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Fig. 1.

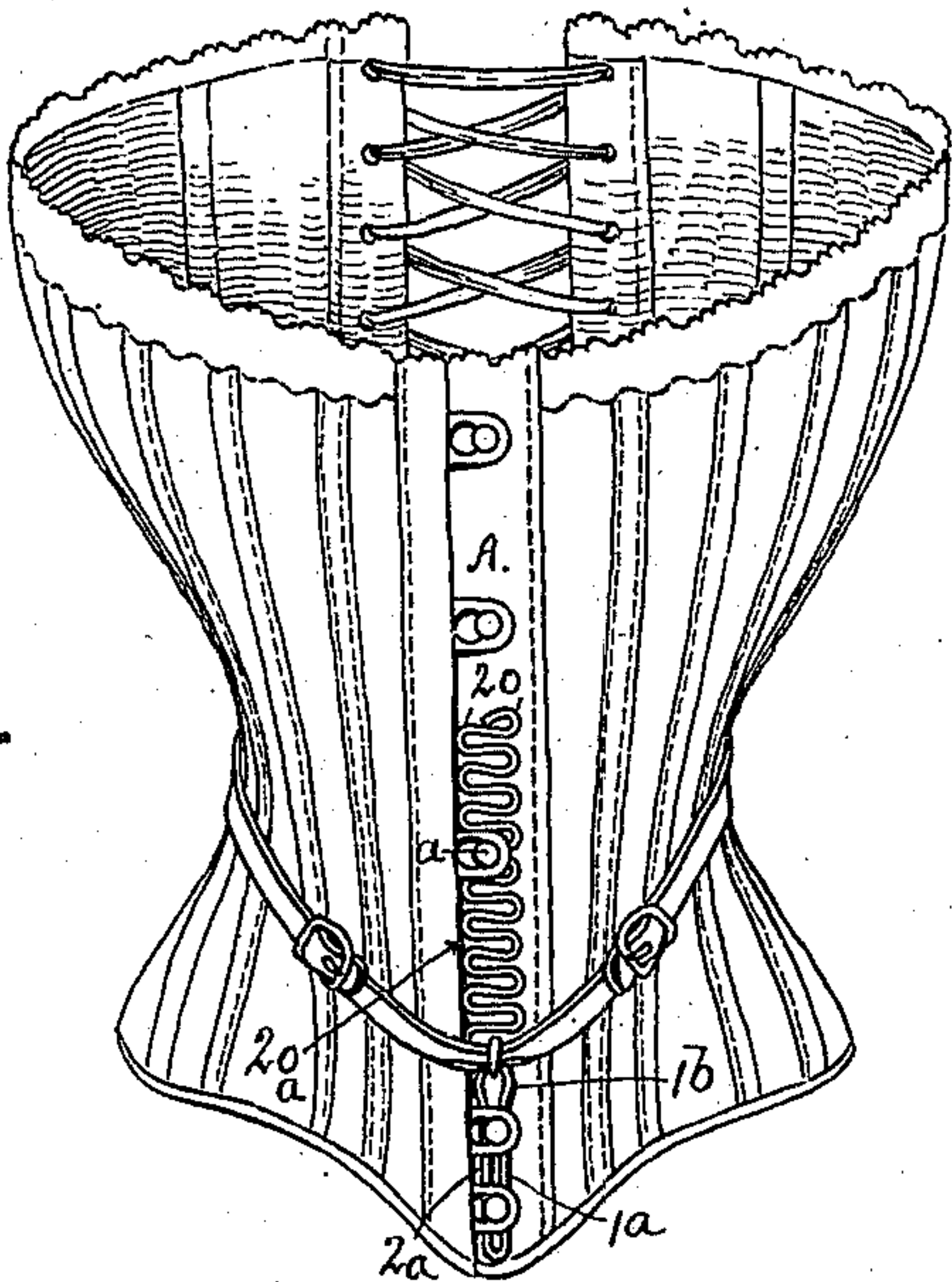
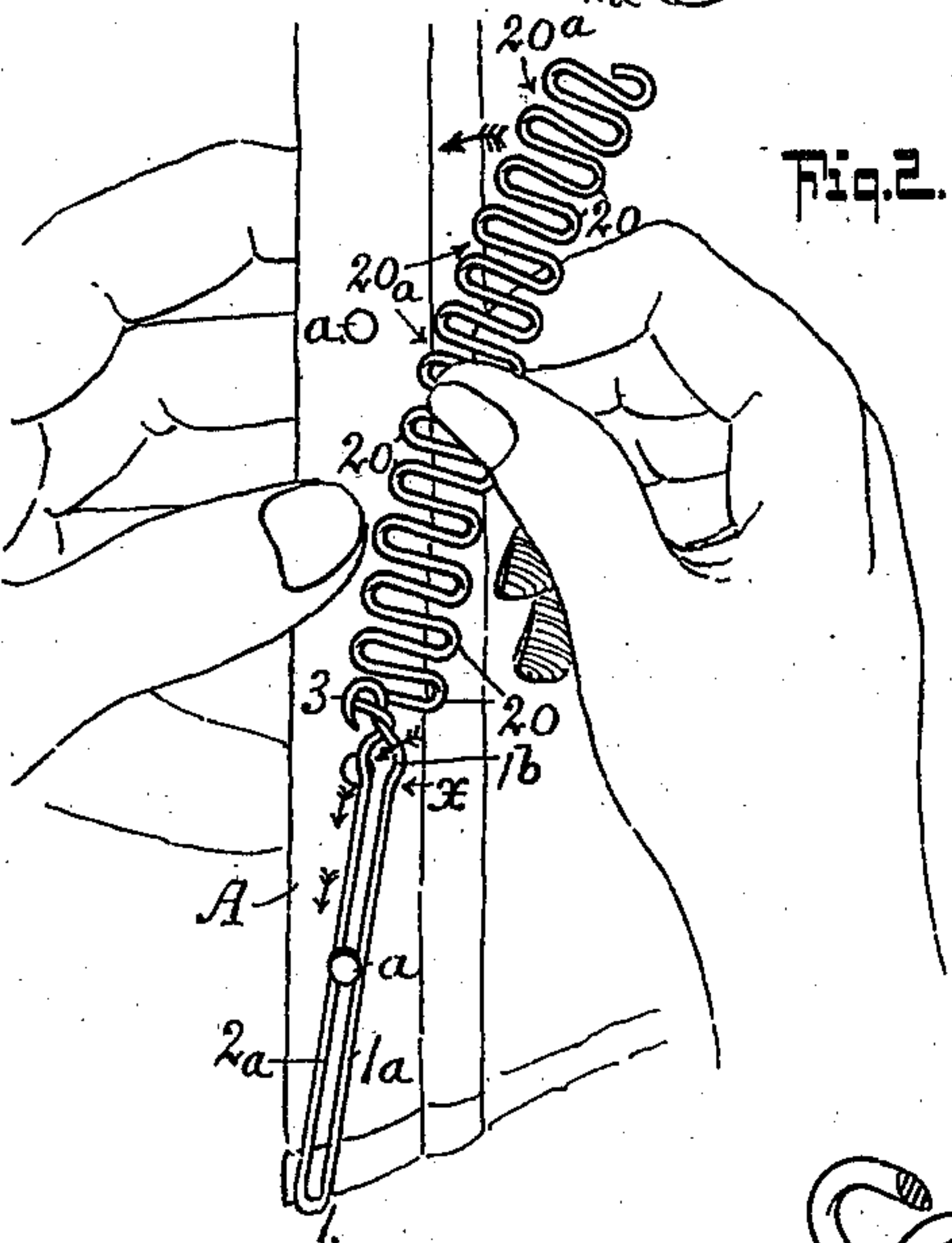


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 5.

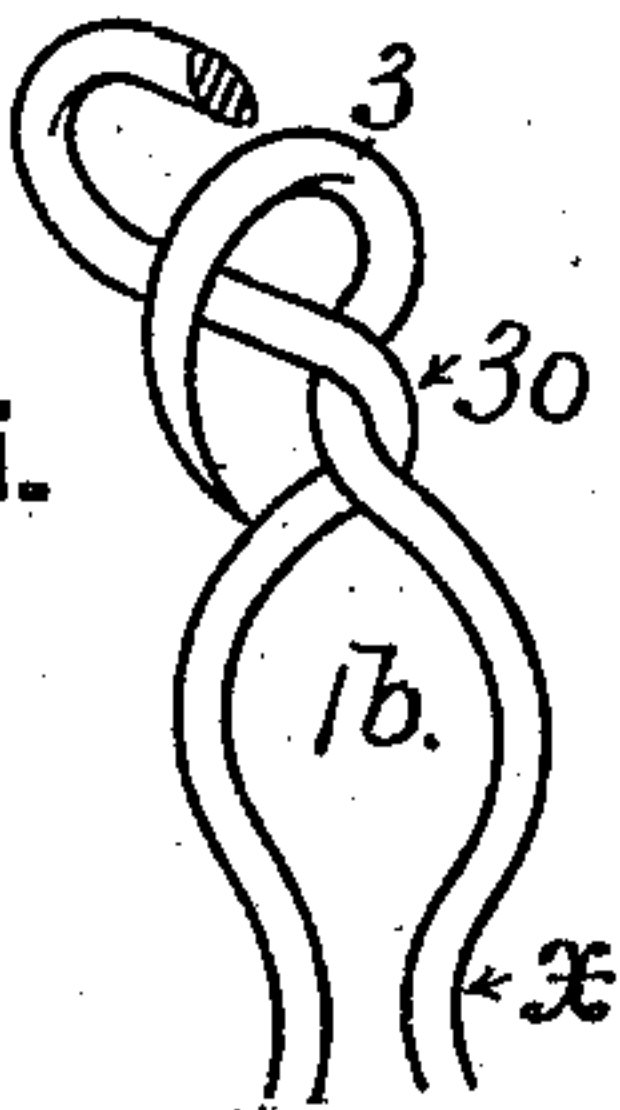


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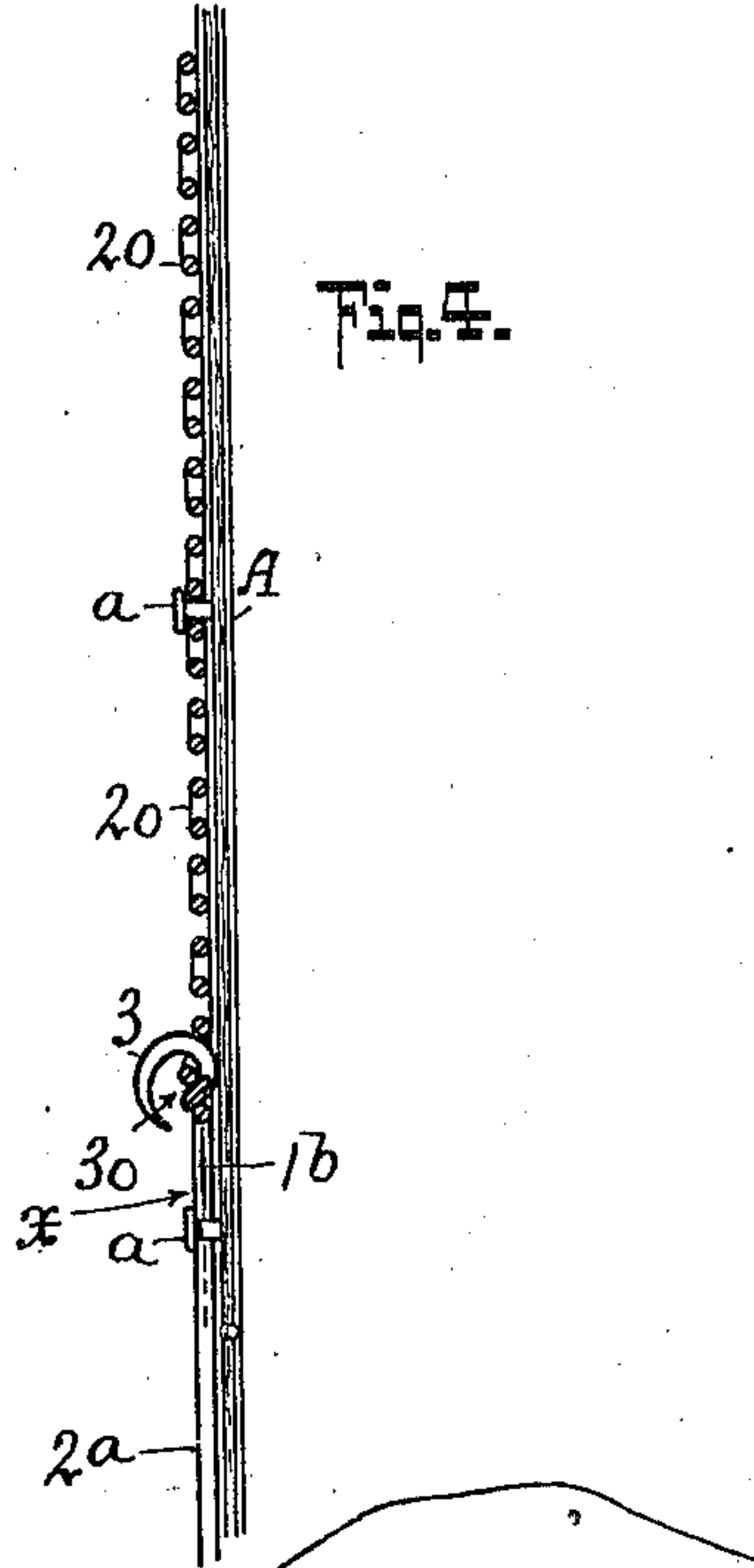
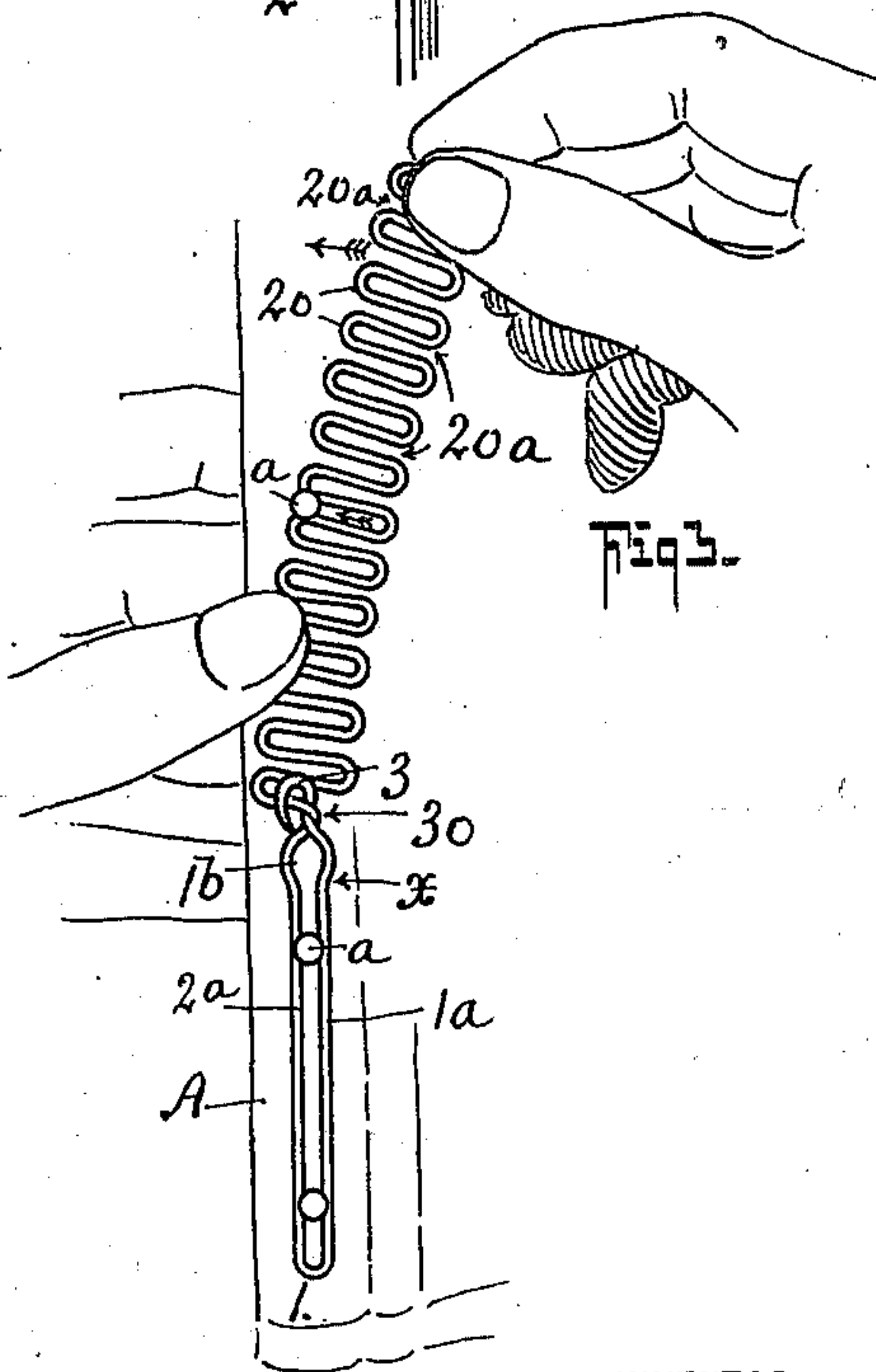


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FLORENCE HUNTER, of the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, and State of Oregon, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Supporter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in that class of supporters and the like devices, utilized for holding up women's garments, and it more particularly seeks to provide a simple, inexpensive and effective device, adapted for being quickly connected to a corset front for holding down the waist band of a skirt, or a girdle, or for pulling down a shirt front and in such manner so that neither of the said various garments will rise beyond their proper position whether a person is sitting or walking or in any change of position.

With the above and other purposes in view, my invention comprehends a device of the general character stated, that can be readily slipped into an operative position on the corset front at the point desired and become interlocked with the corset snaps or fasteners and which can be almost instantly removed from the corset or adjusted up or down on the clip or fastener holding stay.

In its more definite nature, my invention consists of a device for the purpose stated formed of a single strand of spring wire bent upon itself at one end to form an elongated spring loop adapted for slidably engaging and interlocking with any selected one or more of the headed studs or hooks on one of the locking stays of the corset, a series of transverse convolutions adapted to spring lock with other ones of the said headed studs and a hook member that projects outwardly at right angles from the body of the holder for receiving the waist band, girdle or shirt waist end.

In its still more subordinate features, my invention consists in a device or holder of the general character described that has the peculiar arrangement and correlation of parts, that will be hereinafter fully explained, be specifically pointed out in the appended claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1, is a view of a corset with my improved holder applied as in practical use. Fig. 2, is a view of a part of the stud stay of the corset and my holder and illustrates the first step in fitting my device onto the

corset for use. Fig. 3, is a similar view that shows the final step or way of securing the holder on the corset. Fig. 4, is a longitudinal section of a part of a corset and showing the lock stud equipped stay member and my holder attached. Fig. 5, is a detail perspective view of the holder.

My invention, which is a new article of manufacture, in the preferred construction, comprises a body formed or bent to shape from a single spring wire strand, but it may be formed of several members bent to the desired shape and suitably connected.

As best shown in Fig. 3, the holder comprises a slide clamp that is made by bending one end of the strand upon itself to form a long loop 1, the two parallel portions 1^a 2^a being bent to lie more closely against each other at the upper or neck end of the loop so as to create a clamping tension of the said two parts 1^a—2^a so that when slipped over the hook or headed stud *a* on the corset stay member A, the said parts 1^a—2^a will engage the said stud *a* under a tight frictional contact.

To facilitate the ready slipping of the loop slide over the stud *a* the two parts 1^a—2^a just above the neck *x* are curved outwardly to form a widened opening or eye 1^b.

The free end of member 1^a is bent outwardly at right angles from the body of the holder to form a hook 3, the end of which is sharpened and curved inwardly to lie closely to the body of the holder so as to avoid injury to the hands or person in coming in contact therewith and to also the more securely hold the goods of the various garments in place and to better advantage.

The member 2^a of the slide loop, where it merges with the hook end of the other member 1^a of the loop is preferably made fast to the said member 1^a by twisting once around the shank or neck end of the hook 3 as at 30, and it may be, at the twist portion, soldered to the other member.

From the twist or secured part the member 2^a is extended and bent into a series of slide loops 20, disposed in a transverse plane relatively to the hook and the long slide loop, the several loops being alternately disposed and the bends of the wire so made that the entrant or neck portions 20^a are restricted so that the said loops 20 will firmly snap over the corset fastenings or studs.

By reason of forming the holder with a

long pendent slide loop having an entrant eye for slipping over the corset fastening stud, the said slide loop can be quickly slipped over the said fastening stud and the holder slid to the point desired, see Fig. 2, after which the holder, with its now lowermost or fastened point as its fulcrum, can be swung laterally in either direction so that one of the transverse slide loops will readily slip into and interlock with an upper one of the studs on the corset stay, as will be clearly understood from Fig. 3.

One of the advantages of my form of holder is that it can be easily attached to any size of corset, no matter whether the studs on the stays are widely or closely separated, since the long loop slide can be so slipped on the stud it engages to bring some one of the numerous transverse slide loops into position to firmly interlock with an upper one of the said fastening studs.

From the foregoing, taken in connection with the drawing, the manner in which my holder is adapted for being applied to a corset, and the manner in which it sets to hold the skirt band, or girdle from working up and for holding a shirt waist pulled down under all of the ordinary positions of the body will be readily apparent to those skilled in the use of kindred devices.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a wire having a portion bent back parallel with itself to form an elongated slotted fastening member, the end of the bent back portion terminating in a garment engaging hook, said wire having a zigzag extension above the hook forming a fastening means, said

bent back portion and said zigzag extension lying in the same general plane. 40

2. A new article of manufacture, consisting of a wire strand having a portion bent back upon itself to form an elongated slotted fastening member, the end of the bent back portion terminating in a hook, said strand having another portion bent to form zigzag convolutions in a plane at right angles to the direction of projection of said hook, said bent back portion and said zigzag extension lying in the same general plane. 45 50

3. As a new article, an attachment for corsets comprising a body formed of a single piece of wire having a long slide loop at one end and a series of transverse loops at the other end, and a garment engaging hook at the juncture of the long slide loop with the transverse loops, said long slide loop and said zigzag extension lying in the same general plane. 55 60

4. As a new article of manufacture, a garment holder formed of a single spring wire strand, one end of which forms a hook and is bent upon itself to form a loop for slipping over the fastening stud on a corset stay, one of the loop portions being twisted about the other at the neck of the hook, the said twisted portion being extended and formed into a series of transverse convolutions adapted for snapping over the fastening stud on a corset stay, said loop portion and said zigzag convoluted portion lying normally in substantially the same plane. 65 70

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