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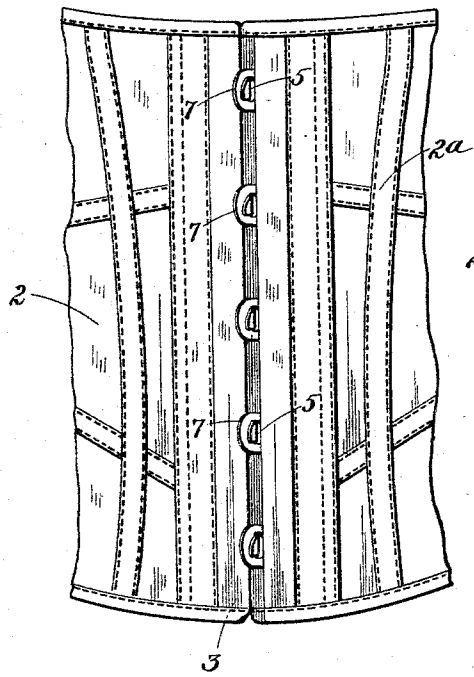

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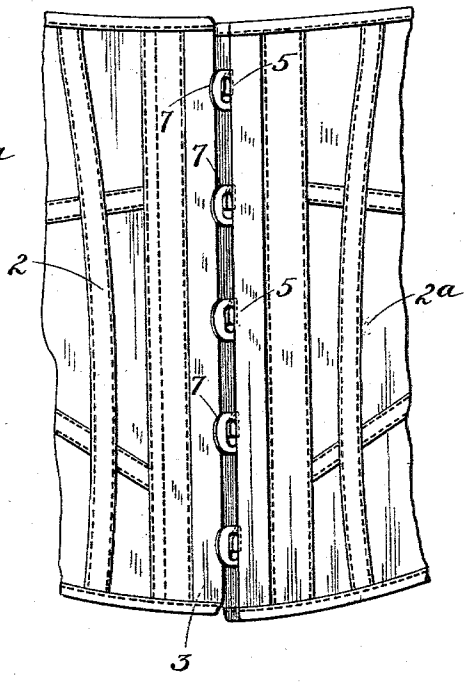

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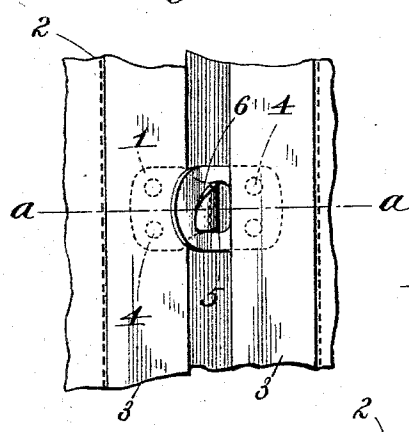

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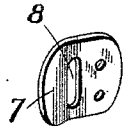

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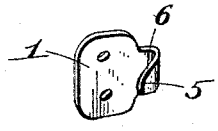

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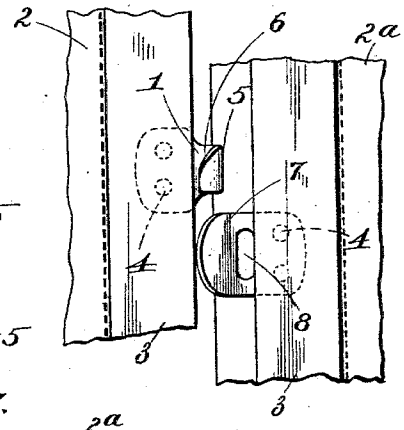

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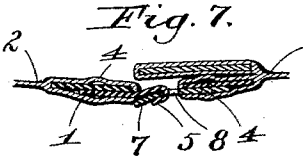

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LELAND KIDDER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Town Line, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Fasteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the construction and form of the fastening-hook portion and to certain details whereby the device is made easily detachable; and it will be fully and clearly hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation showing the fastening device attached to portions of a pair of corsets and in engagement, holding the two parts together. Fig. 2 also represents a front elevation of the same, showing the fastening device partly disengaged. Fig. 3 is an enlarged front elevation showing the fastening device in engagement. Fig. 4 represents a detached perspective view of the slotted portion of the fastening device. Fig. 5 is a detached perspective view of the hook portion of the fastening device. Fig. 6 is a front elevation showing the fastening device attached to portions of a pair of corsets, showing the parts disengaged. Fig. 7 represents a cross-section on or about line *a a*, Fig. 3, cutting through the fastening device.

Referring to the drawings in detail, 1 represents the hook portion of the fastening. It is represented in the drawings as secured to the portion 2 of the corsets, and is fastened rigidly to the usual cloth-inclosed spring-metal strips 3 by rivets 4, which are shown by dotted lines in Figs. 3 and 6, as they are covered with the cotton cloth or woven fabric of which the corsets are made.

The hook 5 is provided with an inclined edge portion 6, (see Fig. 5,) the object of which will appear farther on.

The slotted fastening portion 7 is secured to the corset portion 2^a by rivets in the same manner that the hook portion is secured to the portion 2, and is provided with a slot 8, (see Fig. 4,) adapted to receive the hook 5.

The corsets are provided with a series of these fastening devices, the hook portions being on one part and the slotted portions being on the other, substantially as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The operation of the device is as follows: The corsets are secured by hooking the parts together in the usual manner of operating with a hook and eye. When it becomes necessary to disengage or unhook the corsets, the whole series of fasteners are disengaged simultaneously and instantly by moving one side of the corset (the side 2^a in this instance) downward, as in Figs. 2 and 6, and the inclined face 6 of each fastener will cause its instant disengagement, thereby saving the time required to disengage each fastener separately.

These fasteners are preferably made of sheet metal, brass, steel, or other suitable material.

I claim as my invention—

A fastening device for corsets, consisting of a series of slotted holding-pieces secured to one side of the corset, in combination with a series of hook portions secured to the other side of the corset, each hook being provided with a beveled edge inclining from the end of the hook to the holding-plate, whereby a movement of one side of the corset vertically along the other side will cause the simultaneous disengagement of all the hooks at once, substantially as described.

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