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Fig. 1.

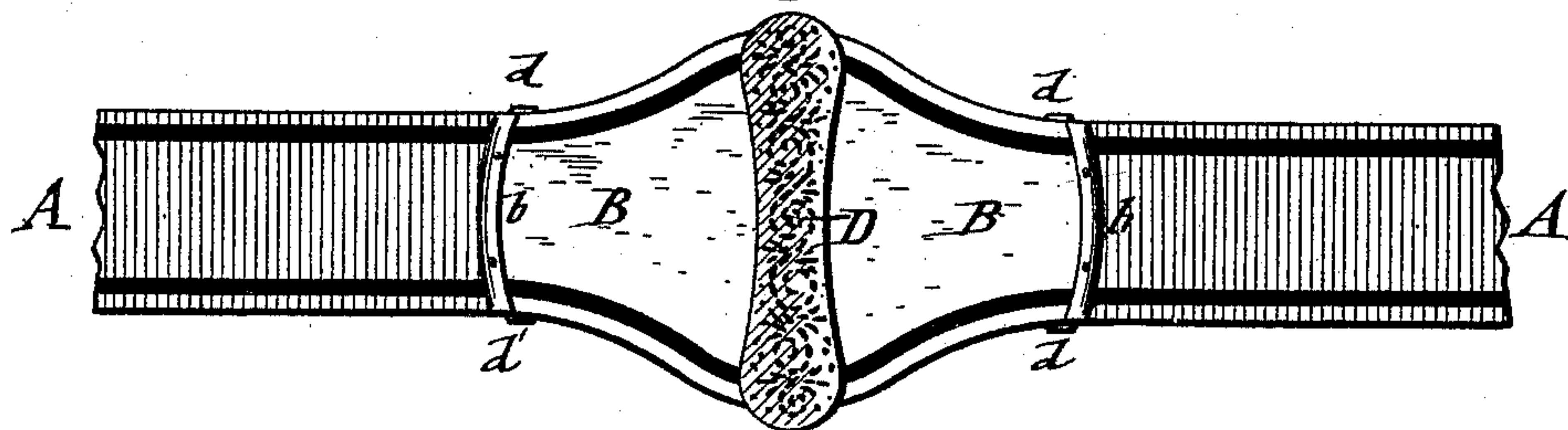


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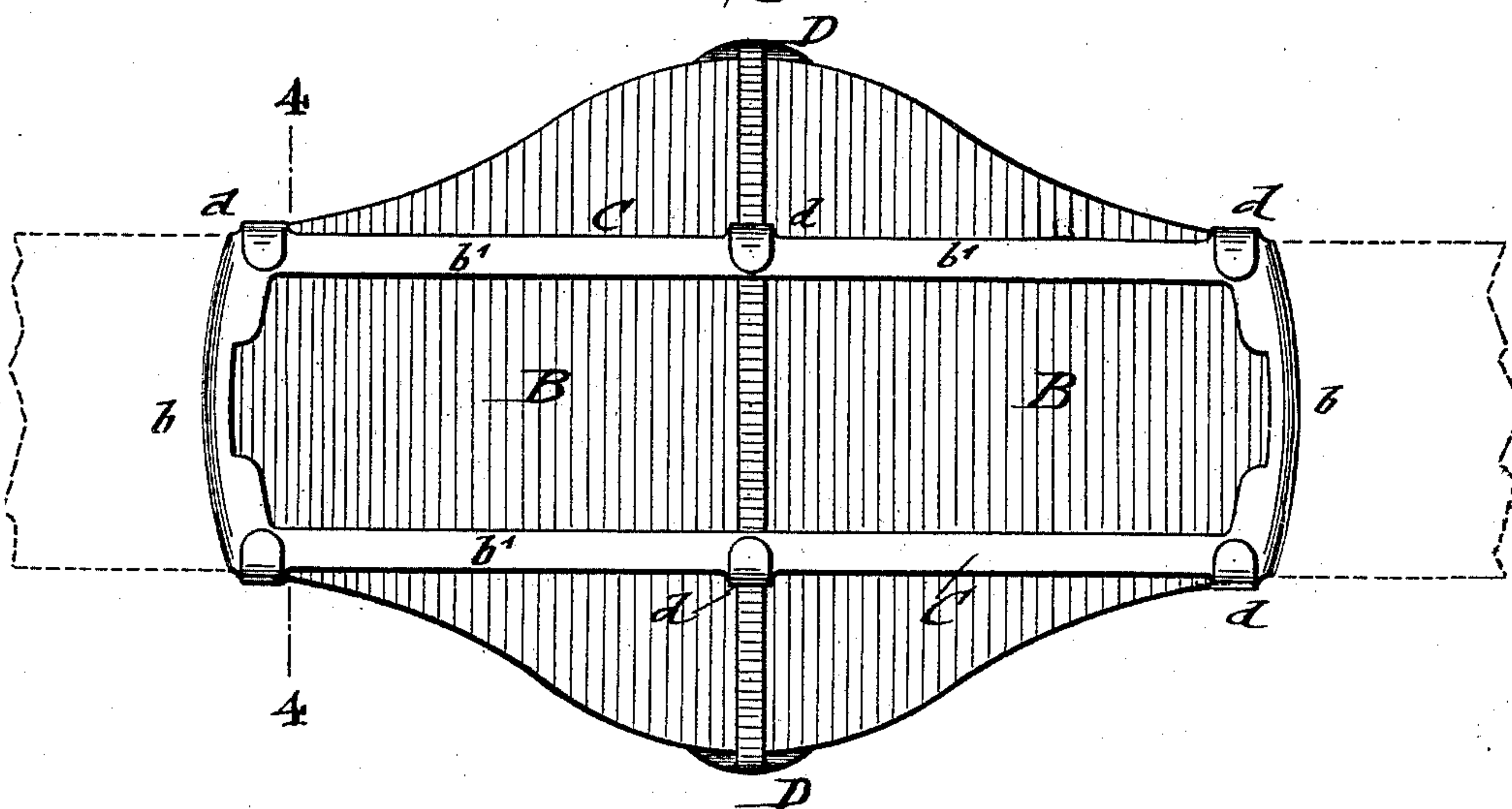


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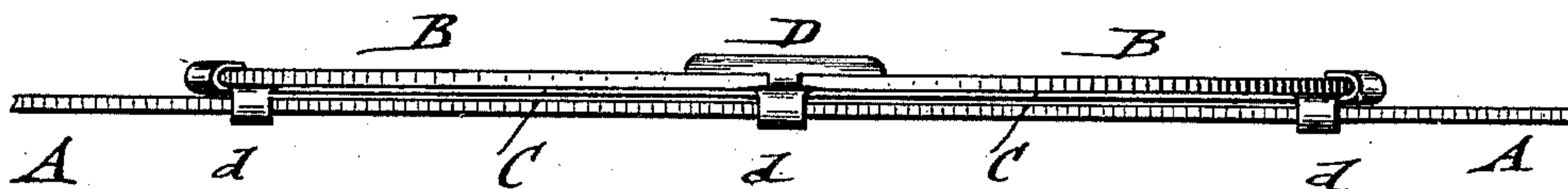
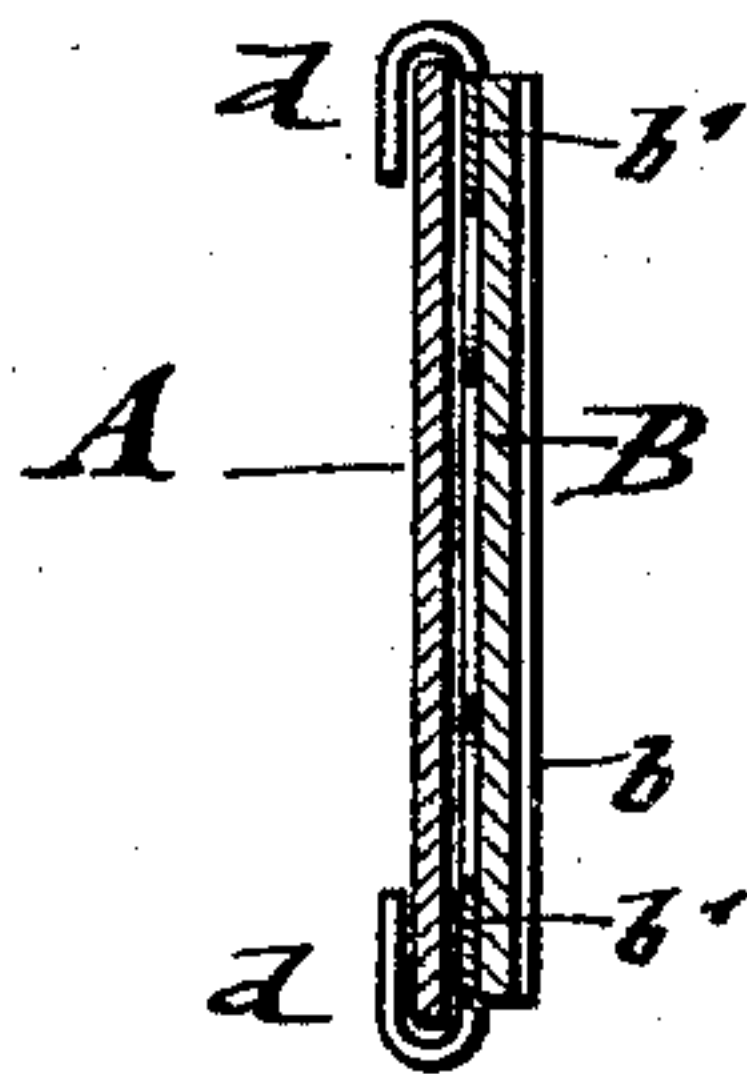


Fig. 4.



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## BODICE-BELT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. ZELTMACHER, of the city, county, and State of New York, and a citizen of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bodice-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved bodice-belt of that class in which the bodice is made detachable from the belt, so that the latter can be used either single as a belt or in combination with the bodice, as desired; and the invention consists of a bodice-belt in which the bodice is provided at its rear part with a metallic stiffening-frame formed of edge bindings and longitudinal strips having retaining-hooks for attaching or detaching the bodice to and from the belt.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved bodice-belt. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the bodice, drawn on a larger scale. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same; and Fig. 4 is a vertical transverse section on the line 4 4, Fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a belt which is provided with the usual fastening and adjusting devices for applying the same to the waist of the wearer, the bodice B, of flexible material, with a metallic frame C, that is formed of transverse stiffening-strips or edge binding *b*, which are applied to the ends of the bodice B, and of longitudinal stiffening-strips *b'*, that connect the transverse edge bindings at the rear part of the bodice A. The stiffening-frame B, formed of the edge bindings *b* and longitudinal strips *b'*, is provided, preferably, with three pairs of hooks *d d*, which are made integral with the frame C, and by which the bodice is applied to the belt or detached therefrom. The bodice B is provided in the usual manner with a buckle or other ornamental device D. The

belt A is used with one bodice or with two bodices, one at the front and one at the rear, which can be readily detached from the belt by releasing the hooks of the stiffening-frame, so that the belt can be used as such or as a bodice-belt, as desired. The stiffening-frame C has the advantage that the bodice can be applied to the exact point on the belt where it is required, even after the belt is applied to the waist, as it does not require the removing of the belt for applying the bodice thereto. The edge bindings *b* can be either japanned or plated or ornamented, so as to correspond with the ornamental buckle, and add thereby to the appearance of the bodice, while the hooks of the frame facilitate the removing from or attaching of the bodice to the belt, as required.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A bodice for a waist-belt, provided with transverse stiffening-strips at its ends, said strips being provided at their ends with intumed hooks for engaging the belt, substantially as described.

2. A bodice for a waist-belt, provided with transverse stiffening-strips at its ends, said strips serving as edge bindings and being provided with intumed hooks for engaging the belt.

3. A bodice for a waist-belt, provided with a stiffening-frame composed of transverse end strips and horizontal connecting-strips, said frame being provided with hooks for attaching the bodice to the belt, substantially as described.

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

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