

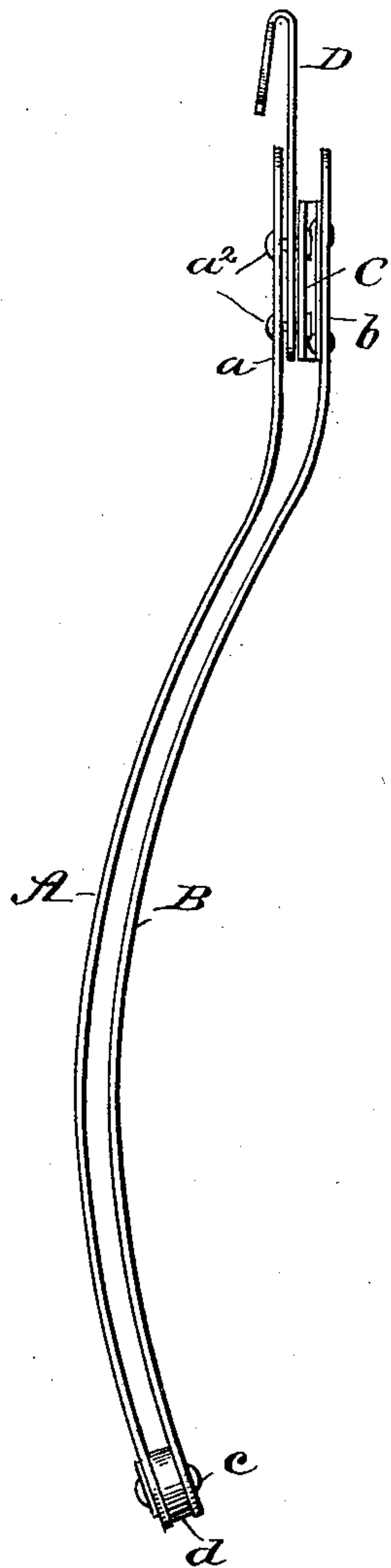
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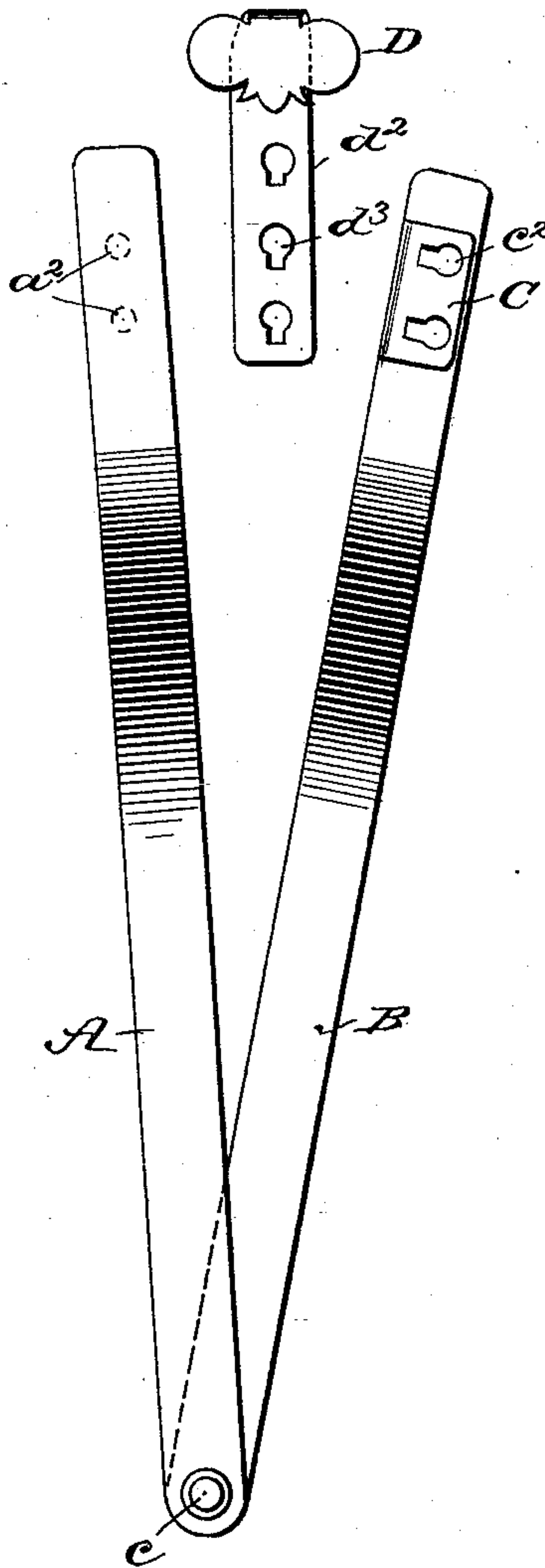
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## PLACKET-PROTECTOR AND SKIRT-SUPPORTER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, WILLIAM H. CARR and JOHN GEORGE WOLF, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Placket-Protector and Skirt-Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a placket-protector of simple yet durable construction and which is provided with a device for attachment to a belt, so that the said placket-protector in addition to holding the placket-opening of a dress closed may also be utilized for supporting the dress-skirt from the belt.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of the several parts, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the placket-protector and skirt-supporter closed. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same in an open position, the skirt-supporter being separated from the placket-protector.

The placket-protector and skirt-supporter consists, practically, of two members A and B, which are adapted to be attached to the opposing sides of the placket-opening of a dress in any suitable or approved manner. Generally the said members are straight at their bottom portions and curved near their upper ends, and the upper portions *a* and *b* of the two members A and B are straight. The lower ends of the two members A and B are connected by a suitable pivot-pin *c* and spaced apart by means of one or more washers *d*. The inner member B is provided with a keeper C, (best shown in Fig. 2,) which keeper usually has two or more slots *c*<sup>2</sup>, preferably of a keyhole pattern, made therein, and the outer member A of the placket-protector and skirt-supporter is provided with a corresponding number of studs *a*<sup>2</sup>, arranged to enter the aforesaid openings *c*<sup>2</sup> in the keeper C and lock the members A B together. Detachably secured to the upper ends of the members of the placket-protector is the hook D, adapted

to engage with a belt for supporting and holding a skirt. The shank *d*<sup>2</sup> of the hook D is provided with a series of keyhole-slots *d*<sup>3</sup>, by means of which the hook is detachably and adjustably secured between the members A and B of the protector. 55

To attach the hook D, the studs *a*<sup>2</sup> are passed through two of the slots *d*<sup>3</sup> of the shank of the hook, and when the said studs have been brought to an engagement with the keeper C the hook D will be held firmly in position and will be virtually an integral portion of the device. The advantage of the adjustability of the hook D is apparent, enabling the device to be used with comfort on dresses belonging to short or to long waisted persons and also enabling a person to wear an outside belt of any width or material. 65

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent— 70

1. A placket-protector and skirt-supporter, comprising two members pivoted together at their lower ends to overlie one another and having an interlocking engagement at their upper ends, and a hook adjustably secured to the upper end of one of the said members, substantially as described. 75

2. In a placket-protector and skirt-supporter, the combination, with pivotally-connected members, one of the members being provided with a keeper and the other with devices to enter said keeper, of a hook adjustably carried by said members and adapted for engagement with a belt, for the purpose set forth. 80

3. In a placket-protector and skirt-supporter, the combination with two members pivoted together at their lower ends, one of the members being provided at its upper end with a keeper having keyhole-slots, and the other with pins to enter said slots, of a hook having a plurality of openings in its shank through which the said pins are adapted to project, substantially as herein shown and described. 90 95

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