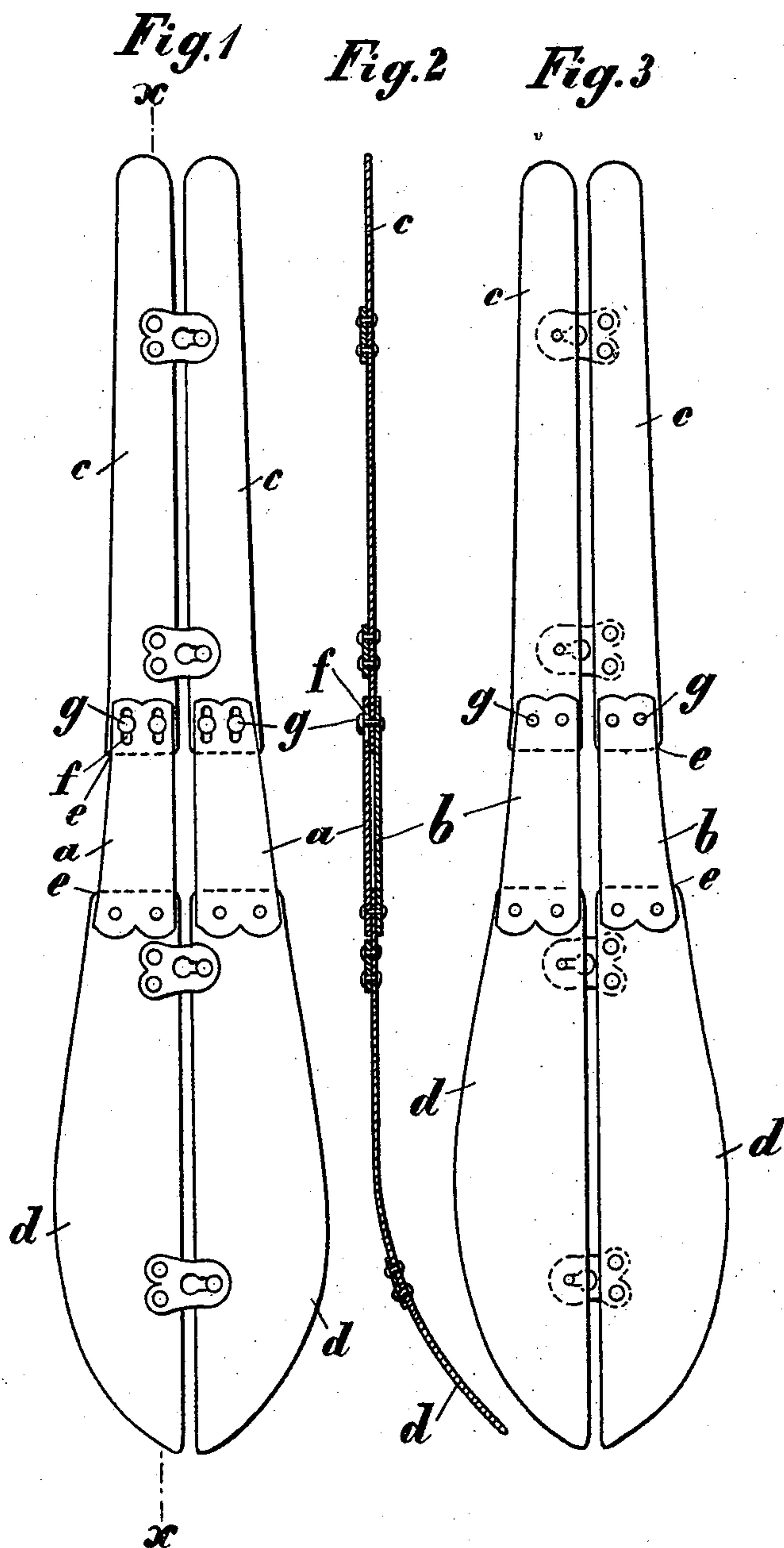


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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILHELM KERKENBUSCH, of 29 Burgstrasse, Berlin, in the Kingdom of Prussia, German Empire, have invented new and useful Improvements in the Steels or Stiffeners of Corsets and the Like, (for which I have obtained a patent in Germany, No. 72,688, bearing date October 30, 1892; in France, No. 226,345, bearing date December 12, 1892; in Austria-Hungary, Tom. 43, Fol. 4,018, Tom. XXVII, Fol. 3,936, bearing date October 11, 1893; in Great Britain, No. 1,819, bearing date October 27, 1894; in Italy, No. XXIX, 37,751, bearing date December 10, 1894; in Belgium, No. 114,356, bearing date March 1, 1895; in Switzerland, No. 10,347, bearing date April 5, 1895, and in Spain, No. 18,661, bearing date February 11, 1896,) of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in steels or stiffeners for corsets and the like.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a front elevation of a pair of steels constructed according to this invention. Fig. 2 is a section on line *xx* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a back view of Fig. 1.

Each corset steel or stiffener consists of two steels *c* and *d*, which are separated from each other at their opposed inner ends *e*. The inner ends are connected by double parallel-arranged reinforcing metallic strips *a* and *b*.

The lower ends of these strips are riveted to the steel *d*, and the upper ends are connected with the steel *c*, by means of rivets *g*. The latter are fastened to the strip *b* and the steel *c*, while the strip *a* is provided with slots *f*, which guide the ends of the rivets *g* and allow the corset steels or stiffeners to accommodate themselves to the body of the person wearing the corset.

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

As an article of manufacture, a corset steel or stiffener consisting of two steels separated from each other at their opposed inner ends and connected by double parallel-arranged reinforcing metallic strips the lower ends of which are riveted to the lower steel, while the upper ends are connected with the upper steel by means of rivets fastened to the one strip and sliding with the pin in a slot of the other strip, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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