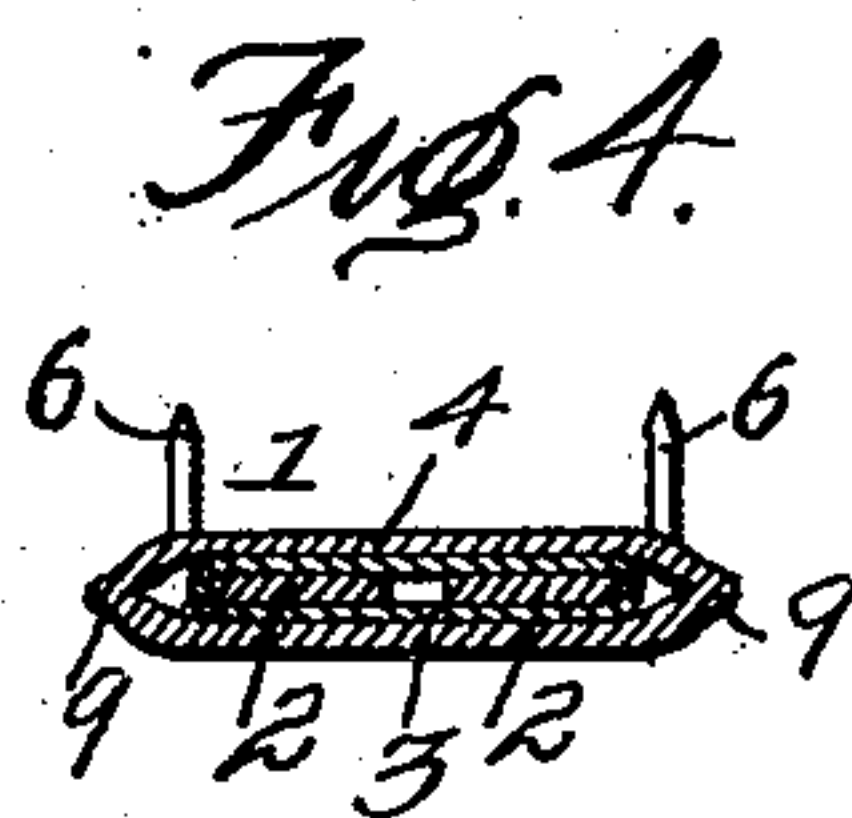
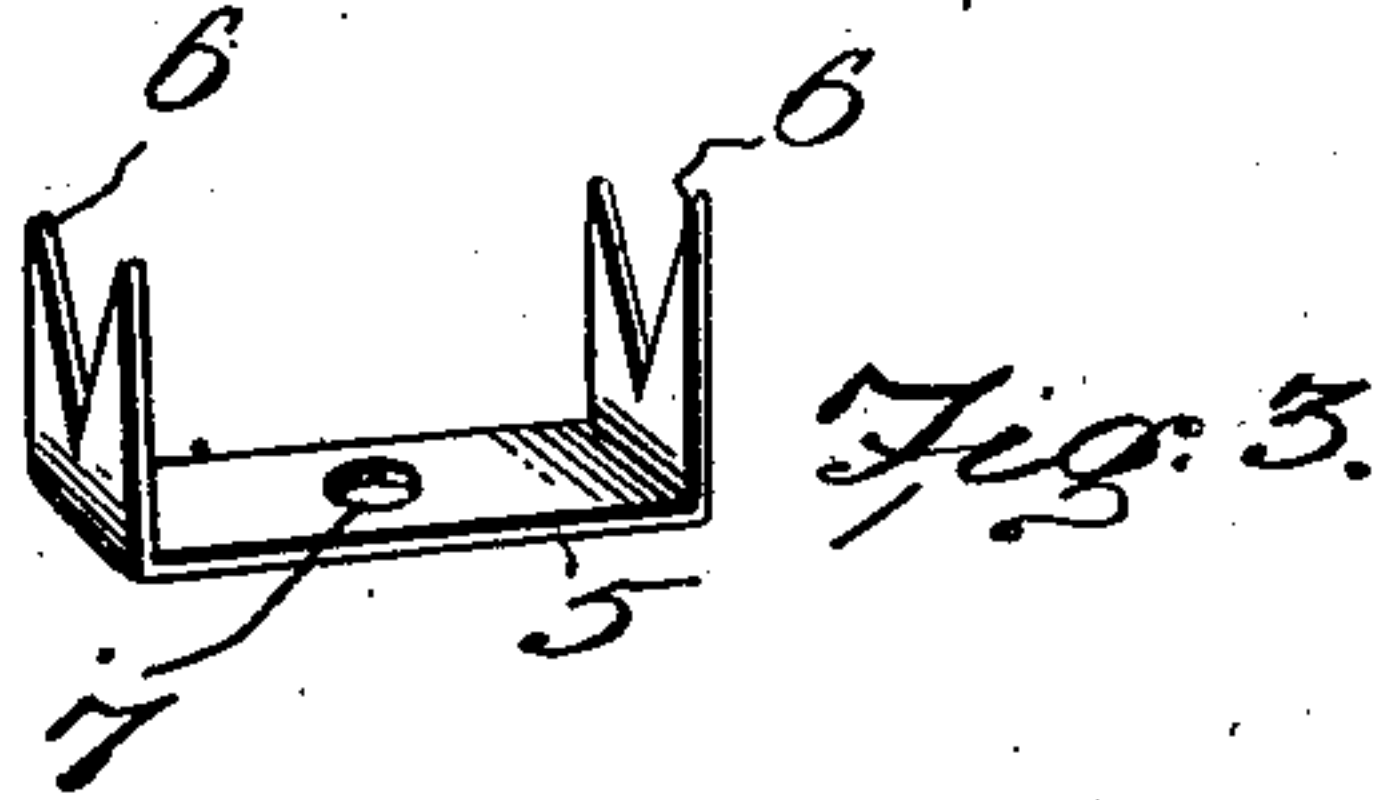
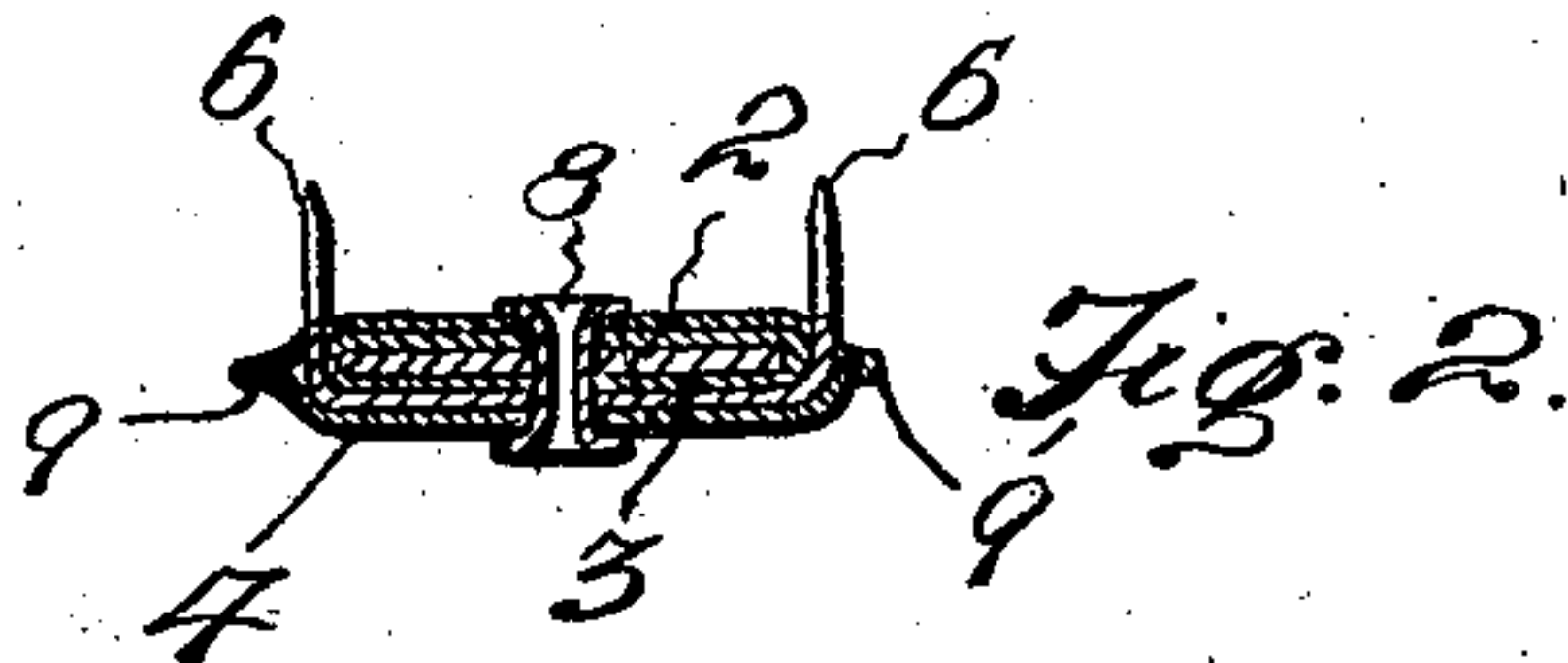
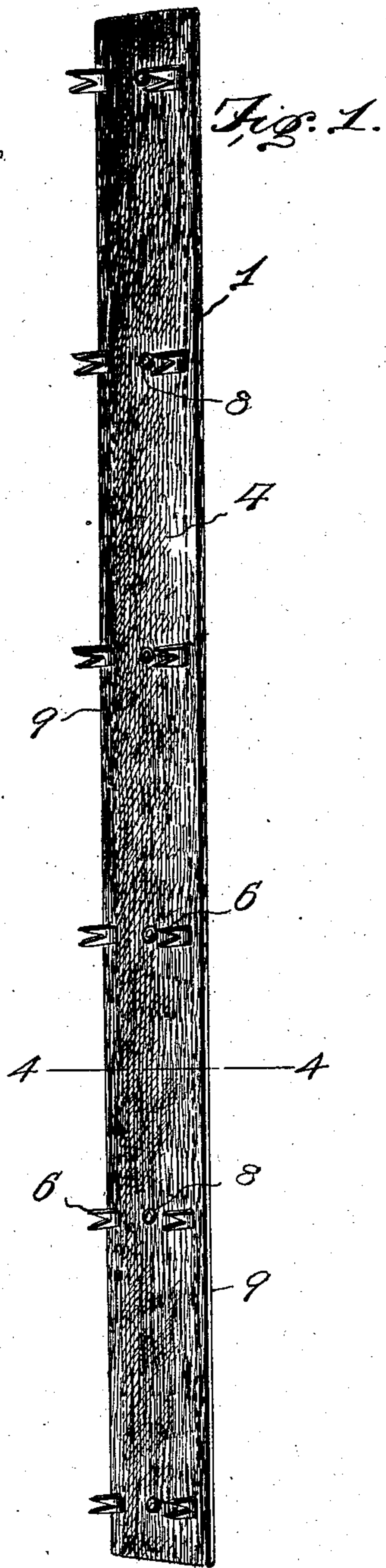


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMY NICKERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Elko, in the county of Putnam and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Dress-Waist Stay, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to dress-waist stays.

The objects of the invention are in a cheap, ready, thoroughly feasible and practical manner to obviate the necessity of stitching to secure a stay in position in the waist of a dress, to prevent the stay when in position from wrinkling or losing shape, to render unnecessary any puncturing of the stiffeners to associate the attaching devices therewith, and to effect a stable and thoroughly effective union between the waist and the stay.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a dress-waist stay, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts, there is illustrated one form of embodiment of the invention capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit thereof, and in these drawings—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a dress-stay constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a view in transverse section. Fig. 3 is a perspective detail view of the fastening device detached from the stay. Fig. 4 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates generally a stay, which may be of the usual or any preferred construction and in this instance comprises two stiffeners 2, composed of lengths of steel spring suitably spaced apart and an envelop or wrapper 3 of paper or other material treated to render it waterproof, thus to protect the stiffeners from rusting, the whole being inclosed in a covering 4 of any suitable textile fabric. It is to be understood, of course, that instead of employ-

ing two stiffeners a single one may be used, and as this will be obvious detailed illustration thereof is deemed unnecessary.

The fastener 5, which constitutes the gist of the present invention, is struck up from a piece of metal, such as tin or brass, and is provided at each end with two prongs 6, extending at right angles to the length of the body of the fastener, the said body being provided with an orifice 7 to receive an eyelet 8, thus to effect proper connection between the fastener and the stay. As herein shown, each terminal of the fastener is provided with two prongs; but it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to this number, as a single prong or more than two may be provided at each of the said terminals and still be within the scope of the invention.

In assembling the fastening devices with the stay they are positioned as shown in Fig. 2, with the prongs bearing against the outer edges of the stiffeners, and the covering 4 is then associated with the stay in the usual manner, the prongs of the fasteners projecting through the laterally-extending edges 9 of the covering, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In applying the stay to a waist of a garment the prongs are thrust through the lining thereof and are then bent or pinched down thereon, thus securing it between the surface of the stay and the prongs, the stiffeners being disposed between the body of the fastener and its prongs, effecting thereby a positive securement of the stay to the waist. It will be seen from this that the stay will not only be positively secured in position, but that it will also be held from wrinkling or working loose in the seam and that the prongs operate in a positive manner to hold the fabric covering 4 upon the stiffeners, thereby in a marked degree adding to the length of life of the stay.

The stay can be readily secured in position and does not require employment of any kind of an instrument for the purpose other than a hammer or a pair of pincers to effect pinching of the prongs upon the material of the waist, thereby effecting a saving in time and labor that has to be expended upon the ordinary stay to sew it in position.

Having thus fully described my invention,

what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a dress-waist stay comprising a stiffener consisting of two strips
5 of suitable material held a short distance apart in a suitable covering, and having the edges of the covering projecting laterally beyond the stiffener, of attaching devices secured within the stay by clenched fastening
10 means passing between the stiffener-strips and having prongs projecting through the said edges and bearing against the sides of the stiffener.

2. The combination with a dress-waist stay,
15 comprising a stiffener composed of two spaced strips of suitable material, and a covering, the

edges of which project laterally beyond the stiffener, of attaching devices disposed within the stay and having prongs projecting through the said edges and bearing against the sides of the stiffener and secured in position by hollow rivets passed through the attaching device and between the stiffener-strips and clenched to the covering.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
25 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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