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Fig. 1.

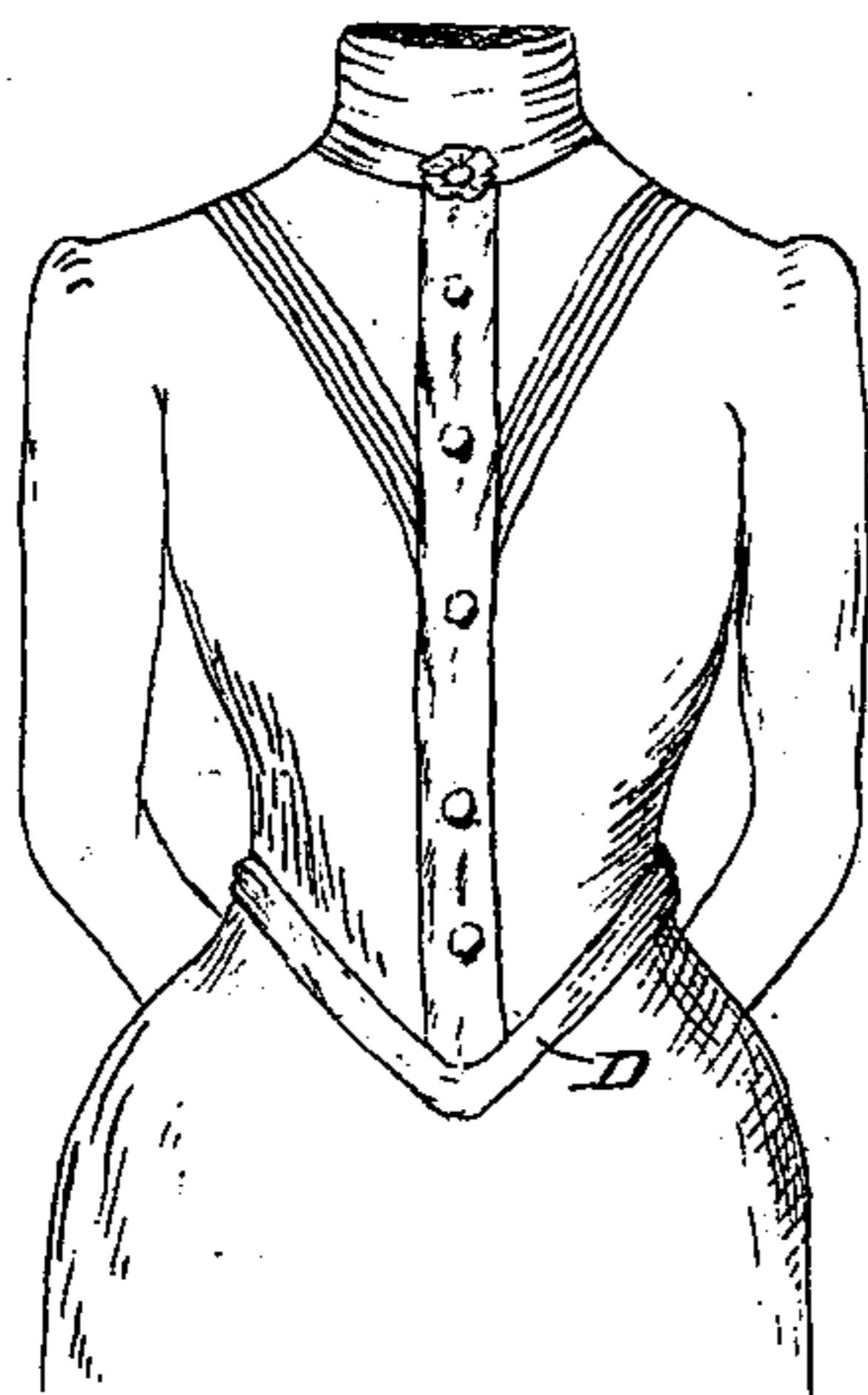


Fig. 2.

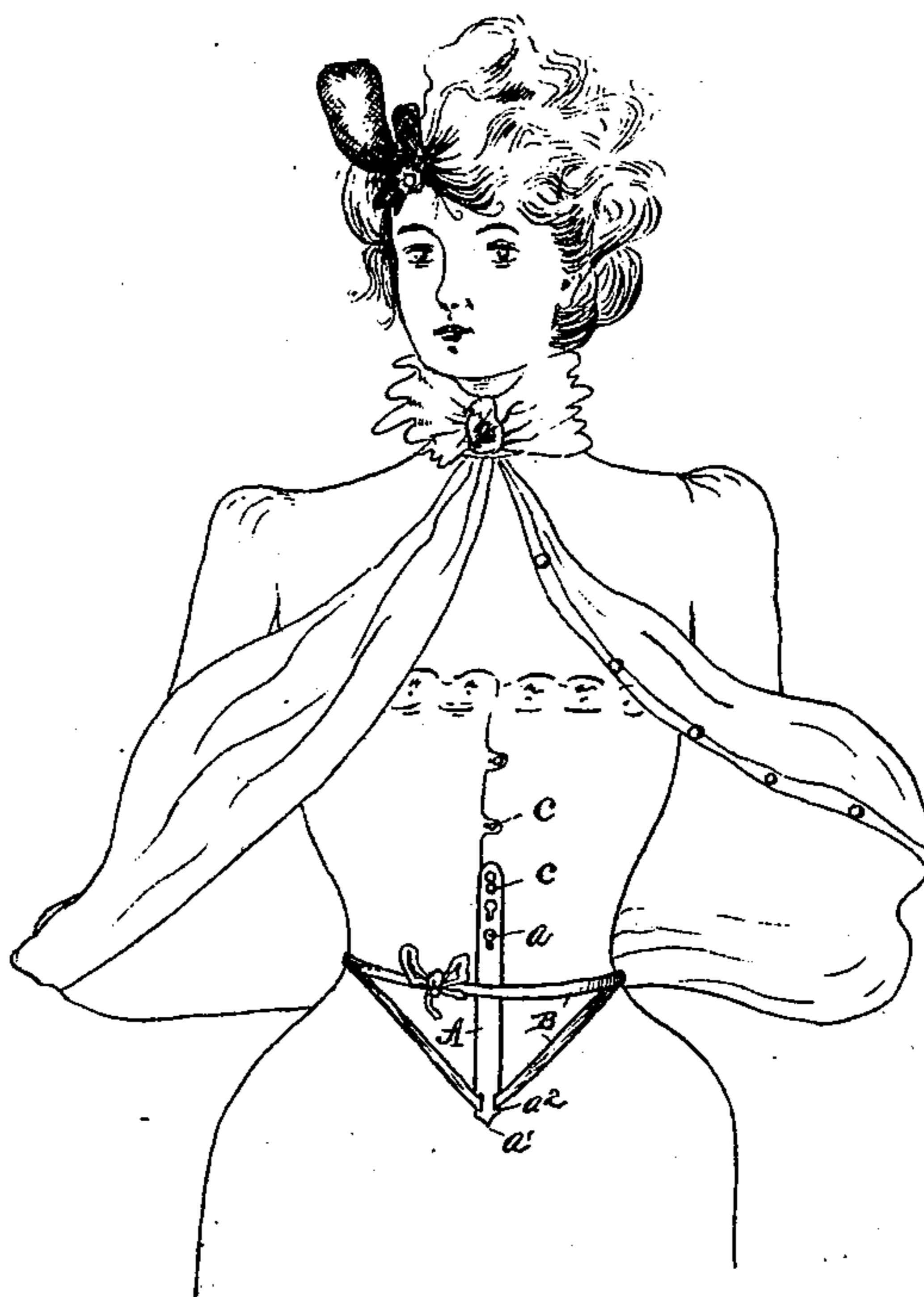
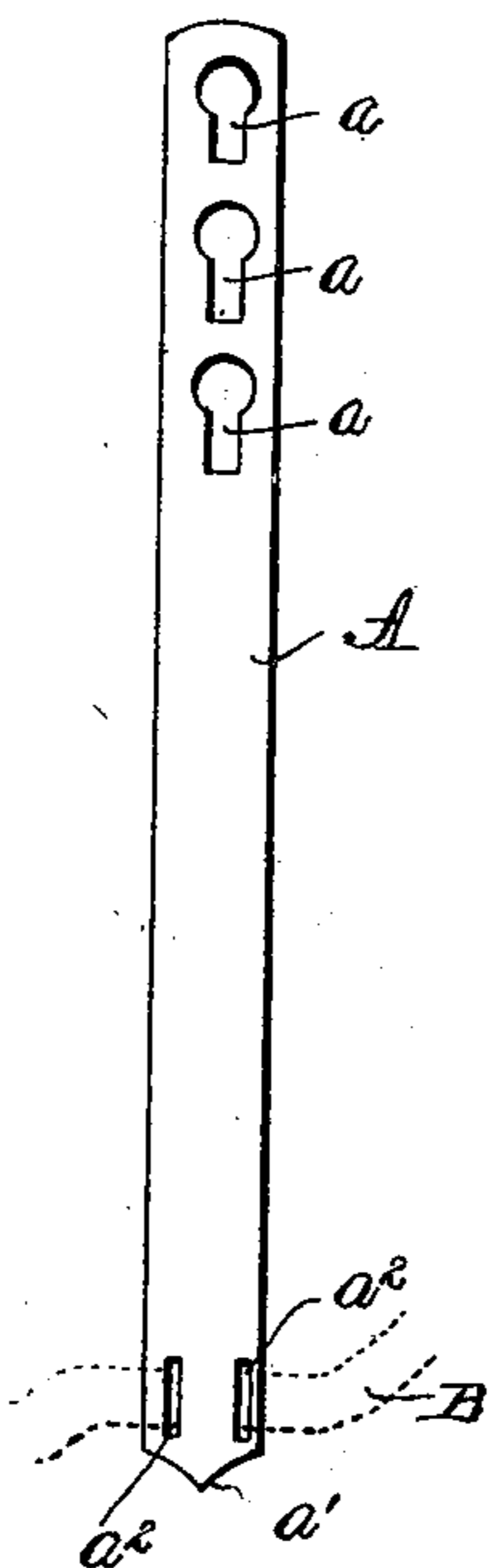


Fig. 3.



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## ATTACHMENT FOR SHIRT-WAISTS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES C. KIMSEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Attachment for Shirt-Waists, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a device for extending and supporting the lower part of a woman's shirt-waist in order that the peculiar set of the garment produced thereby will give the "long-waist" effect, that is the prevailing style, the said device being adjustable in order to vary the length of the front of the shirt-waist.

With the above object in view the invention consists in providing a flexible strip adapted to be attached to and supported by the corset, in connection with a cord or tape passed through the lower end of the said strip and extending therefrom upward over the hips of the wearer, forming practically a V-shaped extension below the waist-line adapted to engage the lower end of the shirt-waist and hold it down.

The following specification enters into a detail description of my invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters thereon, which designate the different parts, and what I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is more specifically set forth in the appended claims.

In the drawings forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is a view showing the application of my invention. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the lower part of the shirt-waist turned back to clearly show the manner of attaching the device in place. Fig. 3 is a detail view of the device.

In carrying out my invention I employ a flat strip A, which is preferably made of flexible material in order that it may readily conform to the contour of the body, and said strip is provided at one end with a series of keyhole-slots  $a$ , by which it is attached to one of the corset-fasteners. The other end of said strip is pointed at  $a'$  and adjoining this point is provided with vertical slots  $a^2$   $a^2$ . In connection with this flexible strip I also employ

a cord or tape B, which is connected to the lower end of the strip by passing the ends through the vertical slots  $a^2$ , the said cord or tape being of sufficient length to extend around the waist and the ends tied together in front, as hereinafter described.

In applying the device hereinbefore described the flexible strip A is supported from the corset by engagement of one of the corset-fasteners therewith, the headed pin  $c$  of said corset-fastener being passed through one of the keyhole-slots. The cords B are then brought up over the hips, and after being passed around the waist the ends are tied in front. This provides a V-shaped frame extending below the waist, and the lower end of the front part of the shirt-waist is attached thereto. The shirt-waist may be attached by tucking the lower end of the same under the cords and point of the metal strip, or it may be attached by pins to the cords. A finish is given to the lower end of the shirt-waist by means of a ribbon or belt D.

It will be noted that the device forms a simple and effective means of holding the front of a shirt-waist down and will give the proper shape to the same. By pulling the cords tightly over the stomach and hips the flexible strip will be brought against the body. In attaching the ribbon or belt D it is engaged by the point  $a'$  of the metal strip and will follow the edge of the shirt-waist.

It will be understood that only two or three keyhole-slots may be provided, as the strip could be placed into engagement with any one of the several corset-fasteners, and thereby adjusted to the desired extent. It is also apparent that any other fastening device may be provided for connecting the strip to the corset.

The ends of the cords, which are brought in front and tied, bear against the strip and press it against the corset, so that said strip will follow the contour of the body.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a former for shirt-waists comprising a plate having keyhole-slots at its upper end and a waist-engaging point at its lower end, and a cord or tape

connected to the lower end of the plate above the point, substantially as shown and described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a former  
5 for shirt-waists comprising a plate having key-hole-slots at its upper end, a waist-engaging point at its lower end and vertical slots

above said point, and a cord or tape threaded through the slots at the lower end of the plate, substantially as shown and described.

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