hooks *b b* of the steel B. For attaching the buttons firmly to the overlapping

edge of the waist, the shanks are arranged with one or two eyes, *d'*, above the terminal eyes *d'*, by which intermediate eyes the buttons are sewed to the overlapping edge of the waist. By thus fastening the buttons they are held steadily in position on the waist without assuming irregular positions to one side or the other of a median line passing through all the buttons. When the waist is to be closed, the enlarged eyes *d'* at the lower ends of the shanks are placed over the hooks *b b*, which is accomplished quickly and without difficulty, so that the waist is thus closed at the front part without the unsightly button-holes heretofore in use.

The steel B imparts a neatly-curved outline to the waist at its front edge, while the buttons, owing to their regular position caused by their fastening devices and the tension of the steel B, are all in one line, and present thereby a neat and ornamental appearance.

The opening of the waist is accomplished almost instantly in the same manner as the opening of a corset, so that ladies have no trouble and inconvenience in opening and closing button-waists of this class.

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

In a fastening device for a lady's waist, the combination of a continuous steel attached to the underlapping edge of the waist, said steel being provided with upwardly-bent hooks, with buttons the shanks of which are passed through holes of the overlapping edge of the waist, and provided with eyes for engaging said hooks, and with additional eyes integral with the shank for attaching said buttons to the waist, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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