

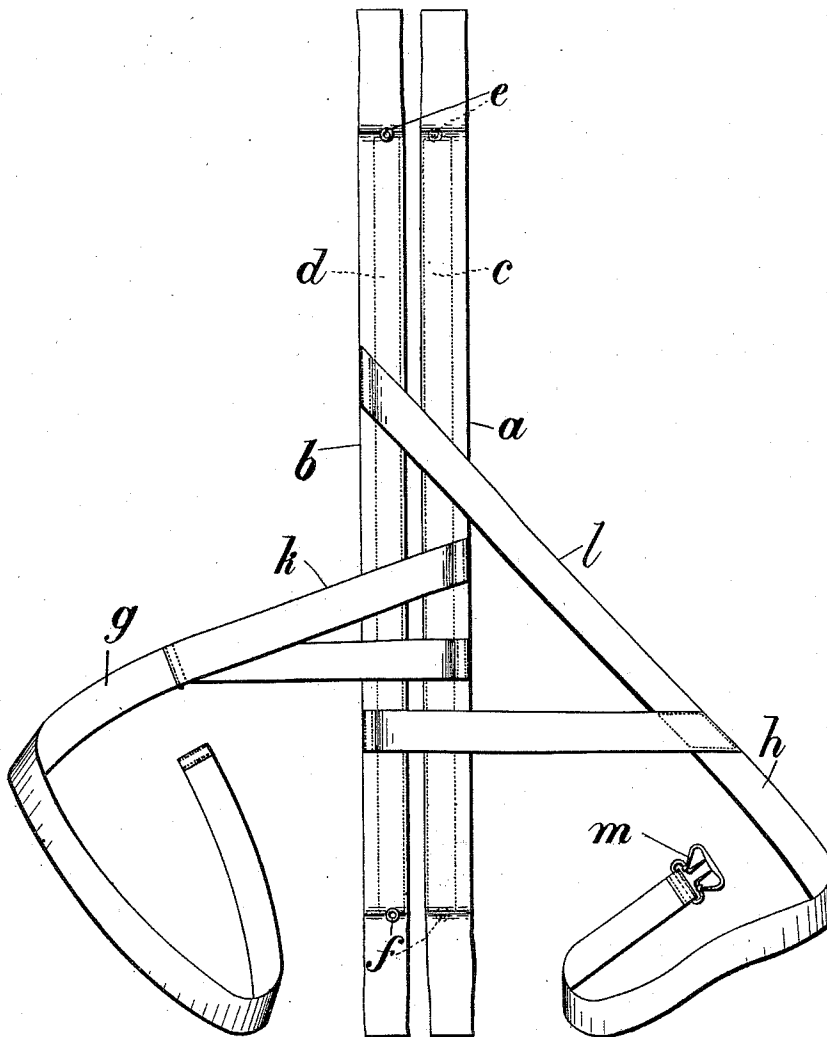
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Fig 1.



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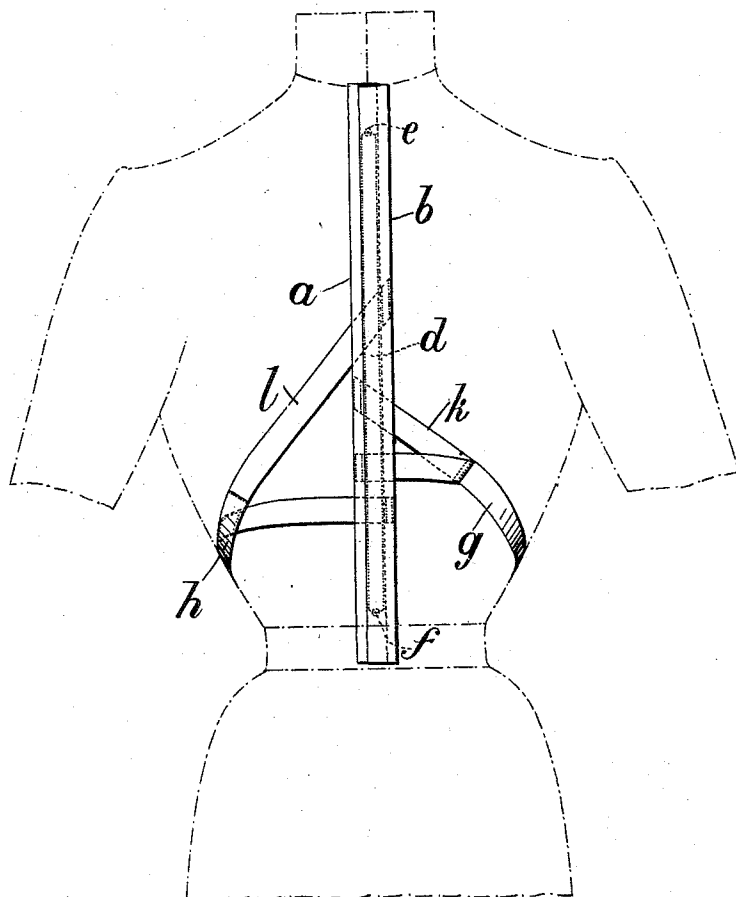
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GRETA BOUVIER, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at The Firs, Tadworth, Surrey, England, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved means for fastening ladies' blouses, bodices and like articles of exterior wearing
10 apparel, and the invention has for object to overcome the difficulty usually experienced by ladies when endeavoring to fasten a blouse, bodice or like garment without the
15 assistance of another person.

The invention also has for object to obviate the necessity for the use of the multiplicity of hooks and eyes and similar fastenings which are commonly employed to secure
20 blouses or the like and which, in consequence of their frequently inaccessible situations, are difficult if not impossible to manipulate single-handed.

Ladies' blouses and bodices are very commonly closed, by means of a row of fastenings, down the center of the back, and it is
25 a matter of extreme difficulty for the wearer to secure the entire row of fastenings. The top and bottom fastenings and a few adjacent thereto can usually be reached comparatively easily, but the intermediate fastenings can either not be reached at all or can
30 just be reached but insecurely fastened, with the result that they very soon work undone and present an unsightly appearance.

According to this invention a blouse, bodice or other similar exterior garment is closed down the back by means of a two-part attachment comprising a pair of suitably stiffened strips or busks capable of being
40 removably attached to one another at top and bottom and each adapted to be secured along one of the meeting edges of the garment and to be drawn into contact with one another by means of straps attached to
45 each of said strips or busks and fastening beneath the garment in front of the body of the wearer. The aforesaid pair of strips or busks may overlap one another and may be
50 stiffened by means of bodice steels, whalebone or the like, and they may be provided at top and bottom with co-acting spring clips or other suitable fastening devices. Each of said strips or busks is adapted to
55 be stitched or otherwise suitably secured beneath one of the edges of the back of the

blouse or bodice, and attached to the free edge of each strip or busk are straps each of which is carried forward in opposite directions around the waist of the wearer and
60 fastened in front by means of a buckle or otherwise suitably. Said straps may, if desired, be formed partly or wholly of elastic material. Said straps are attached to their respective strips or busks in such manner that the pull exerted by them when fastened draws said strips or busks together
65 and so closes the blouse or bodice down the back between the spring clips or other fastenings at top and bottom.

The strips or busks may be of any desired material or materials and are preferably attached to the blouse or bodice so as to be
70 invisible when worn.

The invention is illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation showing the two members of the fastening device slightly separated from one another, and Fig. 2 is
80 a rear elevation showing the device in use, the outline of a lady's bodice being indicated by dot-and-dash lines.

The attachment comprises a pair of busks or strips *a, b*, of tape, braid or any other
85 suitable material, preferably of the same color as that of the bodice or blouse or other similar exterior garment, and stiffened by means of lengths *c, d*, of whalebone, "bodice steels" or like stiffening materials. Said
90 strips *a, b*, are adapted to overlap and be removably attached to one another by means of spring-clips *e, f*, or other suitable fastening devices, one at top and one at bottom of the strips and each strip *a, b*, is adapted
95 to be stitched or otherwise securely attached beneath one of the meeting edges of the garment. *g, h*, are forked straps attached to the free edge portion of each of said strips or busks *a, b*, whereby said strips or busks
100 are drawn into contact with one another when it is desired to fasten the garment, the upper limb *k, l*, of each fork being constituted preferably of elastic material and said straps *g, h*, being carried in opposite
105 directions around the waist of the wearer beneath the garment and fastening in front of the body by means of a buckle *m* or other suitable attachment.

The upper and lower extremities of the
110 strips or busks *a, b*, that is to say those portions respectively adjacent to the collar and

waist belt of the wearer are preferably not stiffened, said upper and lower extremities being stitched to the blouse or bodice, and the collar or neck band being fastened by
5 hooks and eyes in the usual manner.

When it is desired to fasten the blouse or bodice, the garment is put on in the usual way, and the spring clip *e* is pressed home. The strap *g* is then passed through the fork
10 of the strap *h* and the two straps *g*, *h*, are carried in opposite directions around the waist, beneath the garment, and are fastened in front by buckle *m* after which the spring-clip *f* is pressed home; the pull exerted upon
15 the overlapping strips or busks *a*, *b*, by the straps *g*, *h*, drawing said strips or busks closely together and securely closing the garment down the back. The neck is then hooked and the garment is completely
20 fastened.

It will thus be seen that the usual multiplicity of hooks and eyes or similar fastening devices is entirely dispensed with and that a lady is enabled in consequence to
25 fasten up a blouse or bodice, down the back, single handed and much more expeditiously and with greater facility than heretofore.

It will be manifest that although the attachment has been especially designed to
30 overcome the present disadvantages inherent to blouses, bodices or other similar exterior garments which usually fasten down the back with a great number of separate fastening devices, it may with modifications to
35 suit the figure of the wearer be adapted to fasten a garment down the front; the straps whereby the closure is effected in that case being fastened together at the back of the
40 wearer.

When the garment has become soiled or worn, the attachment may be removed therefrom and placed in a fresh garment, or if whalebone, imitation whalebone or other
45 similar non-corrodible material is employed for stiffening purposes, the attachment need

not be removed from the garment when the latter is cleaned or washed. If bodice-steels are used, these may be temporarily removed from the attachment and replaced when the garment has been cleaned or
50 washed.

What I claim is:—

As a new article of manufacture, a fastening device for ladies' blouses, bodices and similar exterior garments, comprising
55 a pair of structurally independent strips stiffened throughout their efficient length by whalebones or similar reinforcements and having flexible end portions and also flexible
60 free edge portions at one side of the stiffened portions, the strips being adapted to be secured to the respective meeting edge portions of the garment by stitching which
65 passes through the said flexible end portions and said free edge portions and the straps being arranged against the inner face of the garment, a pair of straps, each strap having
70 a forked end which is attached to one of the free edge portions, a buckle connection for joining the free ends of the straps, and upper and lower fastening clips arranged
75 at the respective upper and lower ends of the stiffened portions of each strip, the fastening clips of one strip coöperating with the fastening clips of the other strip, and providing for the detachable connection of
80 the strips to one another, the fork of one strap being passed through the fork of the other strap and the straps being passed in opposite directions around the waist of the
wearer and having their free ends connected by said buckle.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of subscribing witnesses.

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