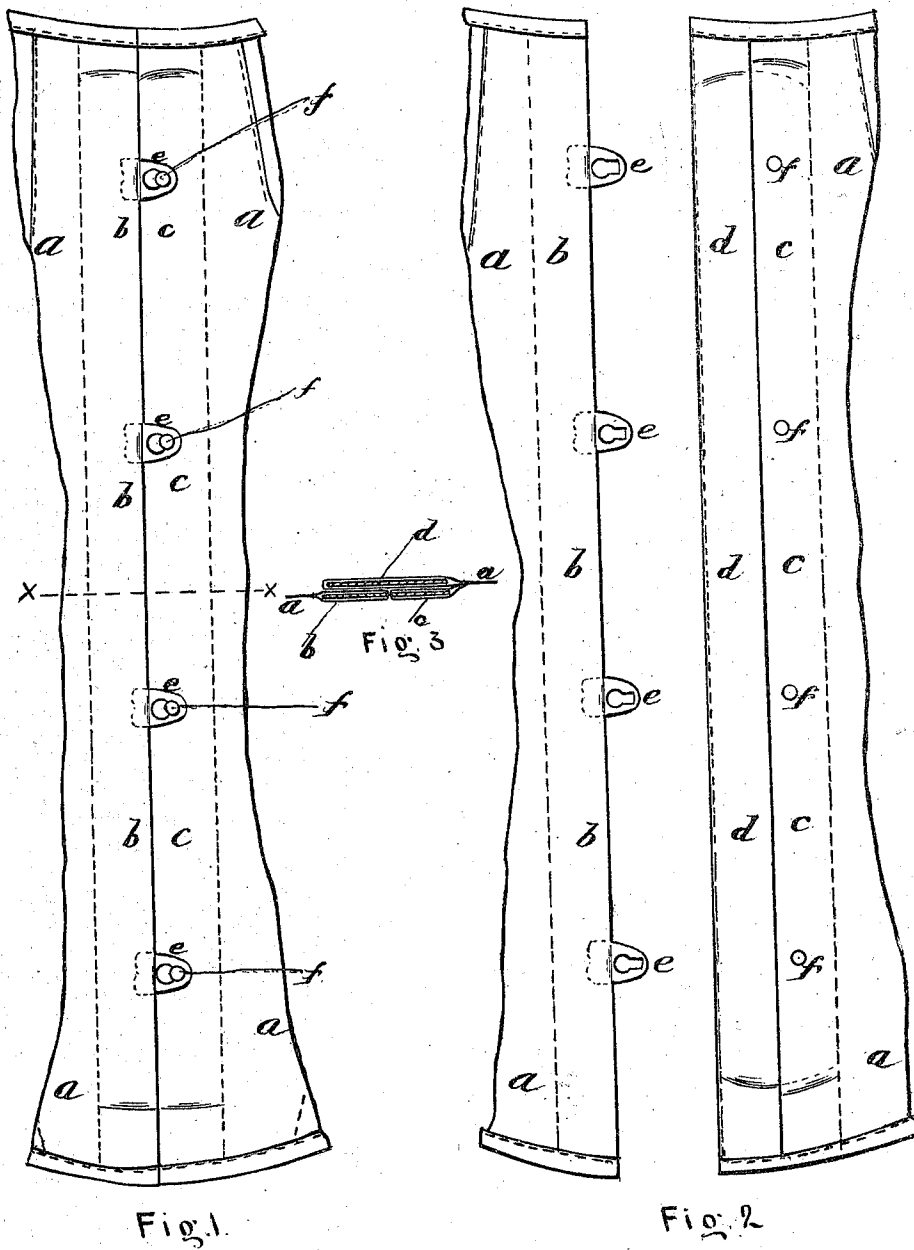


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CASE B.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN BOYLES ROBY, of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Corset-Clasps, of which the following is a specification:

My invention combines the advantages of a corset and a stay. A wide spring acts as a stay, while a narrow spring holding the hooks attaches to another narrow spring immediately over or in front of and partially covering the said wide spring and having the studs attached to it.

The advantages gained by this invention are strength and support, the springs now in common use being very liable to break, as they are composed of but two narrow springs clasped in the usual way.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of that portion of a corset containing the springs when clasped, the position of the springs being shown by broken lines. Fig. 2 is a view of the same when the corset is unclasped. Fig. 3 is a transverse section in the direction of the broken line *xx*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a is a part of the front portion of the corset. *b* is a narrow spring. *c* is a narrow spring and is placed parallel to the spring *b*. *d* is a wide spring or stay, giving strength and support to the corset and the person wearing it. *eeee* are the hooks, and *ffff* are the studs, constructed in the usual manner. The wide spring *d*, when the corset is clasped, extends behind the full width of the two springs *b* and *c*. The springs *b* and *c* if unsupported would be liable to break, but with the addition of the spring *d* are strong and durable.

Having thus fully described my invention, I do not claim either of the springs *b c*, nor the combination of the two; but

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

In combination with the springs *b c*, the stay *d*, said stay being attached to the body of the corset in such a manner as to leave the outer edge of the spring *c* free, and said stay *d* also covering wholly or partially the springs *b c*, substantially as above set forth.

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