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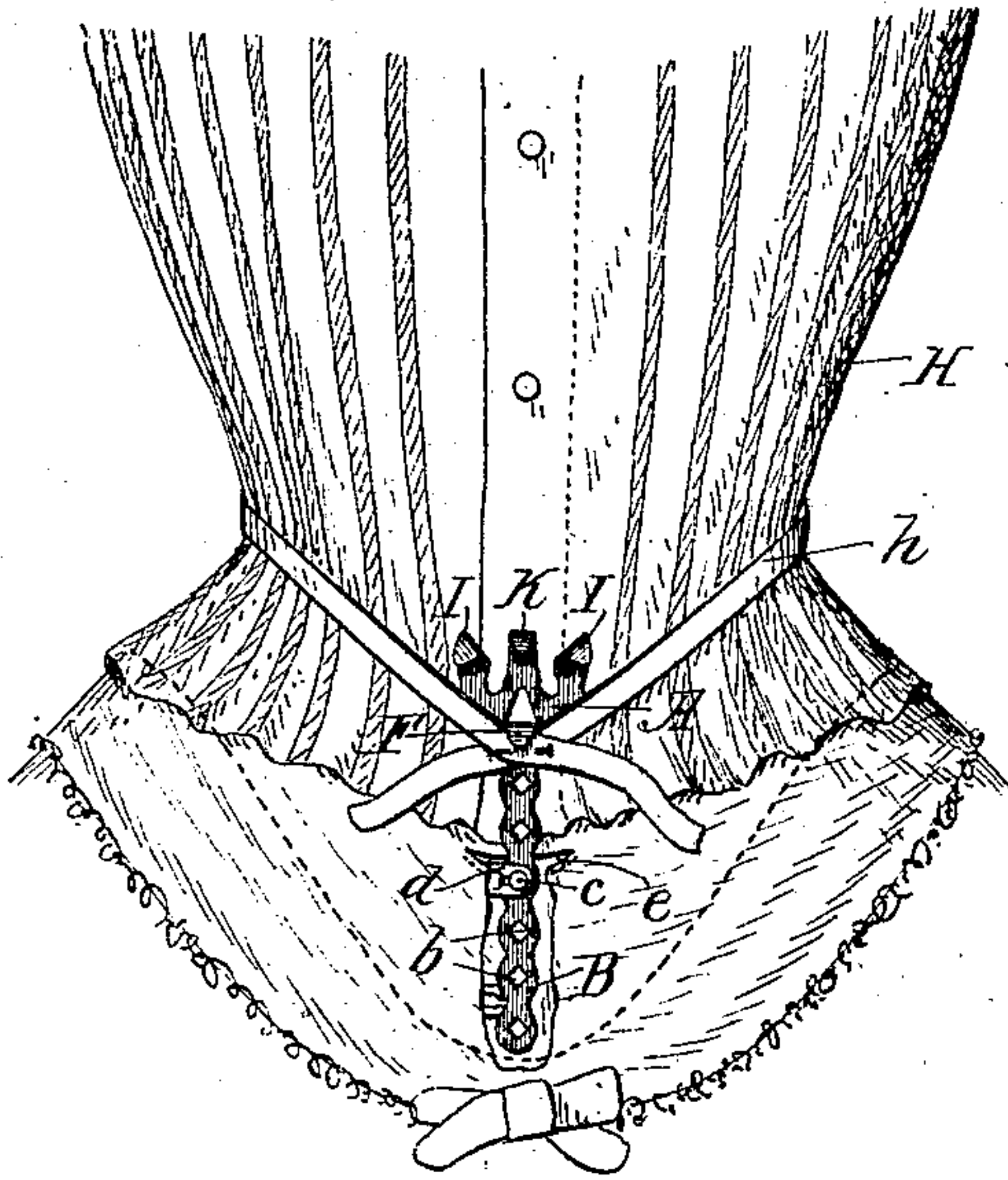


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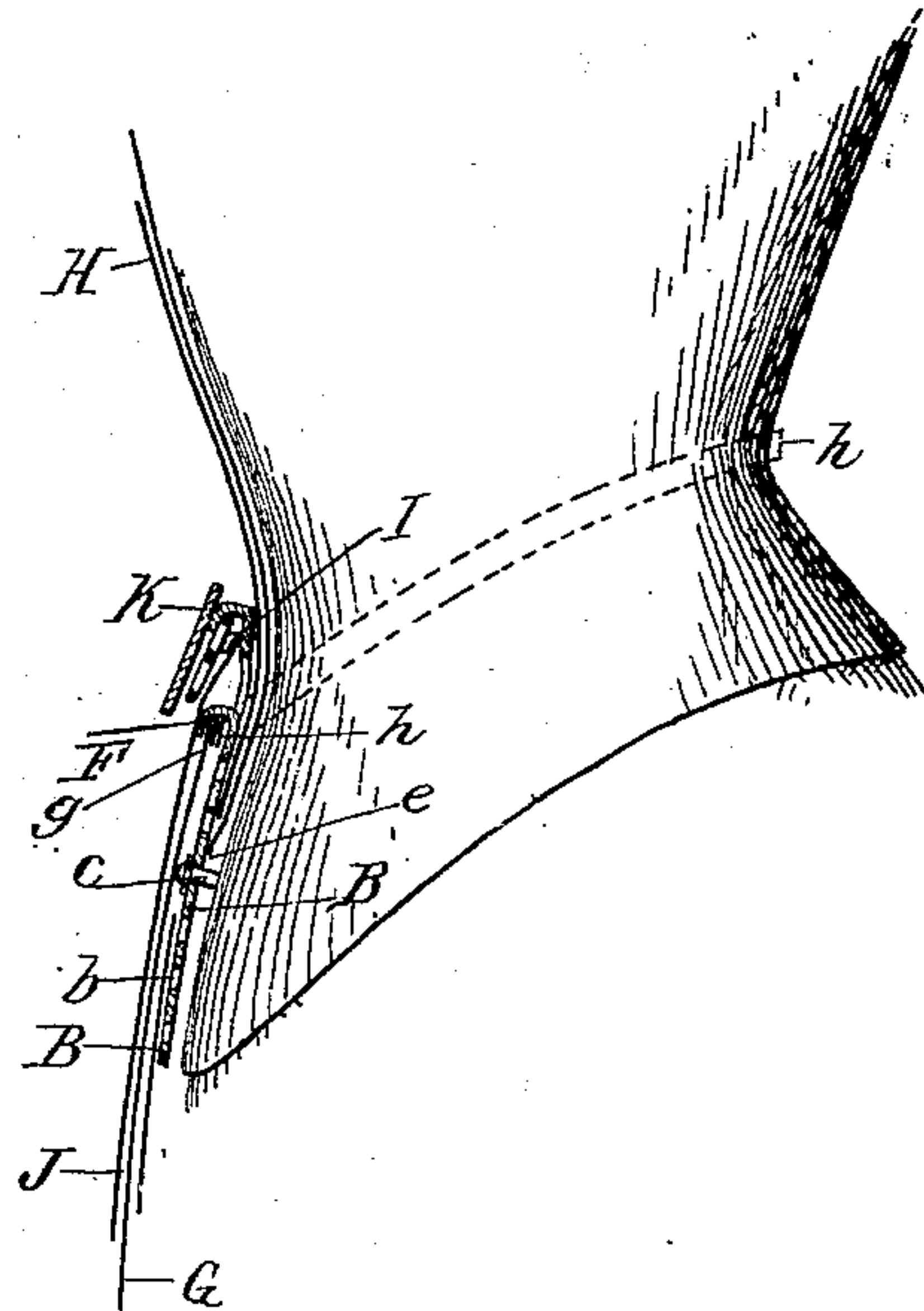


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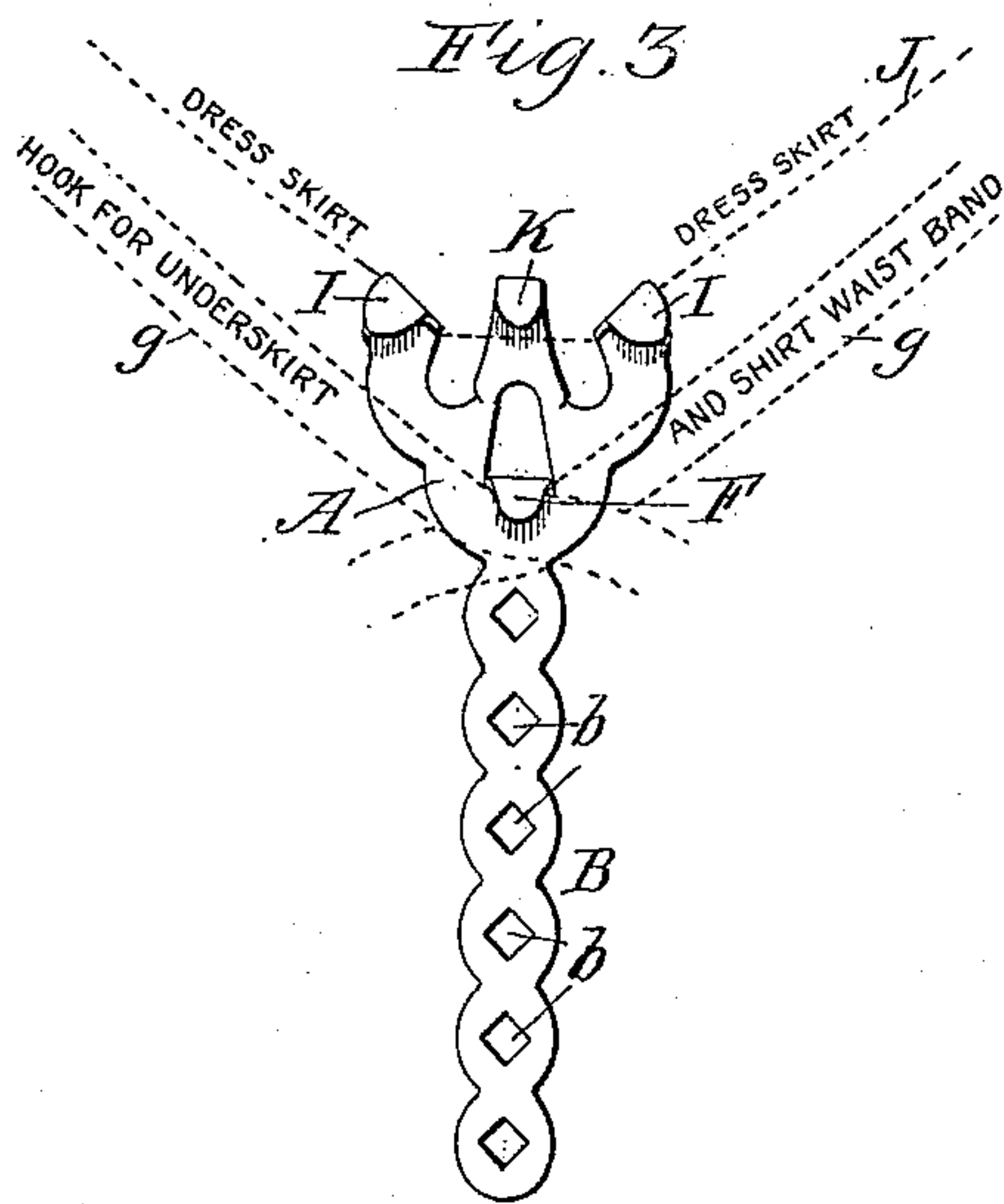
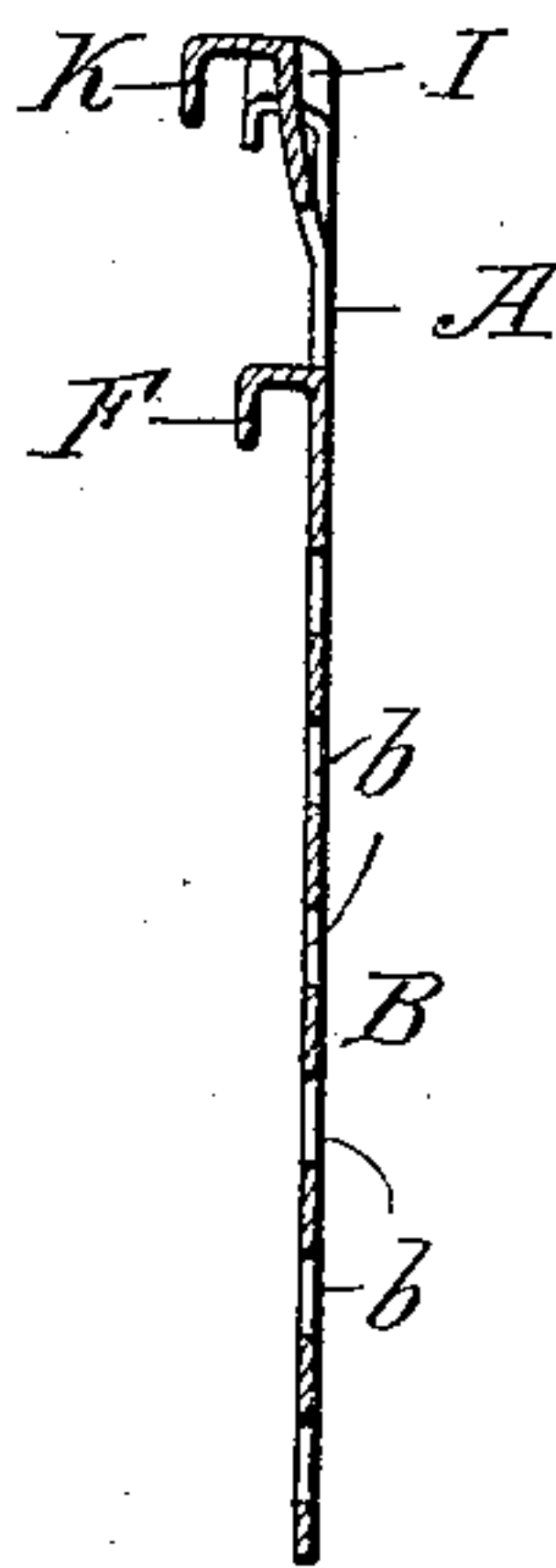


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILHELMINA W. LOWRIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Combined Garment Adjusters and Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a garment adjuster or fastener adapted to be secured to a corset or other suitable under garment and having means for engaging the garment at the waist line for maintaining the correct adjustment of the garments.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and desirable device capable of ready application which will securely hold a belt, dress skirt, shirt waist and underskirt in the correct relation at the waist line without the use of pins or other fastening devices.

A further object is to so construct the device that the belt, dress skirt, shirt waist and underskirt are held lower down in front than at the back so as to extend or lengthen the waist line in front and give the forwardly sloping or "dip" effect to the waist line, which is deemed desirable by some at the present time.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a front view of a garment adjuster or fastener embodying the invention and showing the same applied to the supporting-garment and holding the shirt-waist. Fig. 2 is a sectional view showing the adjuster applied and holding the several garments. Fig. 3 is an enlarged front view of the garment adjuster, indicating by dotted lines the waist bands of the dress skirt, shirt waist and underskirt. Fig. 4 is an enlarged vertical section thereof.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several figures.

A represents the body of the garment adjuster or fastener which is thin and may be of any desired shape or configuration. The body is provided with suitable means for securing it to the corset or other suitable undergarment at the correct height to retain the garments in the desired position. In the device shown the body is provided with an integral downwardly extending shank or portion B, which is provided with a vertical row of holes *b* either of which is adapted to engage over one of the front corset clasp studs or devices *c* which are provided on the corset or other supporting garment. The adjuster is usually secured on one of the lowermost studs

and it may be adjusted vertically to suit different wearers or to give more or less "dip" to the waist line by engaging the stud in the correct hole *b*.

The accidental detachment of the adjuster from the stud may be prevented by hooking the eye *d* of the corset clasp on the stud outside of or over the shank of the adjuster as indicated in Fig. 1. When a chemise, or other analogous undergarment is worn over the corset it is preferably provided in front with a button hole or opening *e* through which the shank can be passed to secure the adjuster.

The body of the adjuster is provided with a hook *F* for engaging over the waist bands *g* and *h* of the underskirt *G* and shirt waist *H* to hold these garments from rising in front. The hook *F* is arranged centrally of the lower portion of the body and is bent forwardly and downwardly. Above the underskirt and shirt-waist hook *F* is provided, preferably two, hooks *I* which are also bent forwardly and downwardly. These hooks are adapted to engage over the waist band of the dress skirt *J* to hold the latter. The dress skirt hooks *I* are located sufficiently far above the underskirt and shirt waist hook *F* to give the dress skirt considerable lap over the underskirt and shirt-waist to completely hide the meeting edges of these garments and permit of the dress skirt being easily engaged under its holding hooks *I*. The latter are preferably arranged at an angle or inclination to each other so as to produce the forwardly sloping or V-shaped waist line without rumpling or creasing the upper edge of the skirt band.

K represents a fourth hook, which is arranged at the upper portion of the adjuster body between the dress skirt hooks *I* at such a height as to engage with the buckle or a part on the belt which is worn outside of the dress skirt and shirt-waist. The belt hook extends farther forward than the other hooks so as not to draw the belt inward and cause undue pressure thereof on the other hooks or render it difficult to engage the belt with its hook. In the construction shown the central portion of the body having the belt hook is bent or offset forwardly beyond the plane of the remainder of the body to place the belt hook forward of the other hooks.

The adjuster may be formed of any suitable thin material, such as sheet metal, having the necessary flexibility to enable it to

conform to the curvature of the wearer's body and yet having adequate rigidity to securely hold the garments. The adjuster is preferably stamped from a single piece of sheet metal, the hooks being formed by properly bending portions of the body.

The device securely holds the belt, dress skirt, shirt waist and underskirt in their correct relation as described, and absolutely avoids the use of pins or other fastening devices, which have heretofore been necessary for one or more of the garments.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A garment fastener comprising a body provided with means for attaching it to a supporting garment, a forwardly and downwardly projecting hook arranged on the lower portion of the body, forwardly and downwardly projecting side hooks arranged at opposite sides of the body and at a higher level than said lower hook, and an upper hook arranged higher than said side hooks and projecting forwardly from the body beyond said side hooks and lower hook, substantially as set forth.

2. A garment adjuster or fastener comprising a body provided with means for attaching it to a supporting garment, a hook arranged at the lower central portion of the body for engaging the underskirt and shirt-waist bands, a pair of hooks arranged above and at opposite sides of said underskirt and shirt waist hook for engaging the dress skirt band, and a hook which extends forwardly beyond said dress skirt hooks for holding the belt, substantially as set forth.

3. A garment adjuster or fastener comprising a body, an attaching shank depending from said body and provided with holes for engagement with a stud on a supporting garment, a hook arranged at the lower central portion of the body for engaging the shirt-waist, a pair of hooks arranged above and at opposite sides of said shirtwaist hook for engaging the dress skirt, and a hook for holding the belt, substantially as set forth.

4. A garment fastener, consisting of a plate having means for securing the same to a garment, a plurality of upper garment engaging devices situated at the upper end of and upon the front face of said plate and extending inwardly from the side edges thereof, said upper garment engaging de-

vices being inclined upwardly and outwardly to the side edges of the plate from a vertical line passing through the approximate center thereof, and a garment engaging device situated on the front face of the plate below said upper garment engaging devices and on a vertical line passing through the approximate center of said plate.

5. A garment engaging device, consisting of a plate having means at the lower end thereof for securing the same to a garment, the upper edges of said plate being inclined upwardly and outwardly from a vertical line passing through the approximate center thereof, and garment engaging hooks on the front face of said plate extending downwardly from said upper inclined edges thereof forming inclined hooks along the upper inclined edges of the plate extending upwardly and outwardly from a vertical line passing through the approximate center of the plate, the inner ends of said hooks being slightly separated, and said hooks consisting of downwardly bent extensions of the upper inclined edges of said plate.

6. A garment adjuster or fastener comprising a body, an attaching shank depending from said body and provided with means for attaching it to a supporting garment, a hook arranged at the lower central portion of the body for engaging the shirt-waist, a pair of hooks arranged above and at opposite sides of said shirtwaist hook for engaging the dress skirt, and a hook for holding the belt, substantially as set forth.

7. A garment fastener, comprising a plate having means for attachment to the corsets, a head provided at one end of said plate, a downwardly turned hook provided near the lower end of said head, downwardly turned side hooks provided on said head above said first named hook, a downwardly turned hook provided on said head between said side hooks and projecting outwardly beyond the same, and said side and belt hooks being in different vertical planes.

Witness my hand this 12th day of June, 1902.

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