

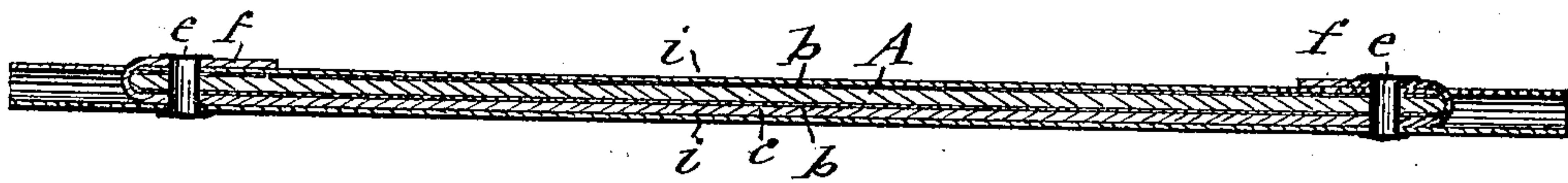
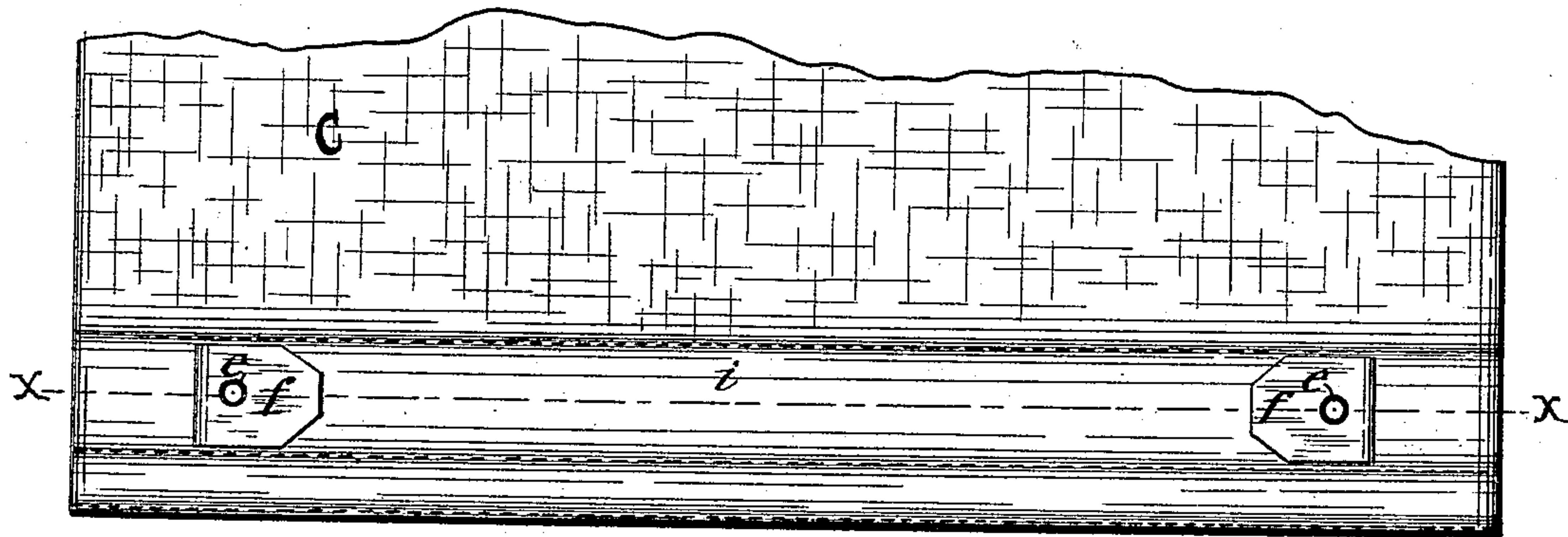
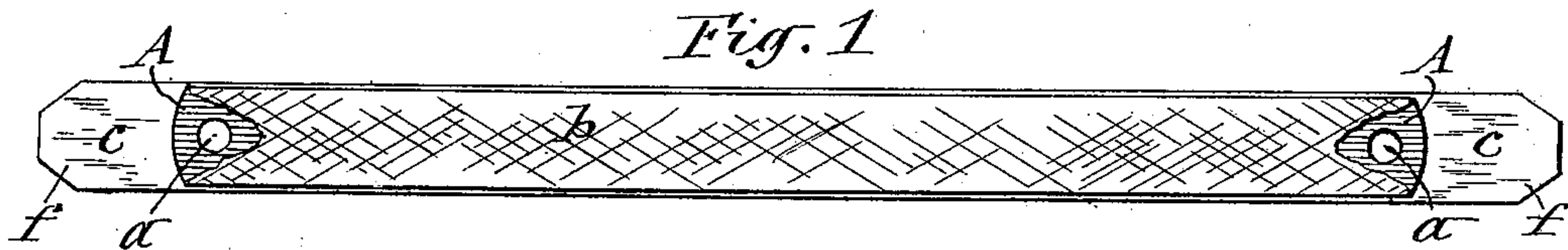
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## CORSET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JULIA E. WOOD, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and  
5 useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in an improved construction of corset-stays and means for securing the same to the corset and for protecting the steel from the perspiration of the wearer, as hereinafter fully described, and specifically set forth in the claims.

15 In the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a detached plan view of my improved corset-stay. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a face view of a section of a corset provided with my improved stay; and Fig. 4  
20 is a longitudinal section on line *x x*, Fig. 3.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

C represents that portion of a corset to which the stay is applied. Said stay consists  
25 of a strip of steel, A, the ends of which I perforate, as represented at *a a* in Fig. 1 of the drawings. I envelop this steel in a textile fabric cover, *b*, which I preferably paste or glue thereon, and to the said cover I glue or  
30 cement, or otherwise firmly secure, a facing, *c*, of either kid or oil-silk or other suitable pliable material adapted to protect the steel from the perspiration of the wearer of the corset. I prefer, however, to use kid as being the best  
35 suited for the purpose, and it is only required on the under side or the side of the stay facing toward the body of the wearer. This facing *c* has its ends extending beyond the ends of the steel A for the purpose herein presently  
40 explained. The stay thus prepared is introduced in the usual manner between the two thicknesses of fabric *i i* of which the corset is formed, the stay being placed with its protective facing *c* toward the side of the corset nearest the body of the wearer, and is secured in  
45 its position by slitting the outer fabric of the corset at the ends of the steel A and passing the pliable flaps or end portions, *f f*, through the slits and folding them back on the exterior  
50 of the outer fabric of the corset and then pass-

ing eyelets *e e* through the said flaps *f f* and through the fabric of the corset, and perforations *a a* of the steel A and clinching the ends of the eyelets, as illustrated in Fig. 4 of the drawings. The ends of the steel A, being  
55 covered by the flaps *f f*, which are firmly attached to the steel and to the exterior of the corset, effectually prevent the steel from shifting endwise in the corset, and thus obviates the danger of the ends of the steel wearing  
60 through the fabric of the corset.

I am aware that prior to my present invention steel stays have been secured between the thicknesses of the fabric of the corset by means of eyelets passing through the fabric and  
65 through perforations in the ends of the steel, and I therefore do not claim, broadly, such attachment; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—  
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1. The corset having the openings in the outer fabric, as shown, in combination with the steel A, provided with the perforation *a*, the flap *f*, secured to the stay and protruding  
75 through the aforesaid openings of the fabric of the corset and folded back upon the said fabric, and the eyelet *e*, passing through the flap and through the two thicknesses of the fabric of the corset and eye of the steel, substantially as described and shown. 80

2. The corset having the openings in the outer fabric, as shown, in combination with the steel A, provided with the perforation *a*, the facing *c*, secured to the steel, and having its end extending beyond the end of the steel and  
85 passing through the aforesaid openings in the fabric of the corset and folded back upon said fabric, and the eyelet *e*, passing through the flap and through the fabric of the corset and perforations of the steel, substantially as described and shown. 90

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, in the presence of two witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 19th day of March, 95  
1888.

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