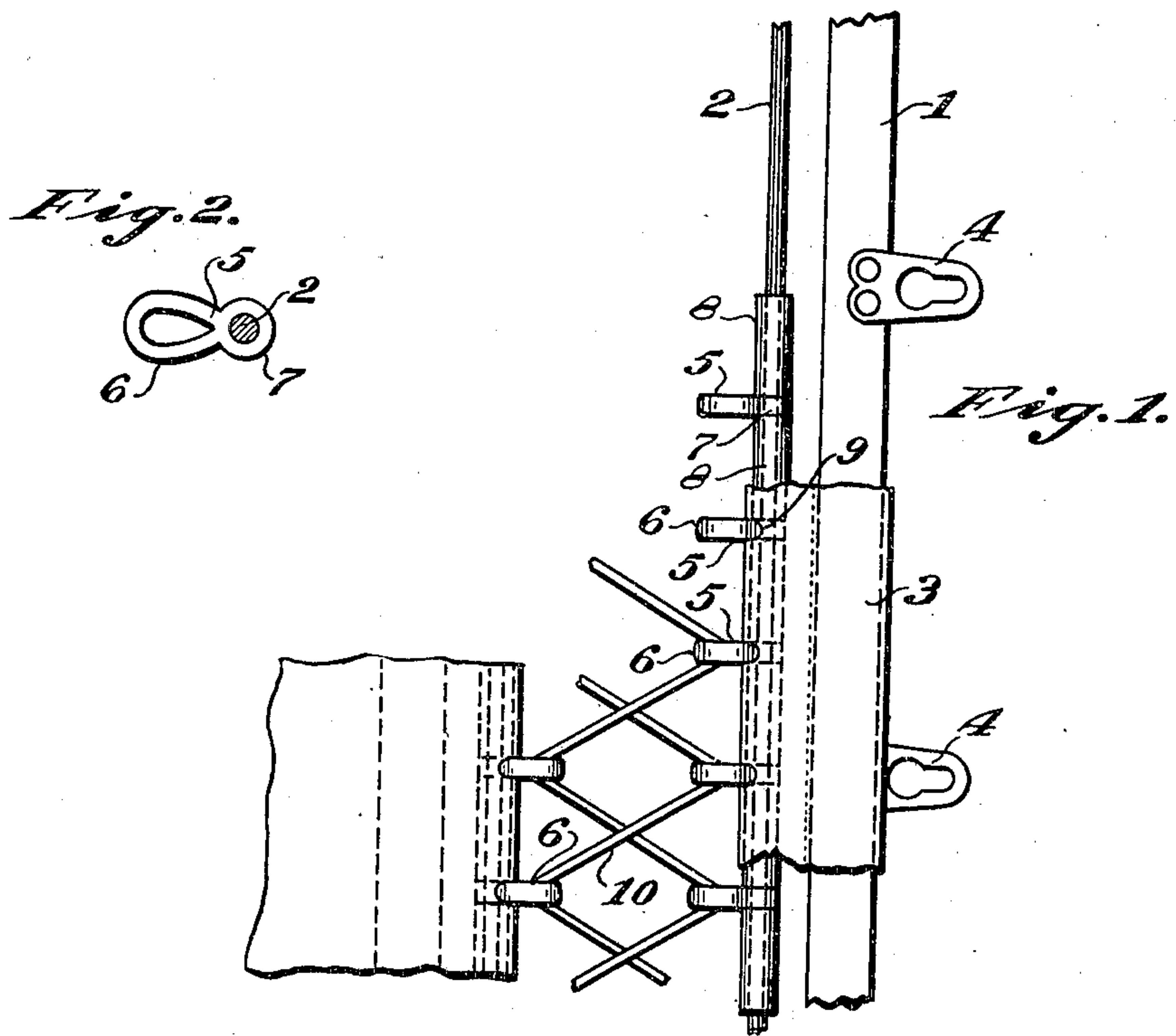


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SAMUEL S. GOSSARD, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Belvidere, Boone county, Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Lacing Construction, of which the following is a specification. The main objects of this invention are to provide an improved form of lacing construction for corsets and similar garments which are intended to fit the form of the wearer; to provide in devices of this class an improved form of lacing-eyelet and improved means for securing the same to the garment, such construction being arranged to permit a certain amount of lateral yielding of the eyelet, so that the same will lie close to the body of the wearer and will yield under movement of the body. I accomplish these objects by the device shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a busk construction for corsets, some of the parts being partly broken away for clearness of illustration. Fig. 2 is a detail of one of the lacing-eyelets.

The device shown in the drawings consists of two busks or stiffeners secured in parallel relationship to each other. One of these stiffeners consists of a flat flexible rod 1, and the other consists of a flexible rod 2, which is preferably of circular cross-section, said rods being substantially parallel to each other and being flexibly connected throughout their length by a covering of cloth 3. The rod 1 has a plurality of clasp members 4 extending transversely toward one side thereof and lying in the plane of said rods. These clasp members are of the form which is well known in corset construction and engage headed members on the opposite edge of the garment, so as to permit the same to be readily connected or separated. The rod 2 has mounted thereon a series of lacing members 5, each comprising an eyelet 6 and a hub or sleeve 7, which loosely fits the rod 2. The members 5 are spaced apart by means of cylindrical spacers or sleeves 8, which prevent relative shifting of the members 5 longitudinally of the rod 2, but are loose upon the rod, so as to provide for the necessary yielding to permit the bending of the rod to accommodate itself to the form of the wearer. The loops of the eyelets 7 each lie in a plane sub-

stantially at right angles to the rod 2, and said members are preferably made free to swing on the rod, so as to lie close to the body of the wearer. The cloth covering 3 is cut out at 9 to permit the eyelets to project therefrom.

The construction shown permits the busks 1 and 2 to yield laterally with respect to each other, permits them to bend freely, and at the same time permits each eyelet to swing, so as to lie close to the form of the wearer under the tension of the lacing-cord 10.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a corset or the like, a busk or stay having thereon a plurality of lacing members, each comprising a sleeve rotatably surrounding the stay and a lacing-eye projecting outwardly therefrom.

2. The combination of a busk, a rod extending longitudinally of said busk, and having flexible connection therewith, and a plurality of lacing members mounted to rotate on said rod, said members being adapted to be engaged by a lacing-cord and to yield on said rod under the strain of said cord.

3. In a corset or the like, the combination of a rod having loosely mounted thereon a series of lacing members, spacers separating said members and adapted to prevent longitudinal shifting thereof, each of said members having therein an eyelet for engaging a lacing-cord, and said members being adapted to swing on said rod under the tension of such lacing-cord, substantially as described.

4. In a garment, the combination of a rod of circular cross-section, a series of lacing members loosely mounted on said rod, a series of spacers separating said lacing members, and adapted to secure the same against shifting longitudinally of the rod, said lacing members being adapted to be engaged by a lacing-cord and being adapted to rotate on said rod to suit the movements of such lacing-cord.

5. A corset-busk comprising a rod extending along one edge of the garment, a series of lacing members loosely mounted on said rod but secured against shifting longitudinally thereon, each of said members being adapted to swing in a plane at right angles to said rod and having at one side of the rod an eyelet for engaging a lacing-cord.

6. In a corset or the like, the combination



of a flexible rod, a plurality of lacing members loosely mounted on said rod, a plurality of spacers also loosely mounted on the rod for spacing said members apart, all arranged 5 to permit the free bending of said rod and at the same time permit said members to rotate in a plane at right angles to the rod when engaged by a lacing-cord.

7. In a corset or the like, the combination 10 of a flexible rod, a plurality of lacing members loosely mounted on said rod, a plurality of spacers also loosely mounted on the rod for spacing said members apart, and a covering of flexible material extending around said 15 rod and having individual openings therein through which each of said members extends.

8. In a corset or the like, the combination of a flexible rod, a plurality of lacing members loosely mounted on said rod, a plurality

of spacers also loosely mounted on the rod 20 for spacing said members apart, and a covering of flexible material extending around said rod and having individual openings therein at each of said members, and each of said 25 members having thereon an eyelet projecting outward from said covering for engaging a lacing-cord.

9. In a corset or the like, a busk or stay having a plurality of lacing members mounted to rotate thereon independently of each 30 other, in a plane substantially at right angles to the stay.

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