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Fig. 1.

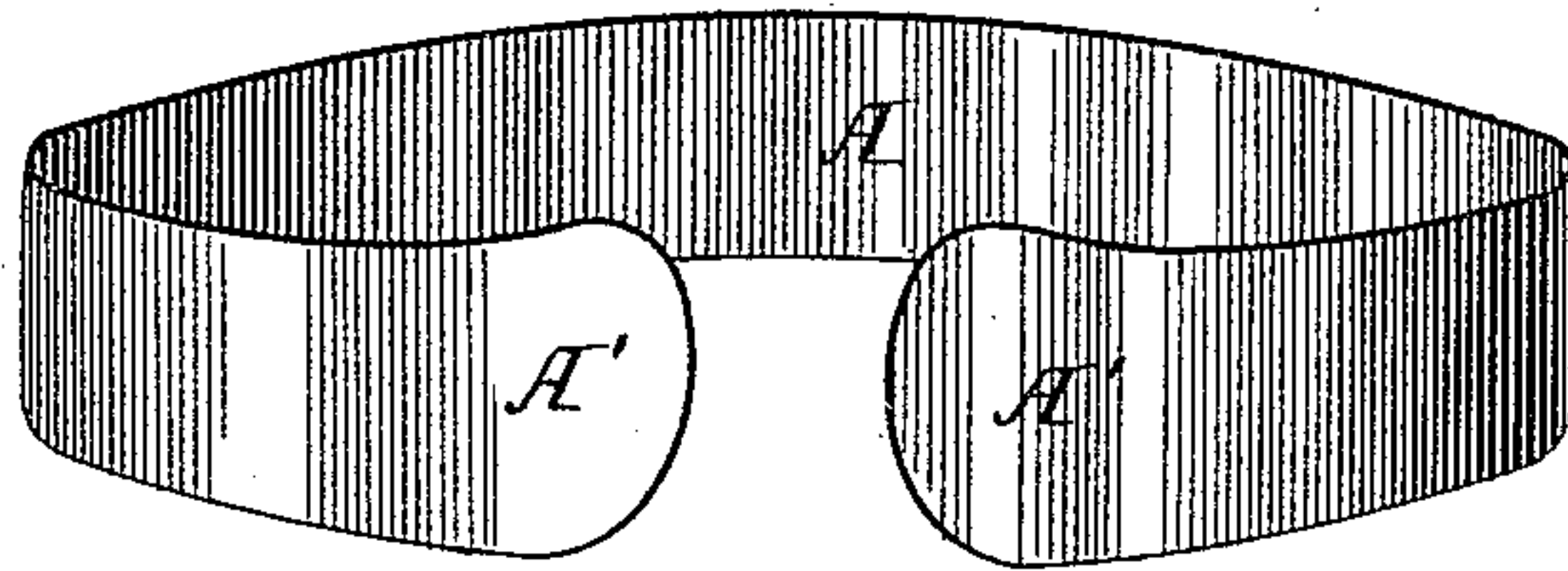


Fig. 3.

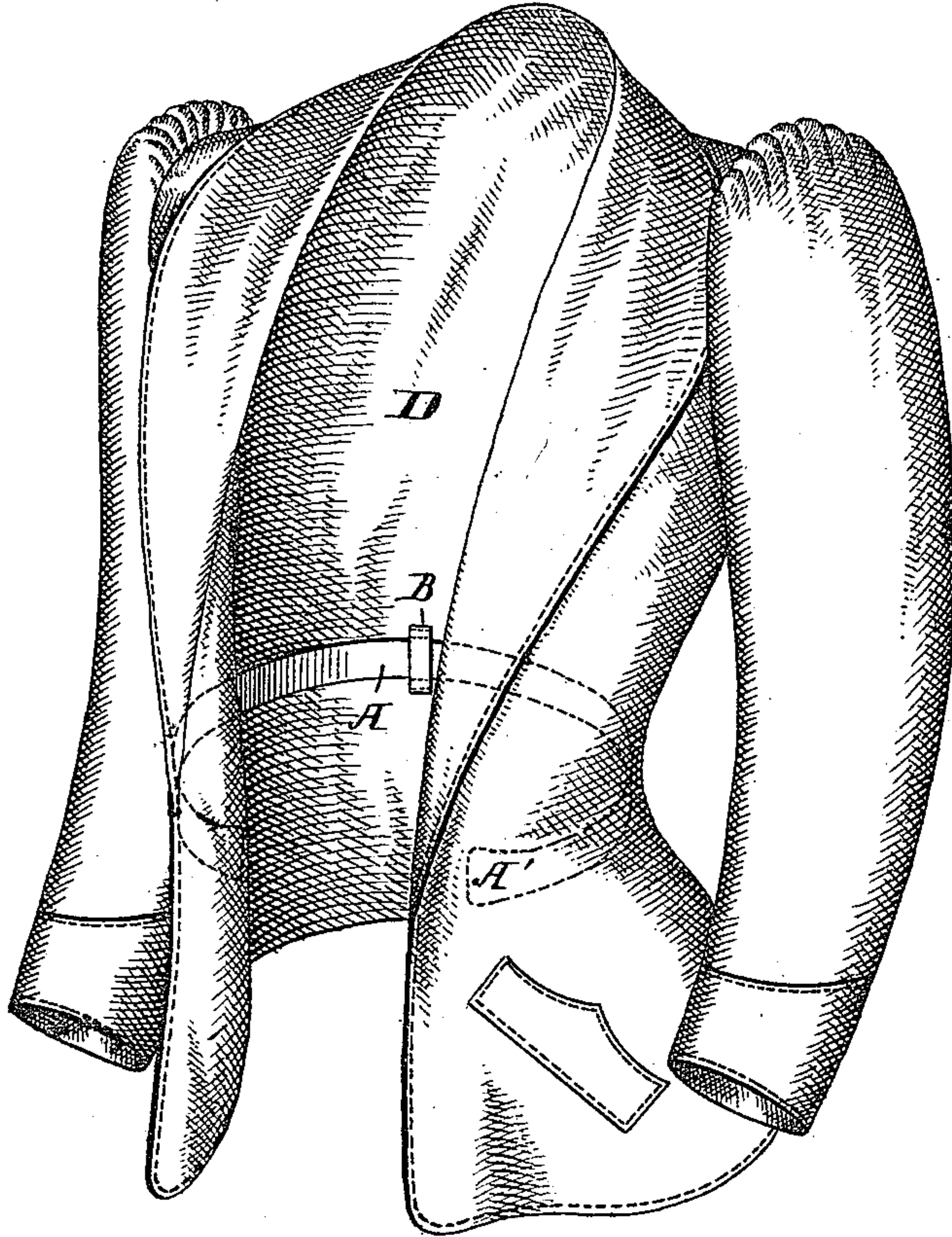
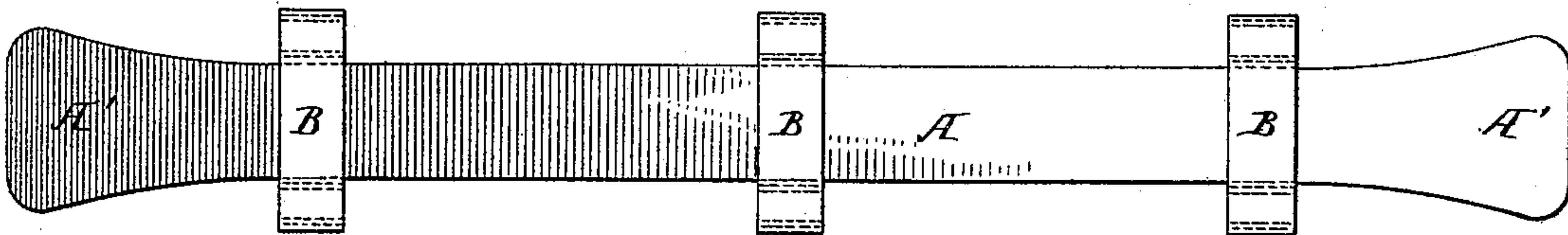


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DOROTHY BEAL, a subject of the Queen of England, residing at Leicester, England, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Wraps, (for which I have made application for Letters Patent in Great Britain, dated October 23, 1889, No. 16,733,) of which the following is a specification.

10 The object of this invention is to secure the better fitting and retaining in position during wear of ladies' close-fitting wraps or jackets. The present method of holding such garments in position is by the employment
15 of a tape, belt, lace, or strip connected to the garment and securing it in position at the waist-line.

My invention consists in a spring made of steel, whalebone, or other suitable and convenient material, which is adapted to be applied to the garment at the waist-line and to cause the garment to fit snugly, and at the same time to be readily removable with the garment.

25 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved fastening device. Fig. 2 is a view showing the device opened out flat with loops for securing it to the garment, and Fig. 3 is a perspective
30 view of one form of garment with the fastening device in position.

I have shown the invention as applied to a well-known form of lady's jacket now in use, in which it is desired to have the back and sides fit the wearer and conform to the figure closely, while the front lapels or sides hang free and open.

The garment D, which may be of any material and configuration, is provided with a spring-fastening device A, preferably having enlarged or rounded ends A', and is adapted to partially or wholly encircle the waist of the wearer. This spring may be permanently attached to the garment, as by the strips or loops B, or it may be completely hidden from view by being embedded in the material and covered by the lining or other part of the garment, or it may be removable therefrom so as to be used with other garments. The fastening device may be covered with any suitable material which may correspond in color and quality with the material of the garment to which it is applied.

What I claim is—

The combination, with a close-fitting lady's jacket, of a flexible circular spring attached to the inside of the jacket at the waist-line, said spring being of less length than said waist-line, and extending from the back toward the forward opening of the garment, whereby the said garment is snugly held to the waist of the wearer at the back and sides thereof, but permits the front edges thereof to remain free, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses.

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