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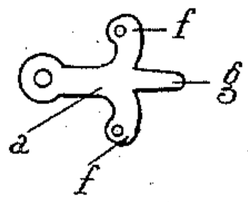

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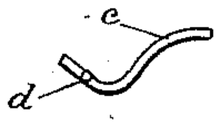

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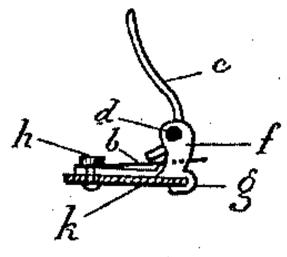

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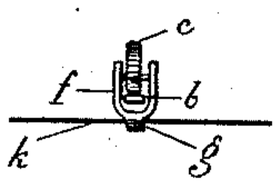

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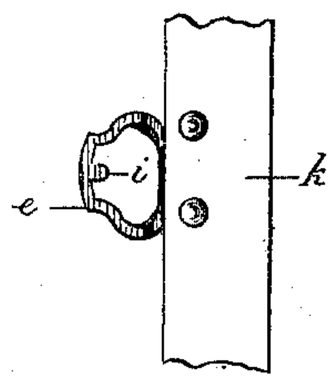

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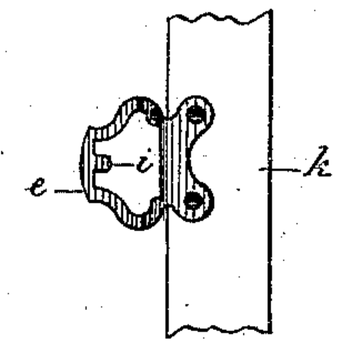

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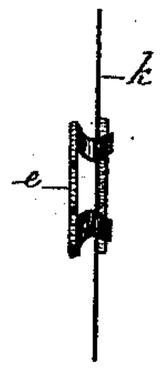

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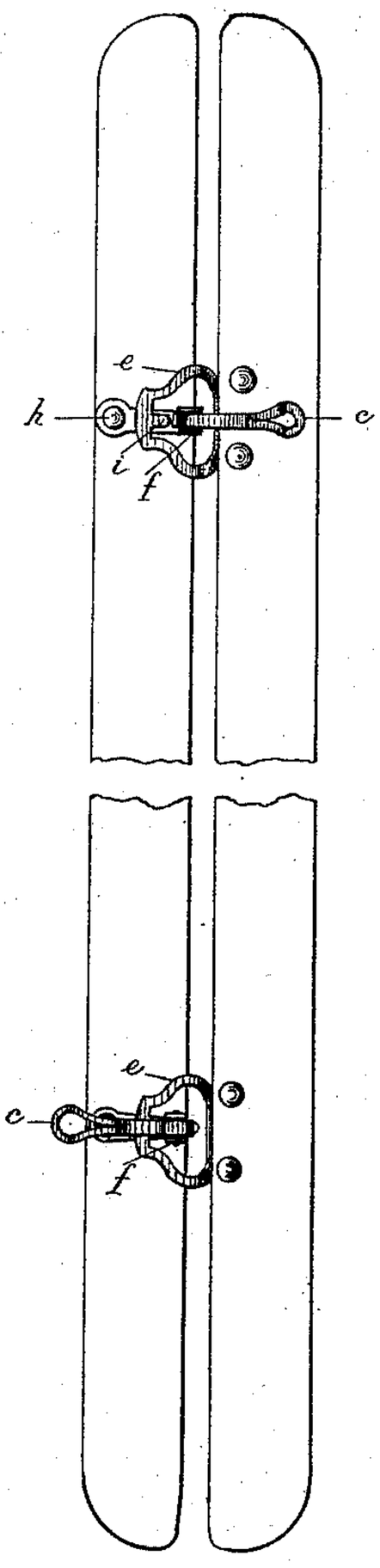

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CORSET-FASTENING.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAYER MAY, a citizen of the French Republic, residing at Paris, Republic of France, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastenings for Corsets, (for which I have received a patent in France, No. 200,242, dated August 17, 1889;) and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide corset-busks with satisfactory fastenings which are guarded against accidental unfastening, but have levers for opening them easily when desired.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan view of the blank which is to be formed into the fastening-hook. Fig. 2 represents a detail plan view of the metal spring-plate, which is held by a single rivet. Fig. 3 represents a detail side view of the lever for opening the clasp or fastening. Fig. 4 represents a side view of the fastening devices in position for operation. Fig. 5 represents a rear view of the same. Fig. 6 represents a plan view of the eyelet and a part of the corset-busk to which it is fastened. Fig. 7 represents a view of the same from below or behind, according to the position of the garment. Fig. 8 represents a sectional view of the same. Fig. 9 represents a front elevation of the fastenings and of the contiguous parts of the corset-busk held together thereby.

The plate or blank *a* being stamped out, its ears *f* are perforated each with one hole, as shown, and turned up to afford bearings for lever *c*. The nose *g* of said blank is also turned around and under one of the proximate front edges of the corset—that is to say, around and under the busk *k*, forming said edge. A spring-plate *b* is secured at one end on the top of plate *a* by a rivet *h*, which also fastens these parts to said busk. The lever *c*, which is of a doubly-curved form and provided with lateral pivots *d*, is then pivoted between ears or bearing-plates *f* by inserting said pivots in holes thereof. The short tail of said lever bears on said spring. To the other busk *k*, forming the opposite edge of the corset, I secure an eyelet *e*, which inclines sufficiently upward and outward to allow said lever when turned forward to be passed through it. The inner edge of the outer part of this eyelet is provided with a projecting lip *i*, which catches in between the spring *b* and the tail of said lever. After the lip is in that position the lever *c* is turned back, so that its tail will bind upon said lip, as shown in the lower part of Fig. 9.

When the corset is to be opened, the lever *c* is turned forward, as shown in the upper part of Fig. 9, thus relieving said lip of all pressure from above. The spring *b* then by its upward pressure against said lip tends to facilitate said separation; but there is no danger of the busks coming apart accidentally while the lever *c* is in the position for closure. As many of these fastening devices are used as may be necessary.

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

A fastening for corset-busks, consisting of an eyelet *e*, bent upward and outward, as stated, and provided with an inward lip *i*, in combination with a bent lever *c*, a spring *b*, arranged to bear against it, and a plate *a*, provided with bearing-plates *f*, perforated to receive the lateral pivots of said lever, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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