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Fig. 1

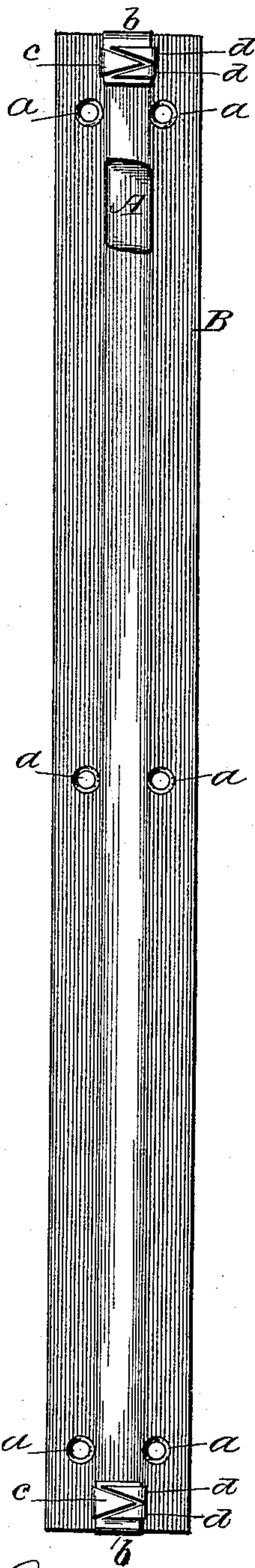


Fig. 2

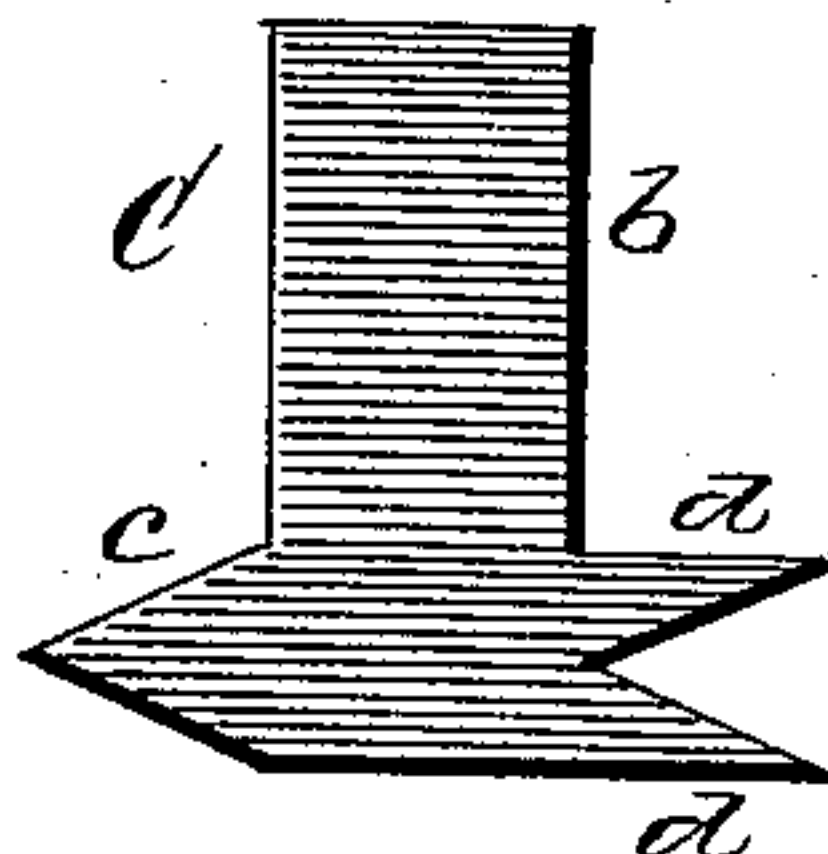
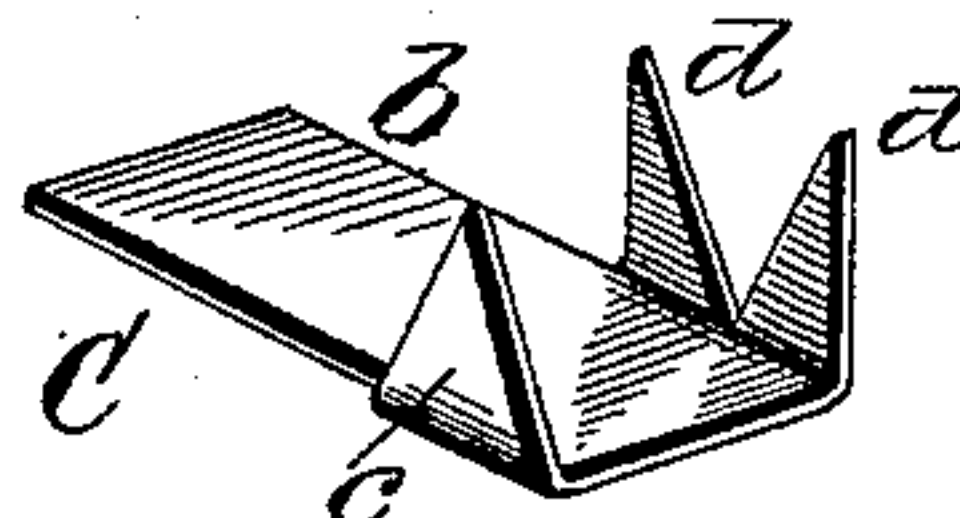


Fig. 3



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GARMENT-STAY.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH E. HOWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Maryville, in the county of Nodaway and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Stays; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The present invention has for its object to provide a garment-stay in which the stiffener is securely fastened to the covering or facing, whereby the stay is materially improved and will prevent any cross wrinkles when attached to the garment, will not sag and can be readily secured to the dress or other garment and as conveniently removed and will possess the requisite strength and durability required of such a device.

The invention therefore consists in a garment stay constructed substantially as shown in the drawings and hereinafter described and claimed.

Figure 1 of the drawings represents a plan view of the complete stay, with a portion of the covering or facing broken away to show the stiffener. Fig. 2 represents a plan view of the fastening device on an enlarged scale previous to the spurs thereof being bent into shape; Fig. 3, a perspective view of the fastening device showing the spurs bent at right angles to the plane of the shank ready to be inserted through the covering or facing of the stay.

In the accompanying drawings A represents the stiffener and B the covering or facing of the stay which is provided with eyelet-holes *a* for connecting the stay to the garment by suitable fastenings, or any means may be employed for fastening the stay to the dress or other garment as found most convenient. The ends of the stiffener A are secured to the covering or facing of the stay by means of fastening devices C. Shown in detail in Figs. 2 and 3. The fastening device consists of a narrow strip of sheet metal to form the shank *b* and at one end of said shank are spurs *c d* which extend at right angles to the

shank or in a lateral direction as shown in Fig. 2.

In connecting the fastening to the stay or the covering or facing thereof, the spurs are first bent at right angles to their former position, as indicated in Fig. 3, and are then inserted through the covering or facing upon each side of the stiffener. The shank of the fastening device is now brought around the end of the stay and down upon the stiffener and covering or facing thereof so that the shank will lie flat, and afterward the spurs are pressed down over the shank to securely hold it in place, thereby providing a very simple, inexpensive, and effective means for securely holding the stiffener in place and preventing it from longitudinal displacement.

It will be noticed that the spur upon one side of the shank of the fastening device will be located between the double spurs upon the opposite side thereof, as shown in Fig. 1, thereby forming a flat retaining band for the stiffener and providing a device that will perform the double function of a fastening and an end-tip and protector for the end of the stiffener.

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

A garment-stay, comprising a stiffener, a textile covering or facing therefor, and a device for securing the stiffener in place, said device consisting of a metal shank having one end bent over the end of the stiffener and its covering or facing, and the opposite end of the shank provided with laterally projecting spurs which extend through the covering or facing and are bent down over the shank, the spurs interlocking each other as shown, said device serving the double purpose of a fastener and an end-tip or protector, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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