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Fig. 1.

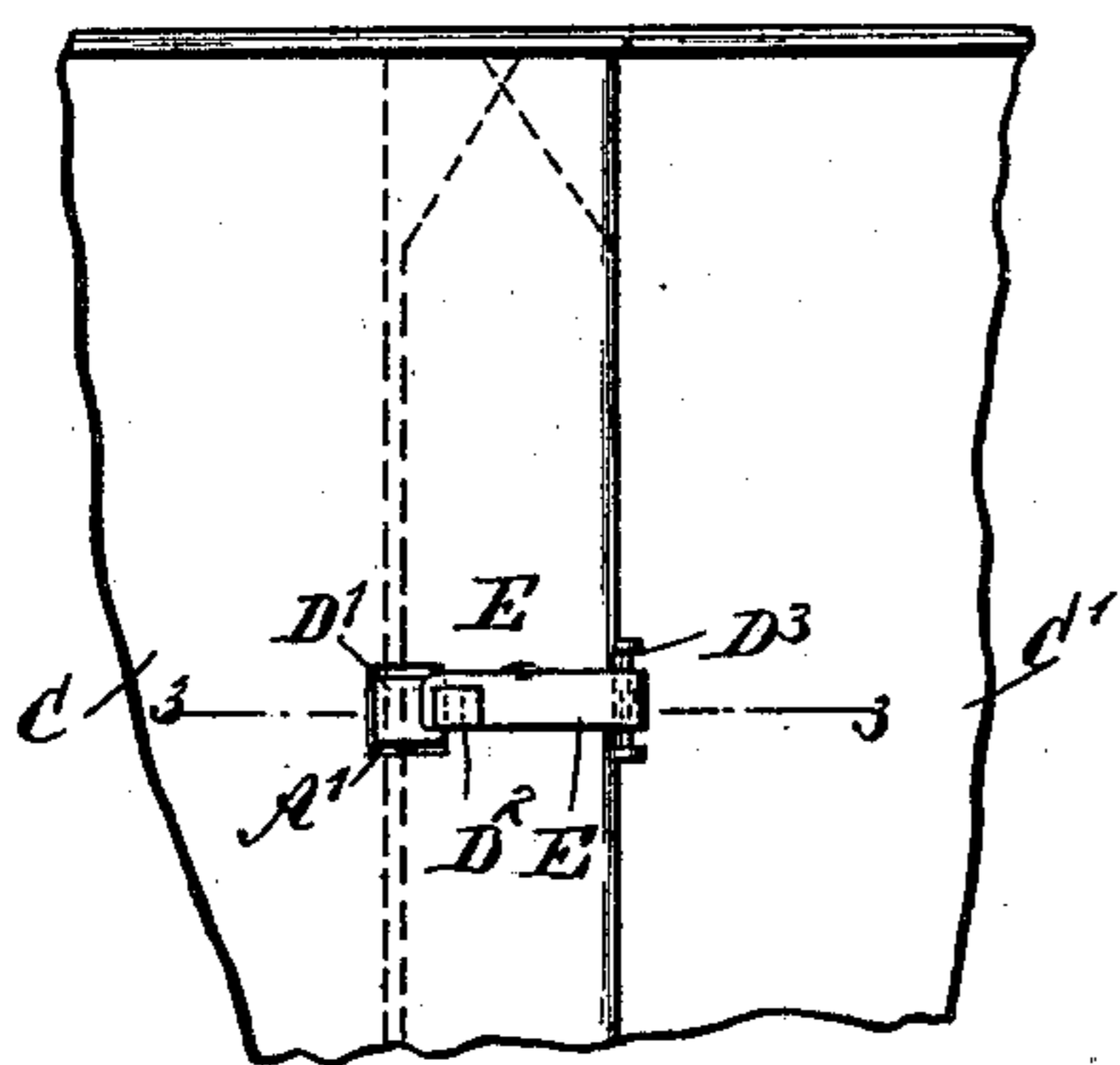


Fig. 2.

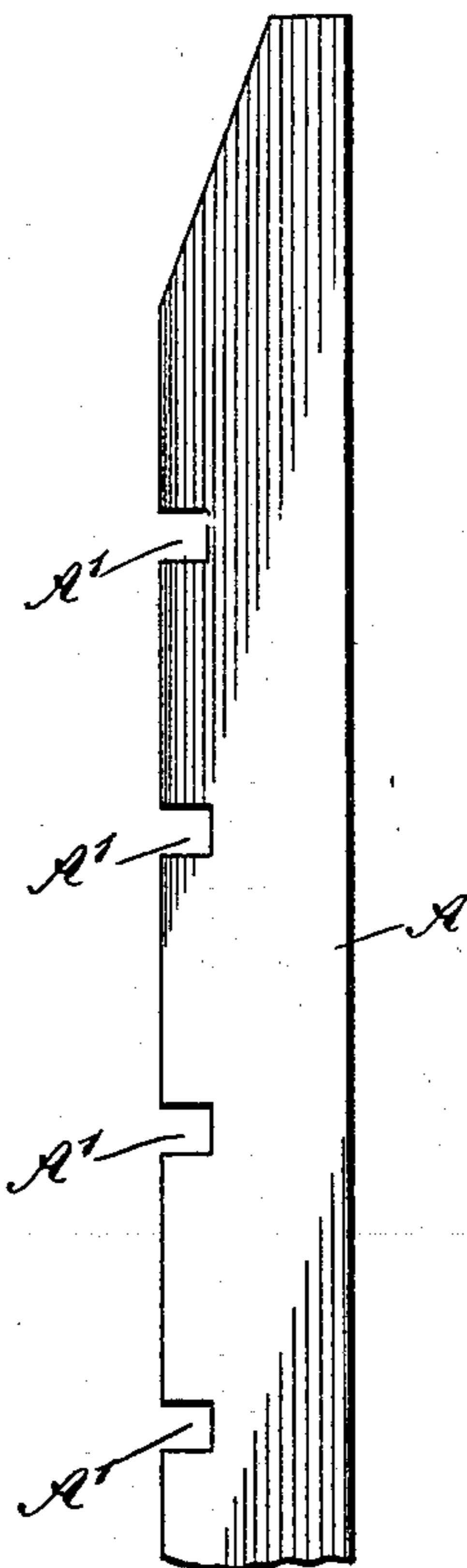


Fig. 3.

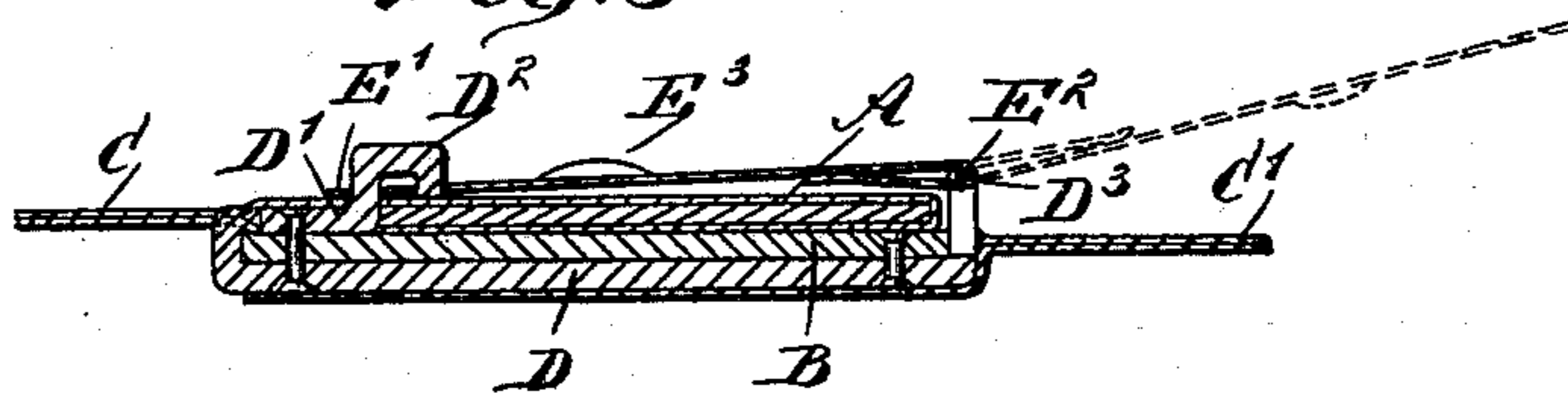
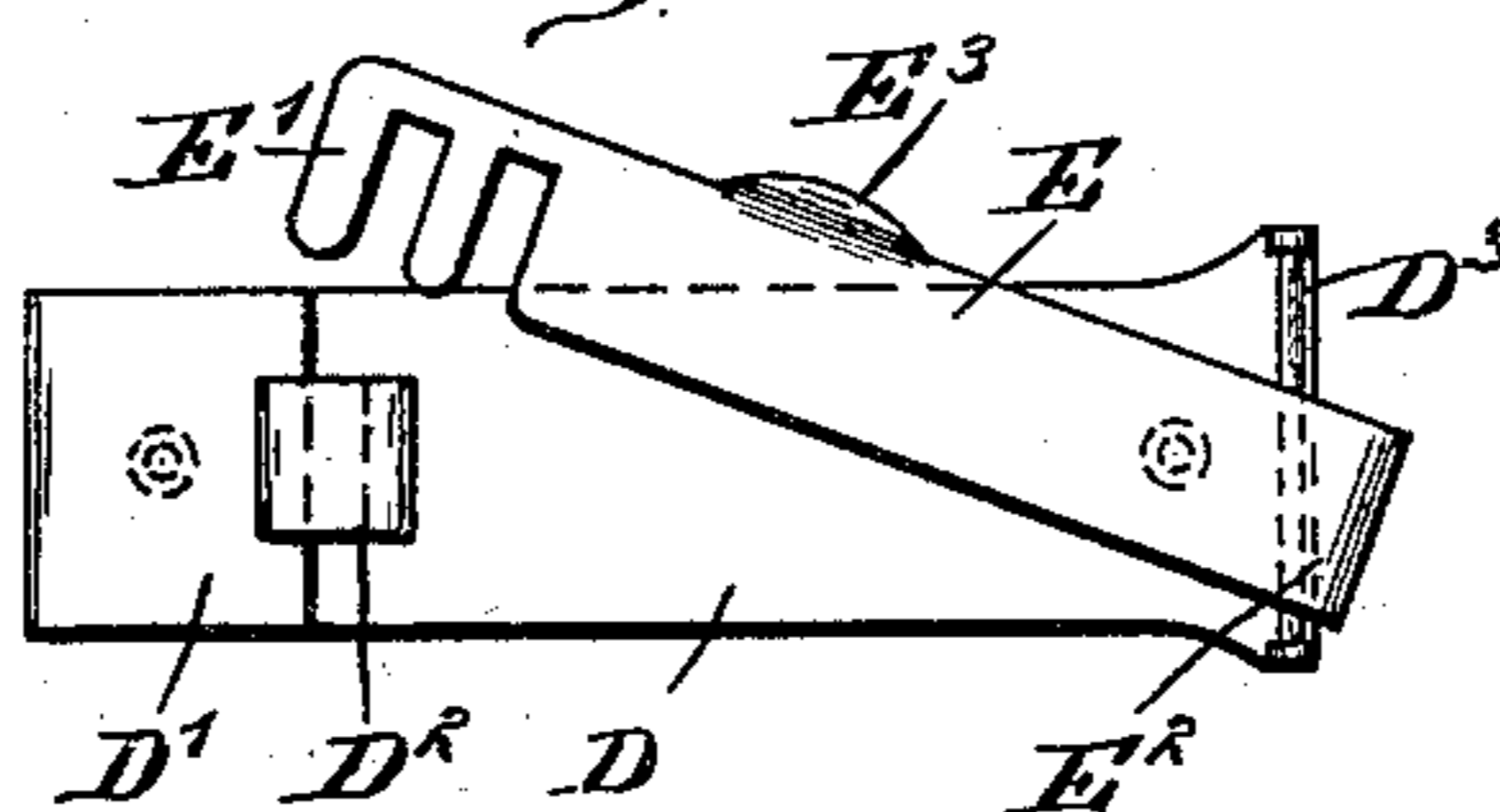


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA LEESON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Quatsino, Winter Harbor, Vancouver Island, in the Province of British Columbia and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and Improved Corset-Fastener, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved corset-fastener which is simple and durable in construction, arranged to permit of conveniently opening and closing the corset to give the desired comfort to the wearer and to prevent accidental opening of the corset when in use.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, as will be described hereinafter and then 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 all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improvement as applied. Fig. 2 is an enlarged face view of one of the busks. Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view of the improvement on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged front elevation of the clasp.

The improved corset-fastener is provided with busks A and B, of which the busk A is adapted to be placed in front of the busk B, the said busks being arranged in the usual welts of the corset material C C'. At the back of the busk B is secured by rivets or other fastening devices a clasp-casing D, extending at one end upon the front of the busk B to form a lug D' for receiving correspondingly-shaped notches A', formed in the busk A and the corset material C. The end of the lug D' is provided with a forwardly-extending keeper D², adapted to receive the hook end E' of a clasp-hook E, fulcrumed at E² on a bearing D³, carried on the clasp-frame D, opposite the lug D'. A finger-piece E³ is formed on the top edge of the clasp-hook E to enable the wearer to conveniently swing the said clasp-hook with its hook end E' into or out of engagement with the keeper D² to lock or unlock the busk A. The hook E has its fulcrum end in the form of a loop, as plainly indicated in Figs. 3 and 4, to permit of

conveniently swinging the hook up and down for engaging and disengaging the keeper D², as described; also for swinging the hook outward into an open position, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 3, to permit of placing the outer busk A in position on the rear busk B, as previously explained.

It is understood that any desired number of clasps, as described, may be employed for the length of the busk B, a corresponding number of notches A' being formed in the other busk A.

Now it is evident that when the busk A is placed in position in front of the busk B and the operator has swung the clasp-hook E over and engaged the hook end on the keeper D², then the busks are securely locked together and accidental opening of the corset is prevented, as the busk A cannot become disengaged either laterally or upwardly or downwardly from the busk B as long as the hook E engages the keeper D².

The device is very simple and durable in construction and can be readily manipulated for opening and closing the corset.

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

1. A corset-fastener comprising two busks, one of which is provided with lugs and the other with notches for fitting the lugs on placing one busk upon the other, and a clasp having a fixed member secured to one of the busks, and a hook loosely pivoted on the fixed member, and adapted to pass over the front busk and hook onto the keeper carried by the fixed member, to lock the busks together, substantially as shown and described.

2. A corset-fastener comprising a back busk, a front busk formed with notches, a corset-clasp comprising a fixed member secured to the back busk and extending to the front face thereof to form a lug for engagement with one of the notches in the other busk, and a hook loosely fulcrumed on the fixed member, and adapted to hook onto a keeper projecting from the said lug, substantially as shown and described.

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