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Corset.

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Fig. 1.

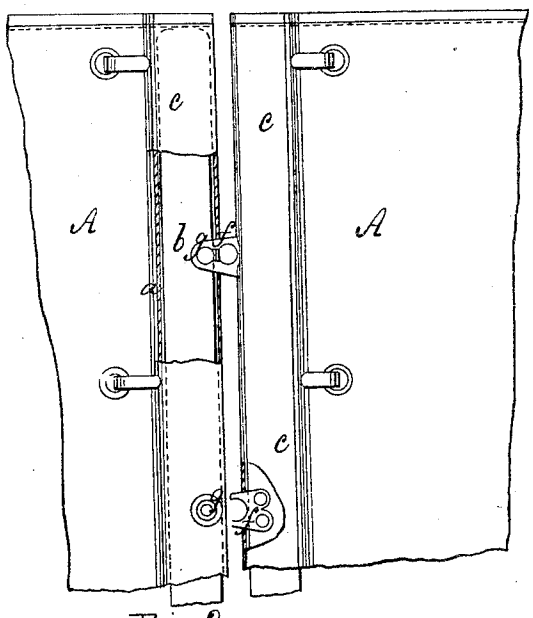


Fig. 2

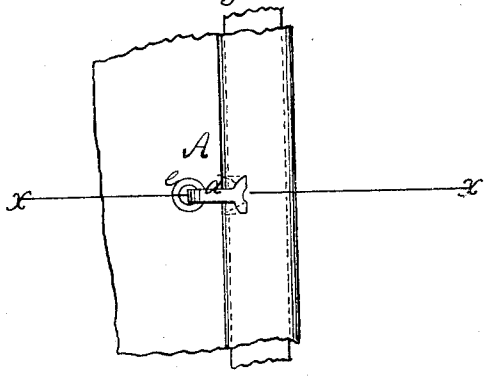
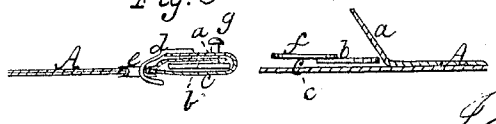


Fig. 3



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IMPROVEMENT IN FASTENINGS FOR CORSETS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JAMES P. LOVE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view partly in section of improved corset.

Figure 2 is a back view of one side of the same.

Figure 3, cross-section of the same, taken on the line *x x*, fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new manner of securing the steels or springs in front of the corset, so that the same can be easily removed from the corset whenever desired, for washing and other purposes, as well as the corset fastenings, which are riveted or otherwise secured to the said springs. The invention consists in laying each steel between the two flaps which are left on the corset, and in then hooking the outer flap to the body of the corset so that the steel is firmly held in place. By simply unhooking the said flap, the steel can be at once released from the corset.

A represents the two sides of the front portion of a corset. A flap, *a*, is sewed or otherwise secured to each side, extending from the top to the lower end of the corset. The steel spring *b* is laid between this flap and the flap *e*, or extreme edge of the part A, as is clearly shown on the right-hand side in fig. 3. The flap *a* is then laid over the steel, so as to cover the same, and then the flap *c* is laid over and around the flap *a* and steel *b*, as shown on the left-hand side in fig. 3. Hooks *d d* of suitable construction are secured to the edges of the flap *c*, and eyelets *e e* in the body A, so that the flap *c* can by means of these hooks be held in the position described, and as shown in the drawings. The corset fastenings which usually consist of slotted plates *f f*, secured on one side, and knobs *g g* on the other side of the corset, can be riveted or otherwise secured to the steels, and will then be removed with the same from the corset for washing and other purposes. These fastenings pass through slots in the flap *c*, and thereby help to steady the steel and to prevent the same from moving up or down.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The manner herein shown and described of securing the steels *b b* in corsets, by means of flaps *a* and *c*, and hooks *d*, and eyelets or button-holes *e*, all made and operating substantially as and for the purposes herein shown and described.

2. The fastenings *f* and *g*, in combination with the flaps *a* and *c*, and steels *b*, hooks *d*, and eyelets or holes *e*, all made and operating substantially as herein shown and described.

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