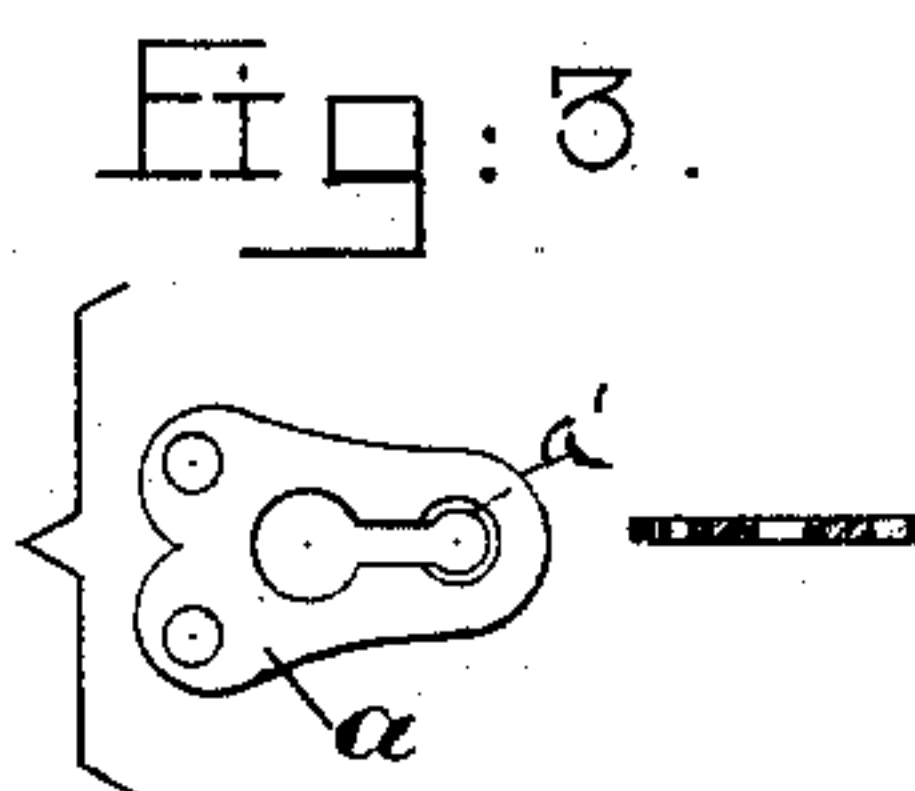
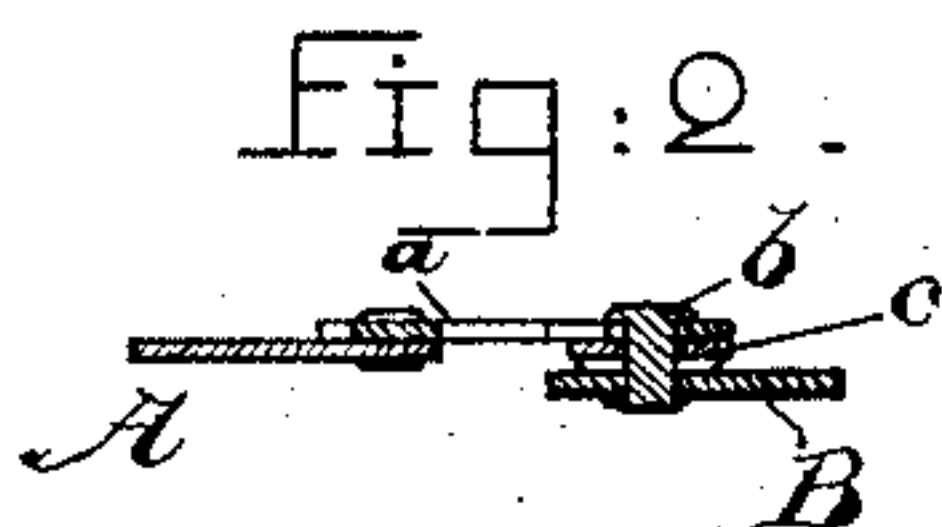
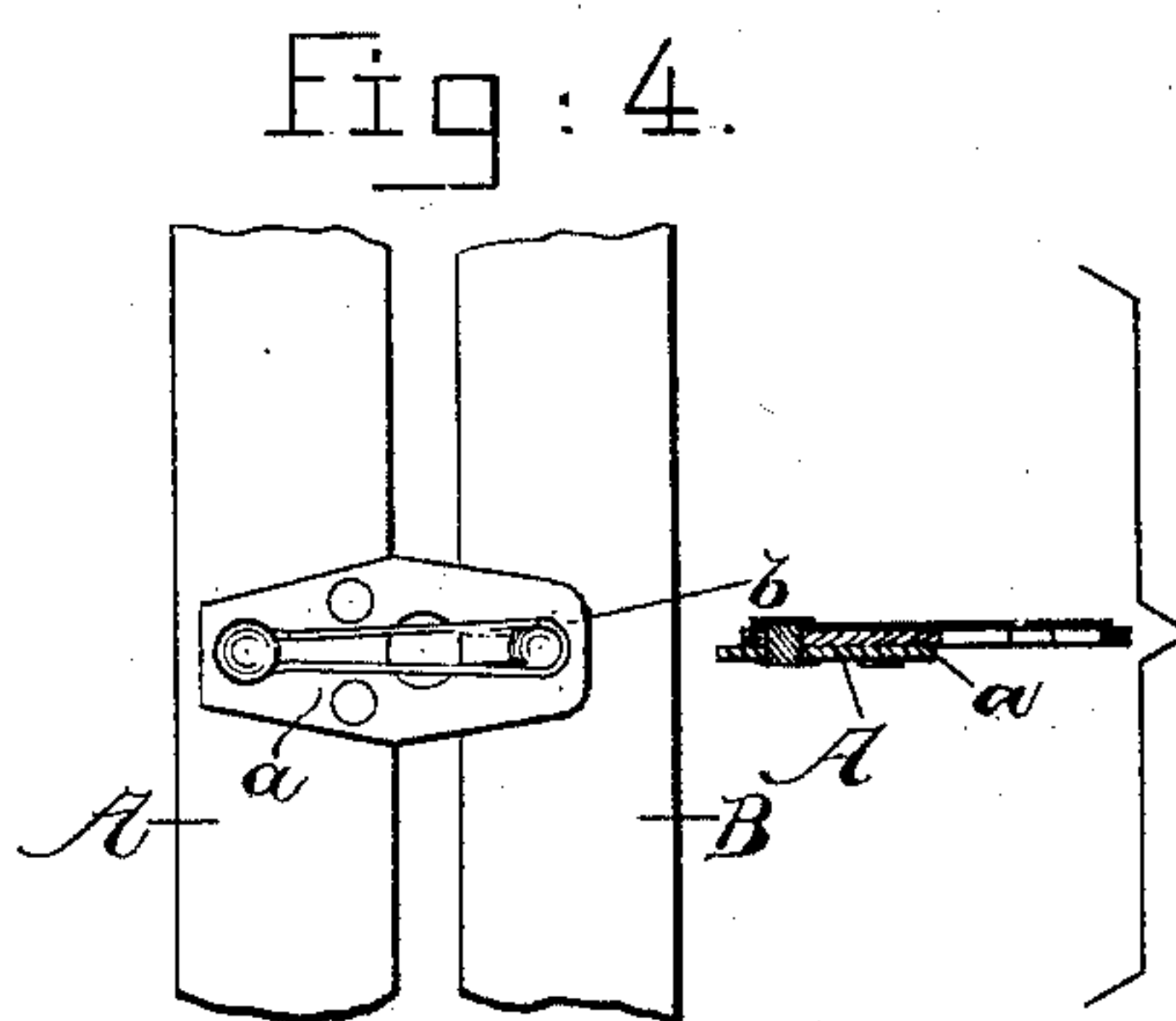
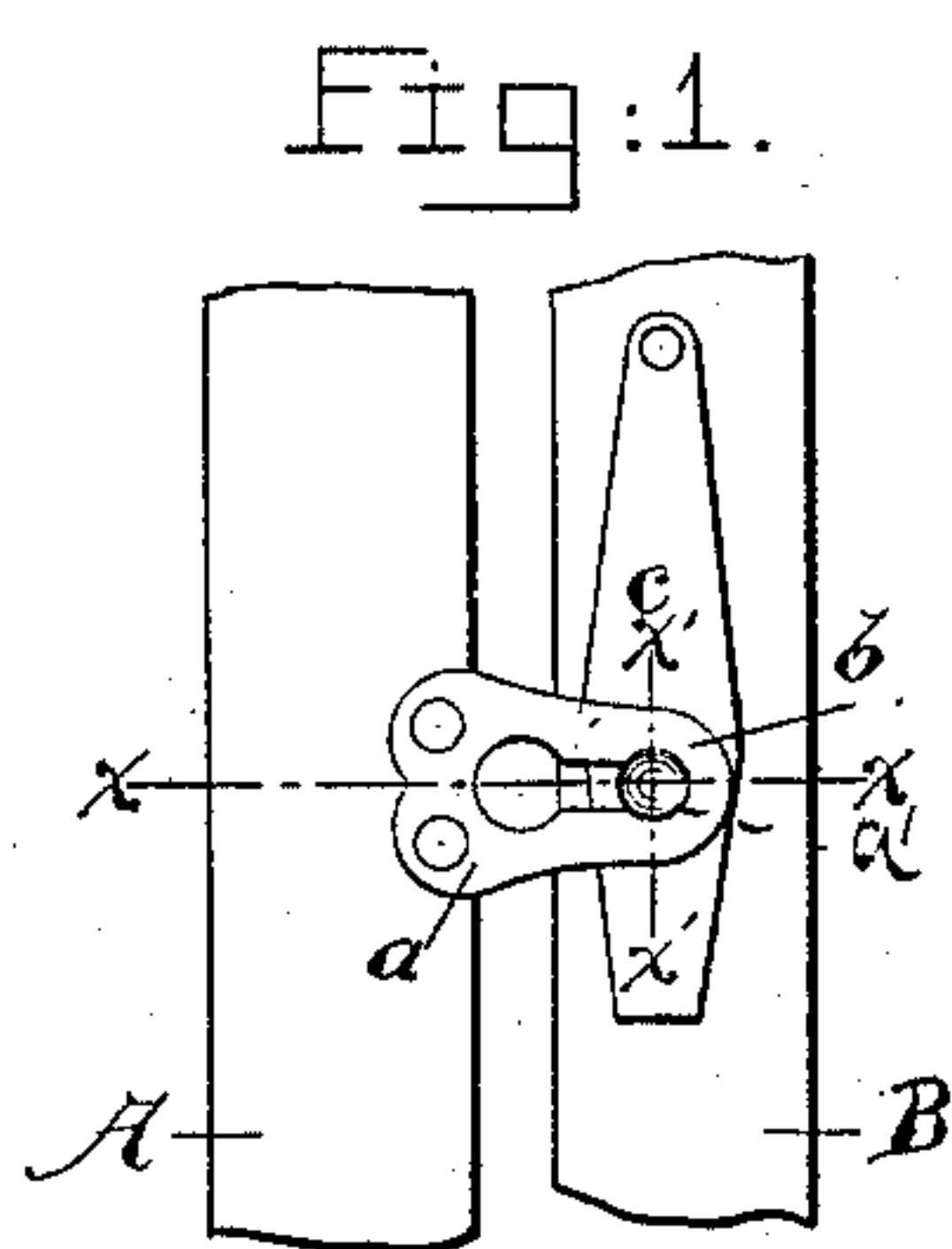


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUCIAN HILL, of North Brookfield, county of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Fastenings for Corsets, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

My invention has for its object the production of a fastening for corsets in which the headed stud secured to one corset-steel is firmly held in a seat provided about one end of a slotted eye-plate by means of a spring which acts to hold the head of the stud to the seat in the slotted plate, as more fully set forth in the following description, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved corset-fastening, showing the parts in locked position; Fig. 2, a section on line $x x$ to show the seat in the slotted plate; Fig. 3, a top view and section of the plate; and Fig. 4, a plan and section of a modification wherein the spring is secured to the top of the slotted plate and bears upon the head of the stud to retain the said head in its seat, and thus hold the parts in locked condition.

In the annexed drawings, A B represent the two corset-steels, which are to be attached to a corset in the usual manner, one of said steels being provided with usual headed studs, such as shown at b , and the other with usual slotted plate, such as shown at a , the slot in said plate being of a size and shape to readily permit the head of the stud to be passed through it near the heel of the plate and then to be moved outward and forward, so that the post of the stud will be moved into the narrower portion of the slot near the extremity of the plate, where the head of said stud will rest in a seat, a' , provided about the said narrower part of the slot, as clearly indicated in the drawings.

The head of the stud is held down onto the seat a' and the parts prevented from disengagement or loose movement by means of a

spring, c , secured, as shown in Fig. 1, to the corset-steel B and encircling the post of the stud, as represented, so that when the stud and slotted plate are brought into engagement, as indicated in Fig. 1, the spring presses against the under side of the slotted plate and causes the head of the stud to be firmly and constantly held to the seat a' , provided in the said plate.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the head of the stud is kept firmly to its seat in the slotted plate by means of a spring which is secured to the top of said slotted plate, and whose free end bears down upon the head of the stud, and thereby holds it in the seat. In view of this modification it will be seen that the form and disposition of the retaining-spring can be materially modified without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The manipulation of my fastening to engage or disengage the parts will be readily understood from the drawings.

I claim—

1. A corset-fastening consisting of a headed stud secured to one corset-steel, a plate fastened to a second corset-steel and provided with a slot, which at one end permits the passage through it of the head of the stud and prevents its escape at the other, the said plate having the seat a' about the smaller portion of the slot, as set forth, and a spring adapted to hold the head of the stud in the said seat, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The corset-steel B, its attached headed stud, and a spring surrounding the latter, combined with the steel A, provided with a slotted plate, to operate substantially as described.

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

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