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Fig. 1.

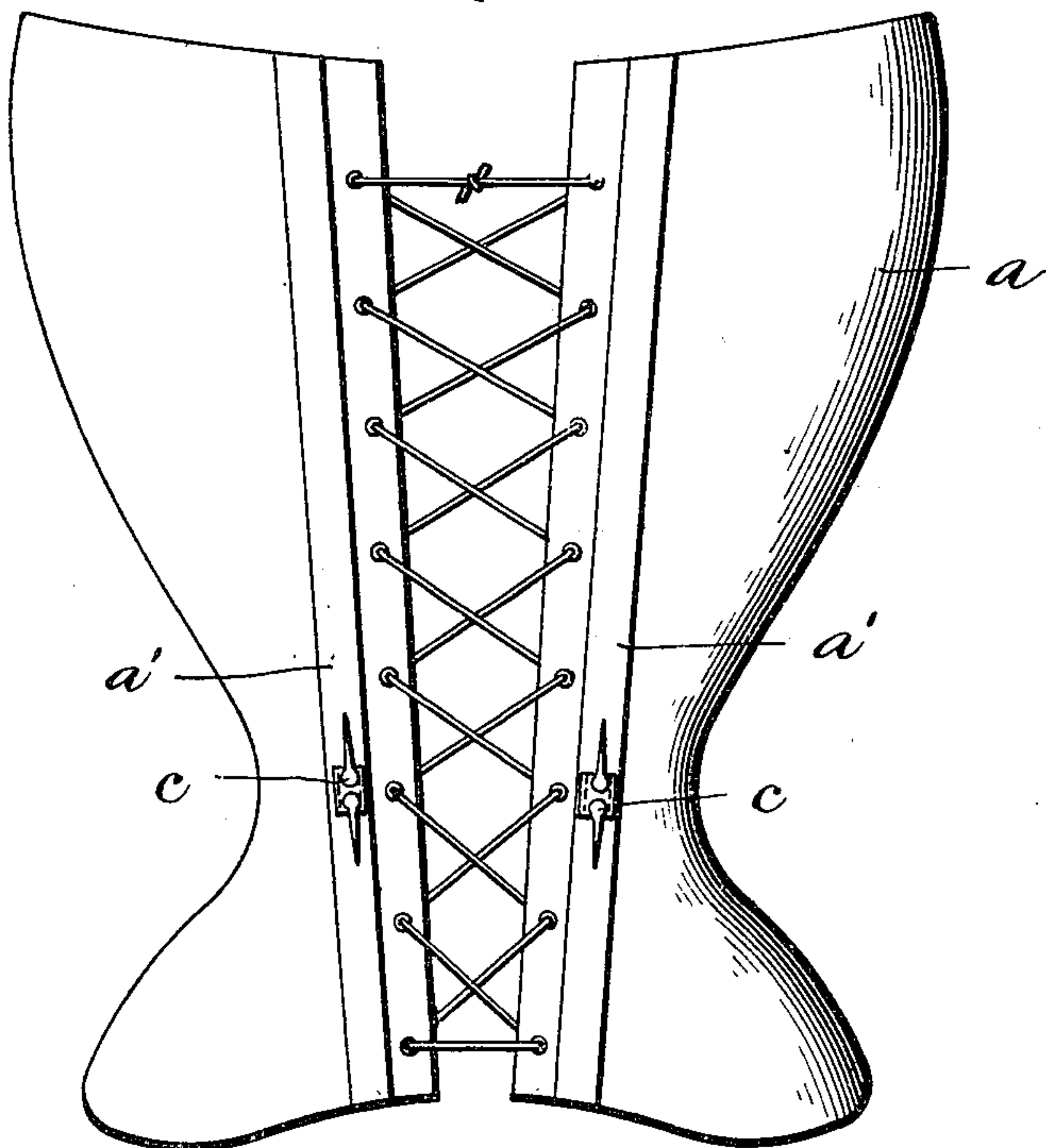


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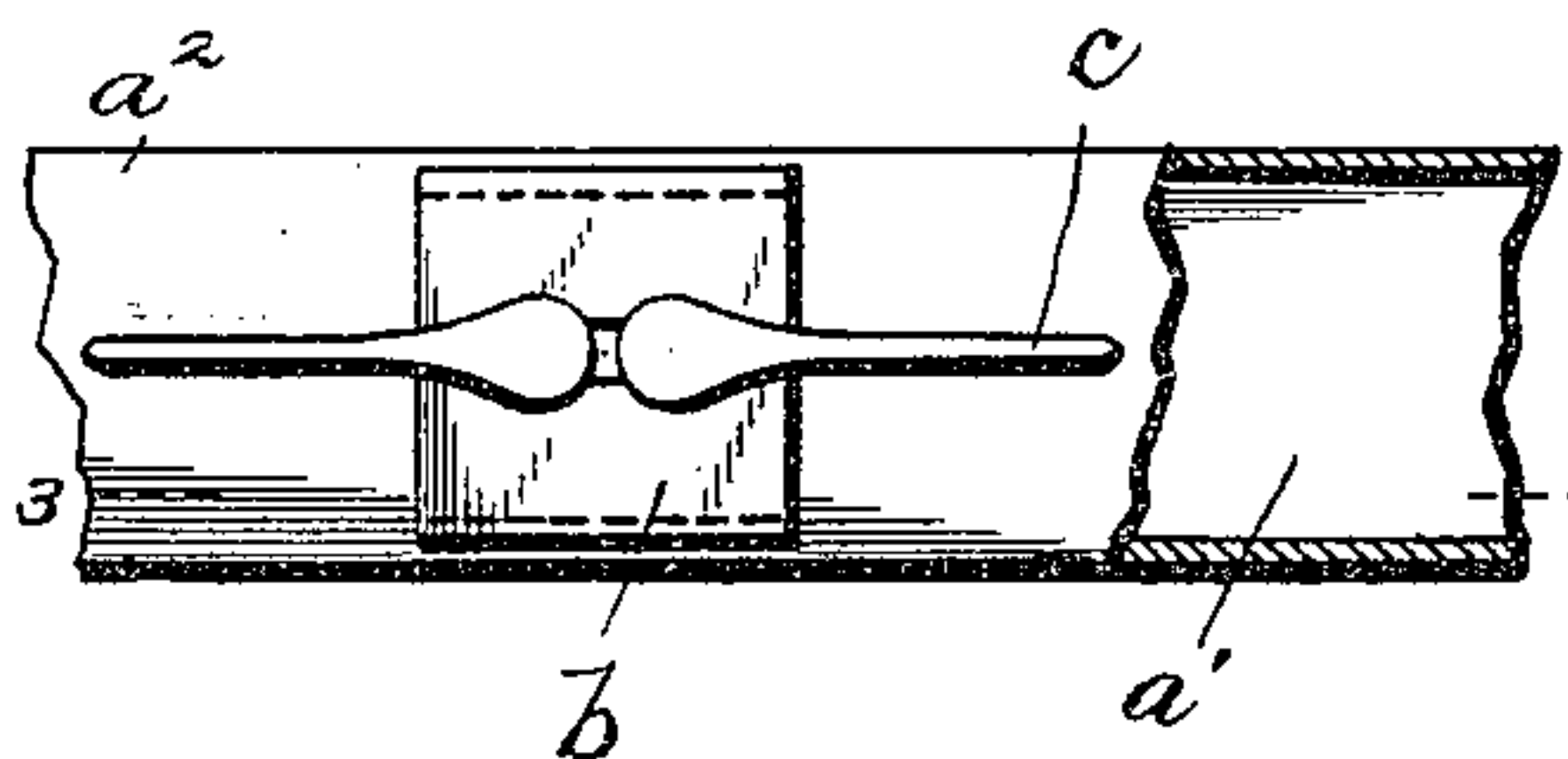


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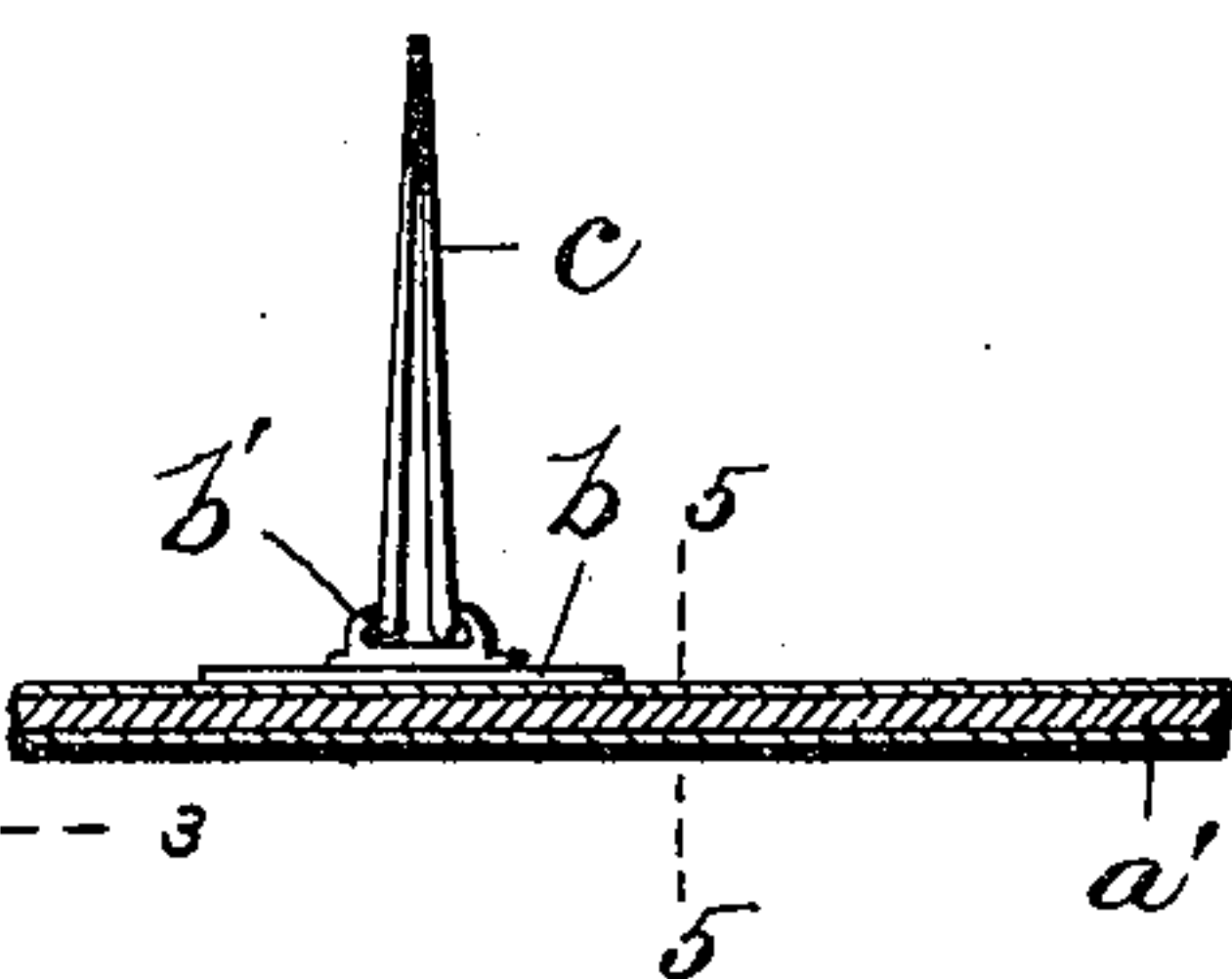


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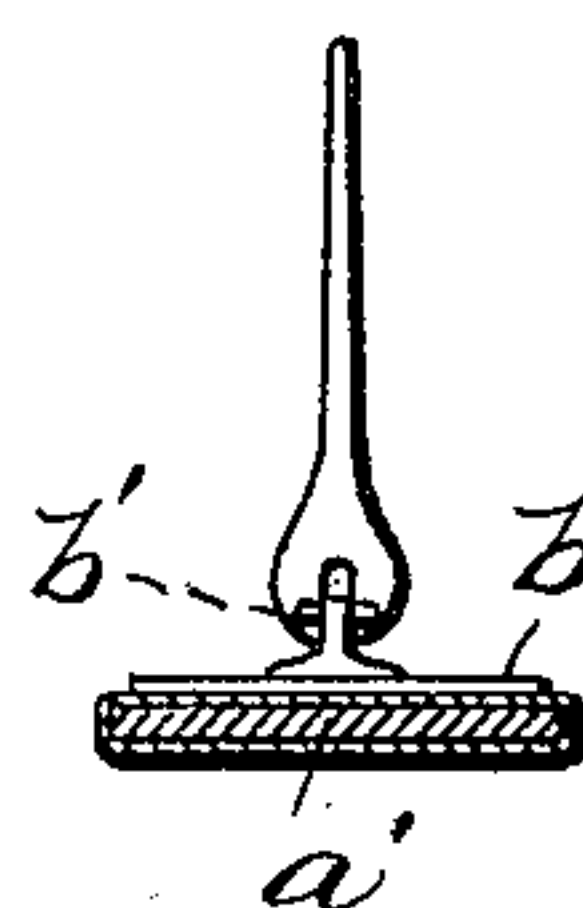


Fig. 4.

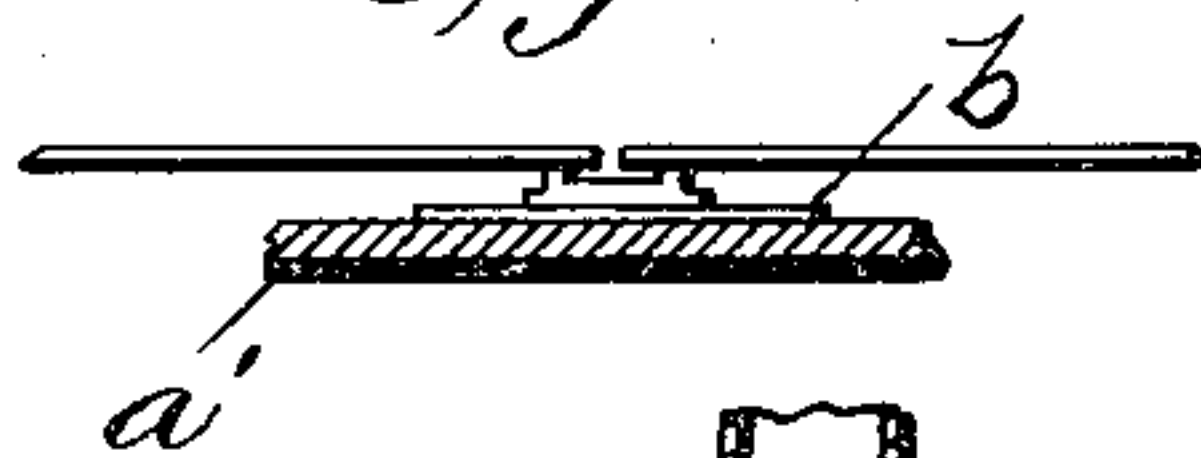
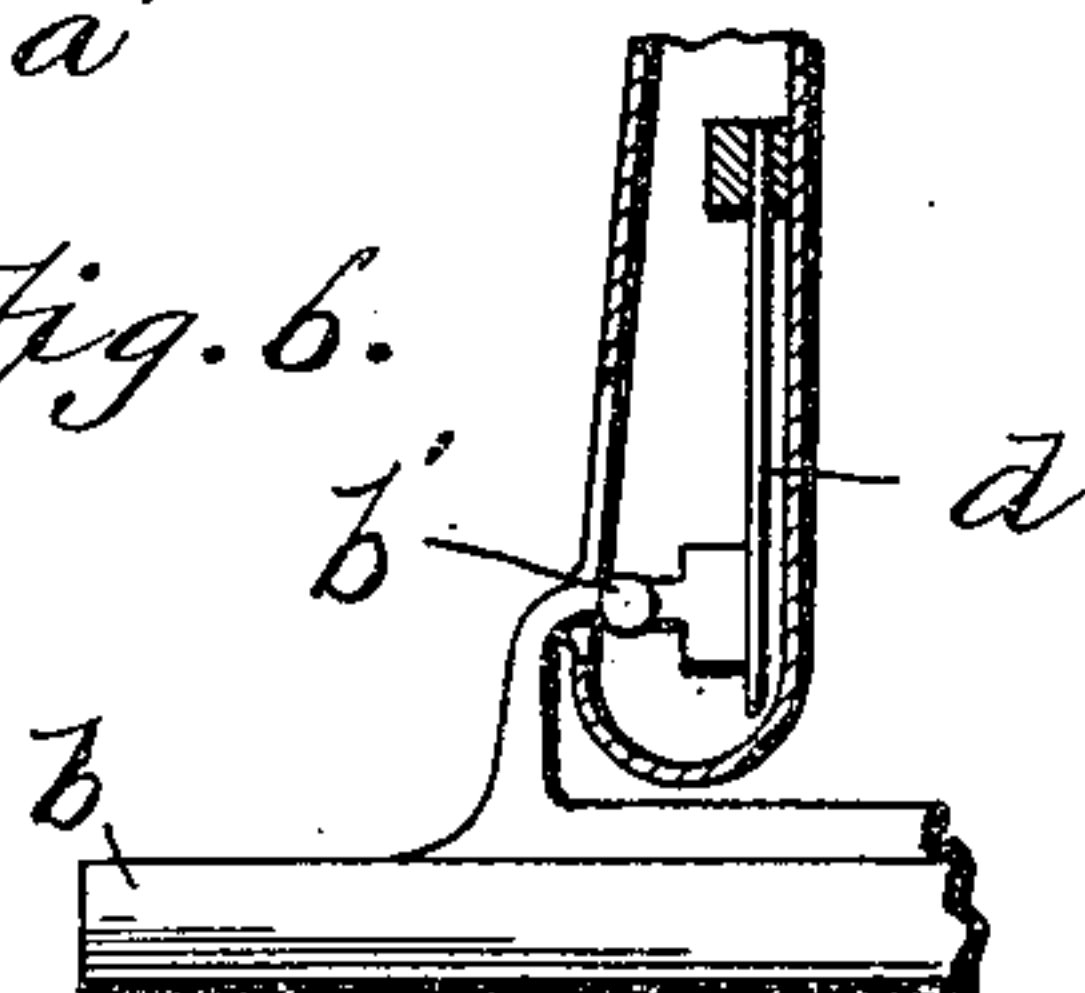


Fig. 6.



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COMBINED SHIRT-WAIST AND DRESS HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA A. HOLDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Shirt-Waist and Dress Holder, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to that class of articles worn by ladies, and more especially known as "shirt-waist and dress holders."

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device of this character that shall be secured to the steels or stays of corsets and that will effectively hold the shirt-waist from riding up in the back and prevent the skirt from sagging and leave the waist-line smooth and at the same time be convenient and comfortable to the wearer.

To this end the invention consists of the improvements hereinafter described and claimed.

The nature, characteristic features, and scope of the invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of a corset provided with shirt-waist holders embodying features of the invention. Fig. 2 is an elevational view, partly in section and drawn to an enlarged scale, of a corset-stay provided with a shirt-waist holder embodying features of the invention. Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2 and showing the points of the prongs in contact with each other. Fig. 4 is a similar view illustrating the fastening-prongs in open position. Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5 5 of Fig. 4; and Fig. 6 is a sectional detail view of one of the prongs, showing the interior construction.

Referring to the drawings, *a* is a corset provided with the usual rear stays or steels *a'*. Fastened to the two rear steels or stays by means of stitches are thin plates *b*, fitted with pintles *b'*, to which prongs *c* are hinged.

d represents springs cooperating with squared portions of the pintles in order to retain the prongs in the position shown in Fig. 4 and in the position shown in Fig. 3.

In using the above as a shirt-waist holder the shirt-waist may be provided with a buttonhole or an eyelet, if desired, or the prongs with their points together may be simply pushed through the material of the shirt-waist. Upon the shirt-waist being passed over the prongs a slight movement by the fingers snaps the prongs into locked position with their points widely separated, as shown in Fig. 1.

It may be remarked that if occasion demands the above-described device may be used as a combined skirt and shirt-waist holder, in which instance the shirt-waist would first be passed over the prongs and then the band of the skirt and the prongs snapped back. In use the plate *b*, which may be perforated for stitches, is secured to the corset by simply sewing the plate *b* to the cover of the steel or stay of the corset. This makes a neat and attractive construction, and as the device lies flat against the shirt-waist there is no bulge at the waist-line, but leaves it smooth.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art to which the invention relates that modifications may be made in detail without departing from the spirit thereof. Hence I do not limit myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts hereinabove set forth and illustrated in the drawings; but,

Having thus described the nature and objects of the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of plates adapted for attachment to corset steels or stays and having pintles, straight-pointed prongs hinged to said pintles and adapted to come into a position with their points together and make an incisorial point, and springs for holding them in said position and in widely-separated position in a single plane, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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