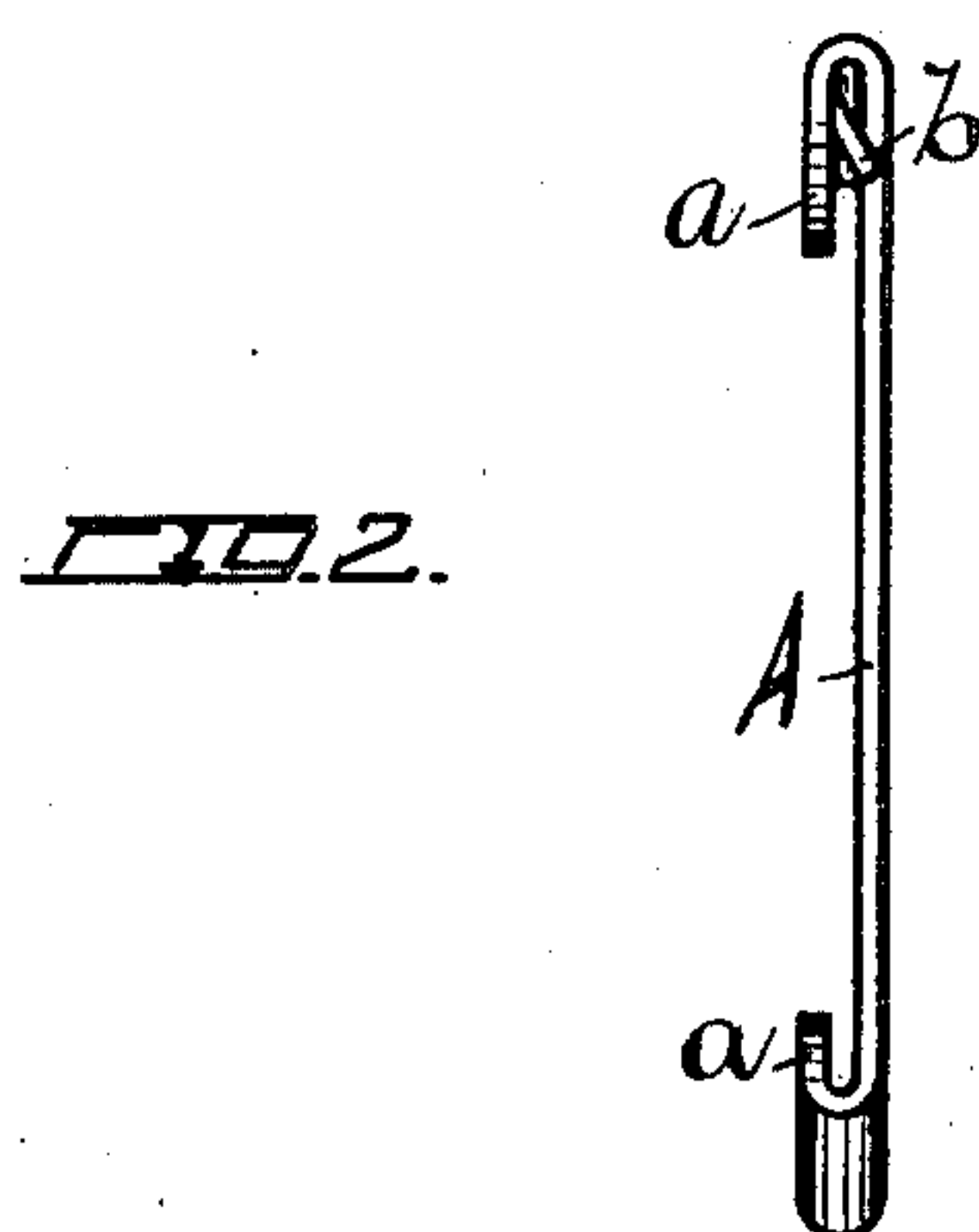
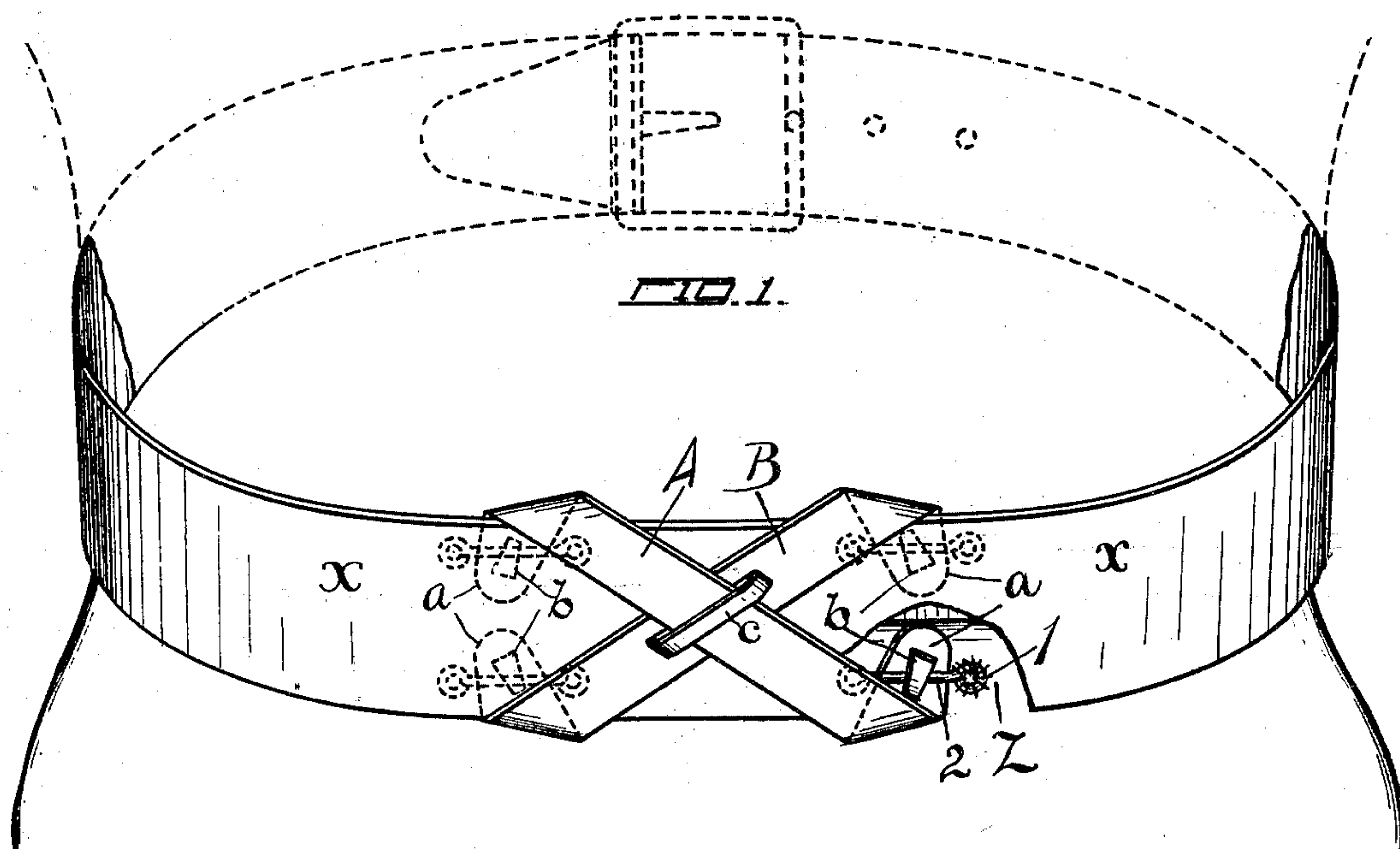


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA CLEVES, residing at Omaha, in the county of Douglas and State of Nebraska, have invented certain useful Improvements in Adjustable Garment-Fasteners; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and novel improvement in garment-fasteners.

The aim of my invention is to provide a fastener adjustably arranged so that the same may be used in securing a skirt to a waist and, further, be adapted to be adjustable to the various widths of belts, so that by means of my garment-fastener two garments may be fastened, while at the same time the fastener may be adjusted to snugly accommodate a narrow ribbon or a wide belt, which will be more fully described, and finally set forth in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown, in Figure 1, the broken portion of a belt disclosing my garment-fastener in position, while Fig. 2 shows an edged view of one of the members composing my garment-fastener.

In securing a skirt to a waist it is desirable not only that these two garments be neatly held together, but the fastener, further, should be adapted to receive a suitable belt or ribbon usually employed in hiding the point of union between the two garments. As the belt may be a narrow ribbon or a wide belt, it is desirable that in order that the idea of neatness be preserved the fastener be adjustable, and so in fulfilling the aim of my invention I provide a fastener comprising a member B, which may be made of sheet spring metal and which has its opposite ends *a* recurved and each recurved end being provided with an extending ear *b*, as is shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The member A works adjustably and slidably within an ear *c* of a counterpart member B, as shown in Fig 1. This ear-provided member B also has its ends *a* recurved and provided with the projecting ears *b*, as shown.

Now by virtue of the projecting ears *c* these two members A and B may be worked scissors fashion to accommodate between the recurved ends *a* a very wide or a comparatively narrow band or belt. Now in order to secure this garment supporter or fastener to the garments the same are provided with suitable eyes, as 2, provided with the attaching-loops 1, and these eyes are preferably in the form of flat stems which neatly fit against the garment, as is shown in Fig. 1, where the lower end *a* of the member A is shown as held below the eye 2. A plurality of these eyes must be used if the width of the belt is to be changed, as the position of these eyes determines the distance between the members A and B.

It will be noticed in referring to Figs. 1 and 2 that the projecting ears *b* extend toward the curve of the end *a*, so that in securing these members *a* and *b* the recurved end must be carried below the eyelet 2 until the projecting ear *b* escapes below the same to later be held above the bend 2 of the eyelet, so that the projecting ear prevents the skirt-fastening members working in one direction and the bend in the members preventing it to work in an opposite direction, so as to provide a neat and simple fastening device, and between these members *a* and *b* is then passed a suitable ribbon or belt *x*, and this ribbon or belt may be passed between the members before they are secured or afterward.

This garment-fastener will hold not only the skirt and waist together, but also retains the belt in place and can further be used in keeping in place a necktie on a standing collar.

By changing the position of the eyes it is adjusted to any width of ribbon or belt, and these flat elongated eyes will not interfere with the laundering of the articles to which they are secured.

The outward-projecting ears *b* further prevent the eyes 2 from showing, and these fasteners can, further, be made of various sizes.

Having thus described my said invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is—

1. A garment-fastener comprising the combination of two rigid members adjustably secured, one to the other, each member having its

ends bent at an angle, the ends of one member being bent toward the ends of the opposite member, each end being provided with an outwardly-extending ear, and suitable means secured to garments to engage said ends and
5 said ears, all arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a belt and garment fastener the combination of a belt-holding member having its
10 opposite ends recurved, each recurved end being provided with an extending ear, said member being further provided with an out-

wardly-extending ear approximately midway of its ends, and a second counterpart member working within said ear, said second member also having its ends recurved, all arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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