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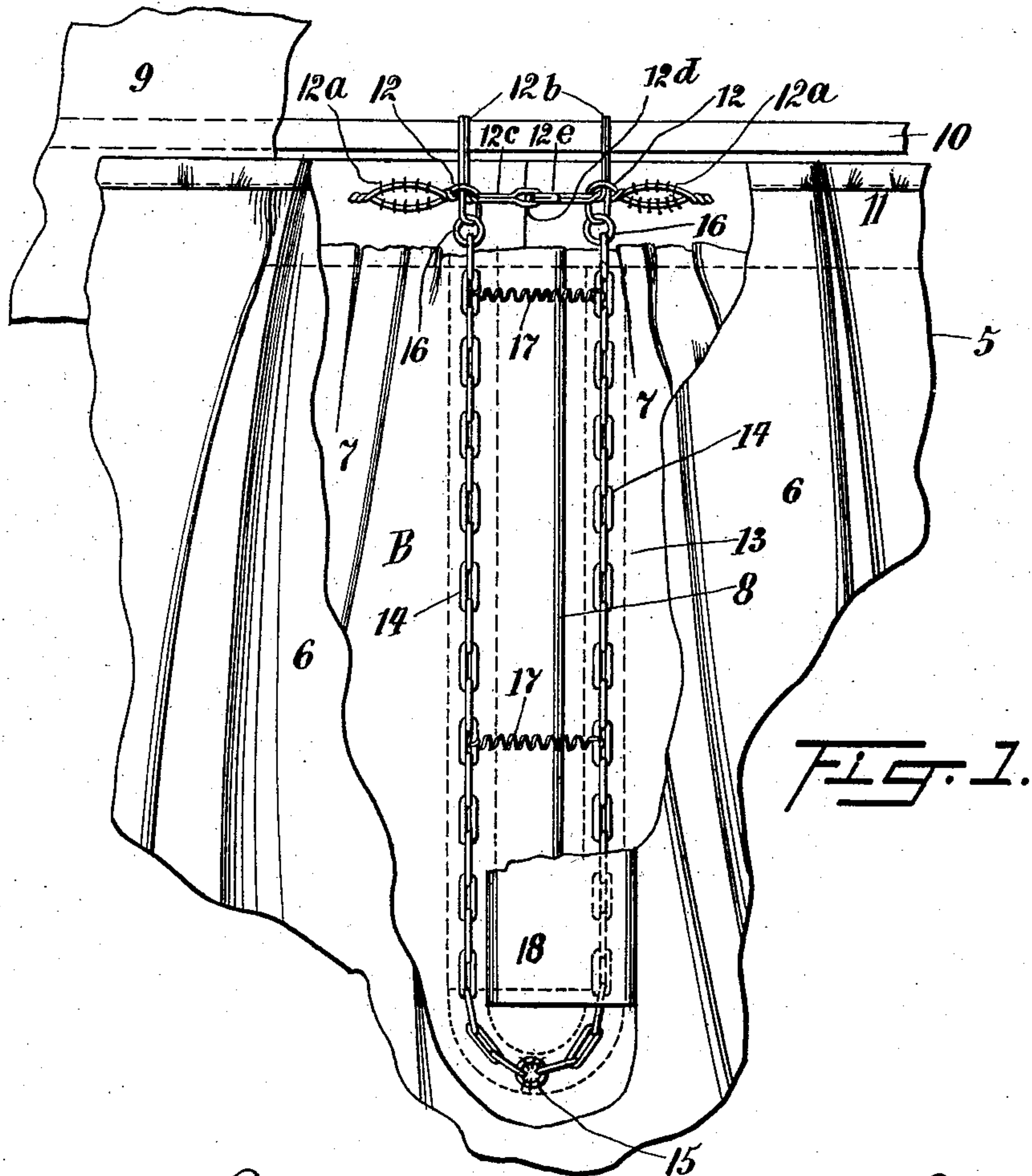


FIG. 1.

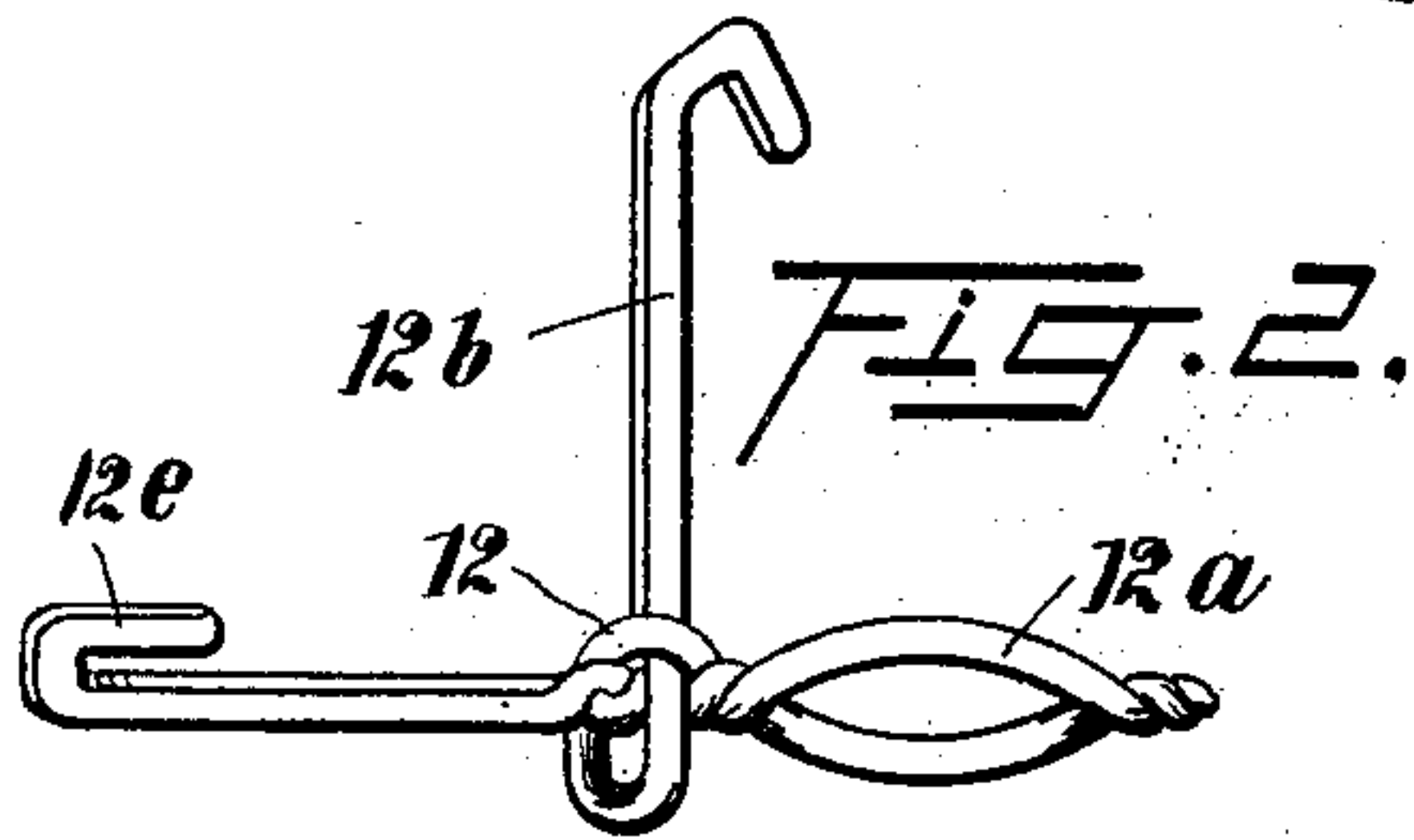


FIG. 2.

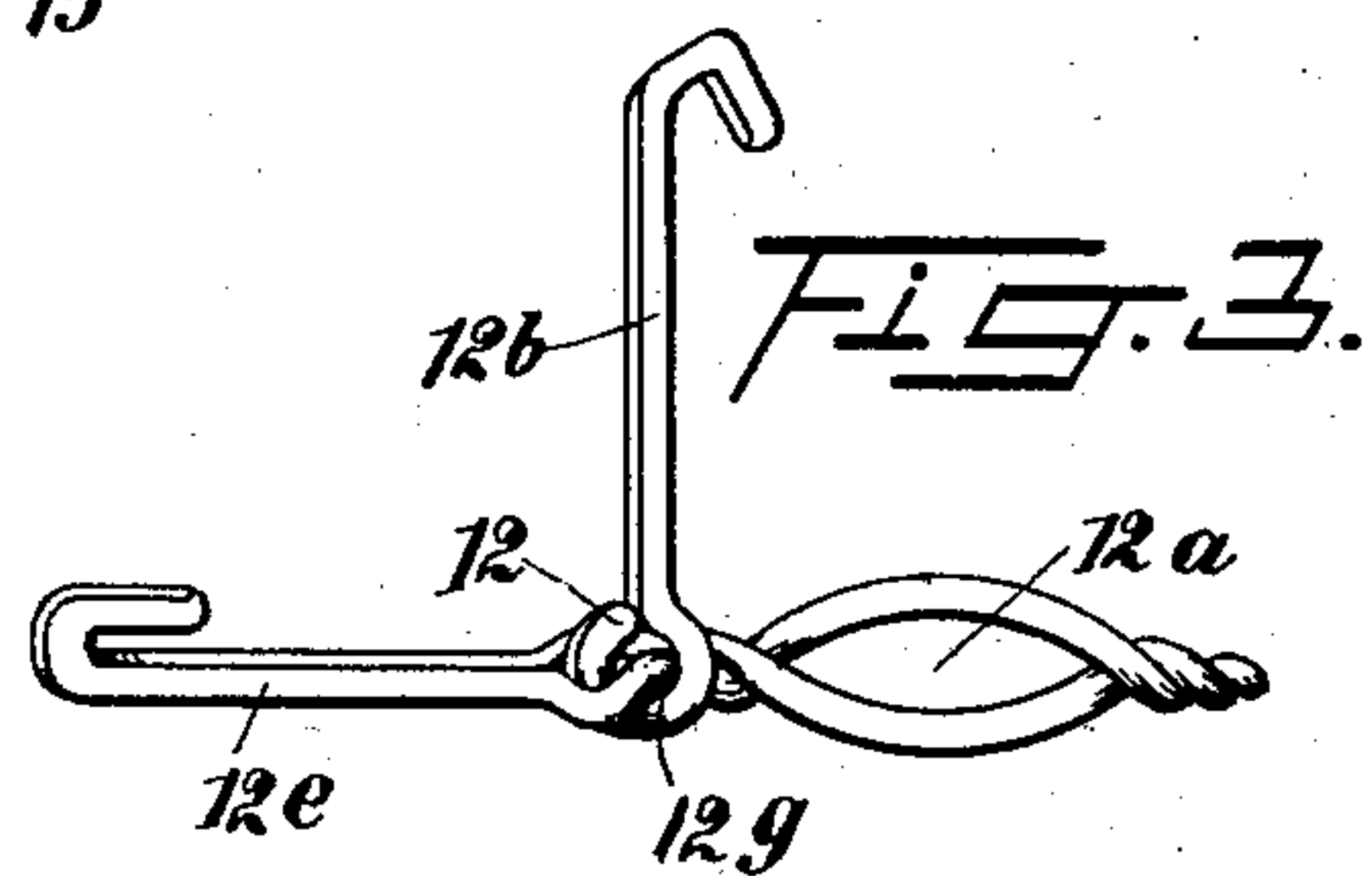


FIG. 3.

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## PLACKET-CLOSING DEVICE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES BRANDT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Placket-Closing Devices, of which the following is a full and complete specification, such as will enable those skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide improved means or devices for closing the placket-opening at the back of a skirt, also for connecting a skirt at the back with the waistband of a waist; and with these and other objects in view the invention consists in a device or devices for the purpose specified constructed as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a back view of the upper part of a skirt and showing also a part of a waist and my improved placket-fastening devices connected therewith; Fig. 2, a view in elevation of one form of a hook which I employ; Fig. 3, a similar view of a modified form of construction.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings I have shown at 5 the back of the upper part of a skirt, the skirt material being shown at 6 and the lining thereof at 7, and the placket-opening is indicated at 8. I have also shown at 9 the bottom of a part of a waist which is provided with a waistband 10, and the top portion or waistband of the skirt is indicated at 11.

In the practice of my invention I provide two similar fastening devices 12, which in the form of construction shown in Figs. 1 and 3 are each composed of a single piece of wire bent to form an outwardly-directed loop 12<sup>a</sup>, an upwardly-directed hook 12<sup>b</sup>, which opens downwardly, and one of said devices is provided with an inwardly-directed member 12<sup>c</sup>, having an eye 12<sup>d</sup>, and the other is provided with an inwardly-directed supplemental hook 12<sup>e</sup>, adapted to engage said eye.

Formed in the adjacent sides of the lining of the skirt at the opposite sides of the placket-opening or in the skirt material are seams 13, which are indicated only by dotted lines in Fig. 1, and these seams form channels or receptacles in which are placed chains 14,

which are connected at the bottom of the placket-opening, as shown at 15, or a single chain may be employed running through both of the seams or channels, and this chain or chains are connected at the upper end with the fastening devices 12, as shown at 16. The loops 12<sup>a</sup> of the fastening devices 12 are sewed to the top portion or waistband of the skirt inside of the skirt material, and the hooks 12<sup>b</sup> project upwardly and are in practice connected with the waistband 10, as shown in Fig. 1, and the chains 14 at the opposite sides of the placket-opening are connected by fine spiral springs 17, as is also shown in Fig. 1, and any desired number of which may be employed. I have also indicated at 18 in Fig. 1 a part of the overlapping flap of the placket-opening, the rest of said flap being broken away, and it will also be seen that the skirt material of both of the flaps of the placket-opening is broken away in Fig. 1, and the chains 14 are shown in full lines; but it will be understood that these chains are in practice concealed in channels formed inside of the skirt material by means of hems or in any desired manner, and these hems or channels may be formed either in the lining of the skirt or in the skirt material itself. When a placket-opening is closed in this manner, it will remain closed at all times, and no movement of the body will cause the same to open. It will be apparent that the fastening devices 12 are detachable or may be disconnected whenever desired, and the springs 17 permit of the skirt being placed on the body or removed therefrom in the usual way.

In Fig. 3 I have shown a modified form of the fastening devices shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and this device comprises the same parts 12<sup>a</sup>, 12<sup>b</sup>, and 12<sup>c</sup> as the device shown in Fig. 2; but the part 12<sup>b</sup> is loosely connected with the parts 12<sup>a</sup> and 12<sup>c</sup> at 12<sup>s</sup>, and this construction permits of a freer movement of the parts, as will be readily understood.

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

1. A placket-closing device comprising a chain or chains adapted to be secured in the skirt at the opposite sides of the placket-opening, fastening devices secured to the waistband portion of the skirt and with which said



chain or chains are connected, means for detachably connecting said fastening devices, and upwardly-directed hooks connected therewith which open downwardly, said chain or chains at the opposite sides of the placket-opening being also connected by spiral springs, substantially as shown and described.

2. The herein-described means for closing a placket, comprising flexible devices adapted to be secured in a skirt at the opposite sides of the placket-opening, fastening devices secured to the waistband portion of the skirt and with which said flexible devices are connected, means for detachably connecting said fastening devices, and upwardly-directed hooks connected therewith which open downwardly, said flexible devices at the opposite sides of the placket-opening being also connected by expansive devices, substantially as shown and described.

3. In a placket-closing and skirt-supporting device, fastening devices comprising two similar members each of which comprises a main horizontal portion provided centrally with an upwardly-directed hook which opens down-

wardly the main horizontal portions being provided with hooks at their adjacent ends which are adapted to be connected and the opposite or outer ends thereof being adapted to be secured to a garment, substantially as shown and described.

4. The herein-described means for closing a placket-opening consisting of flexible devices secured in the flaps of the skirt at the opposite sides of the placket-opening and connected by transverse spiral springs, and fastening devices secured to the top or waistband of the skirt with which said first-named devices are connected, said last-named fastening devices being also adapted to be connected and being provided with upwardly-directed hooks which open downwardly.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of the subscribing witnesses, this 26th day of September, 1901.

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