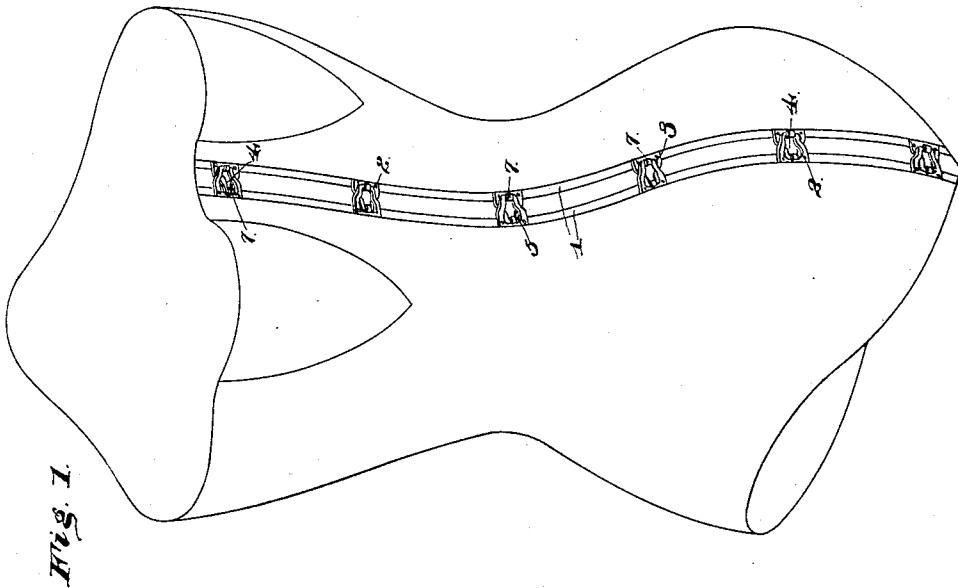
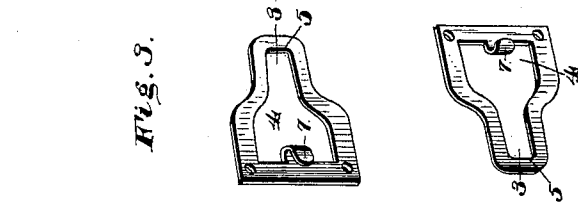
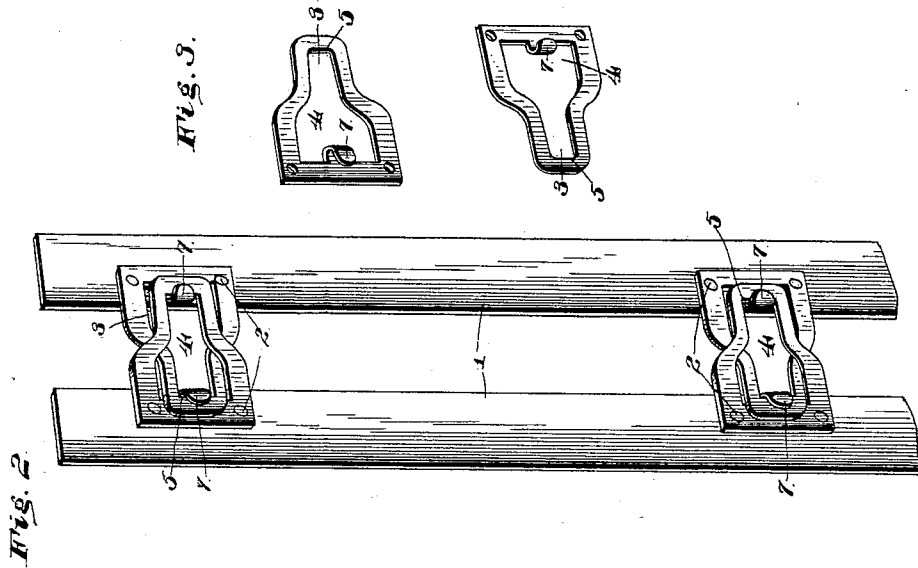


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LYDIA ANN DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Atwood, in the county of Piatt and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Corset-Steel Clasp, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in corset-fastenings; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof, as will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of this invention is to provide a corset-fastening wherein the parts thereof are duplicates of each other, and thereby necessarily cheapening the cost of manufacture, and at the same time constructing a fastening which can be readily and easily manipulated and which securely holds the several parts to which it is applied together.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a corset, showing the improved fastening applied to the busks of the same. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the two parts of the fastening on an enlarged scale. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the two parts of the fastening disconnected.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates the busks of the corset, to which are riveted, as at 2, two metallic plates, which are formed with rectangular slots 4, having smaller and similarly-formed slots 3, extending therefrom into noses 5. On the rear strips 6 of each of the plates is centrally constructed an upturned hooked lip 7, which is adapted to engage the front wall of each of the slots 3 in the nose 5, and the said nose of each of the plates is adapted to be extended up through the slot 3 of the opposite plate.

As the construction of the said plates is similar, the attachment can be operated in either a right or left manner and skillful manipulation to arrange the parts in a precise way for attachment is not necessary. At the points where the noses are formed the plates are shouldered or reduced, as at 4<sup>x</sup>, and when the several parts are attached the front wall of each slot 3 engages a lip 7, so that a fastening is provided on each side and said shouldered or reduced portions guide the movement of one part in the other and also limit the same and prevent entrance of the noses too far into each plate.

In unfastening the device the busks are drawn toward each other to release the slots 4 of the noses 5 from engagement with the lips 7, and the parts can then be readily separated.

The device is constructed from sheet metal, preferably, and each plate may be formed at one operation, thereby providing a simple and cheap fastening.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A corset-fastening comprising two similarly-constructed plates, each of which is formed with a large slot having a smaller slot extending therefrom into a nose, and lips at the rear of said plates with which said noses engage, the opposite sides of said plates being formed with shouldered portions to guide and limit the movement of each nose inward, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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