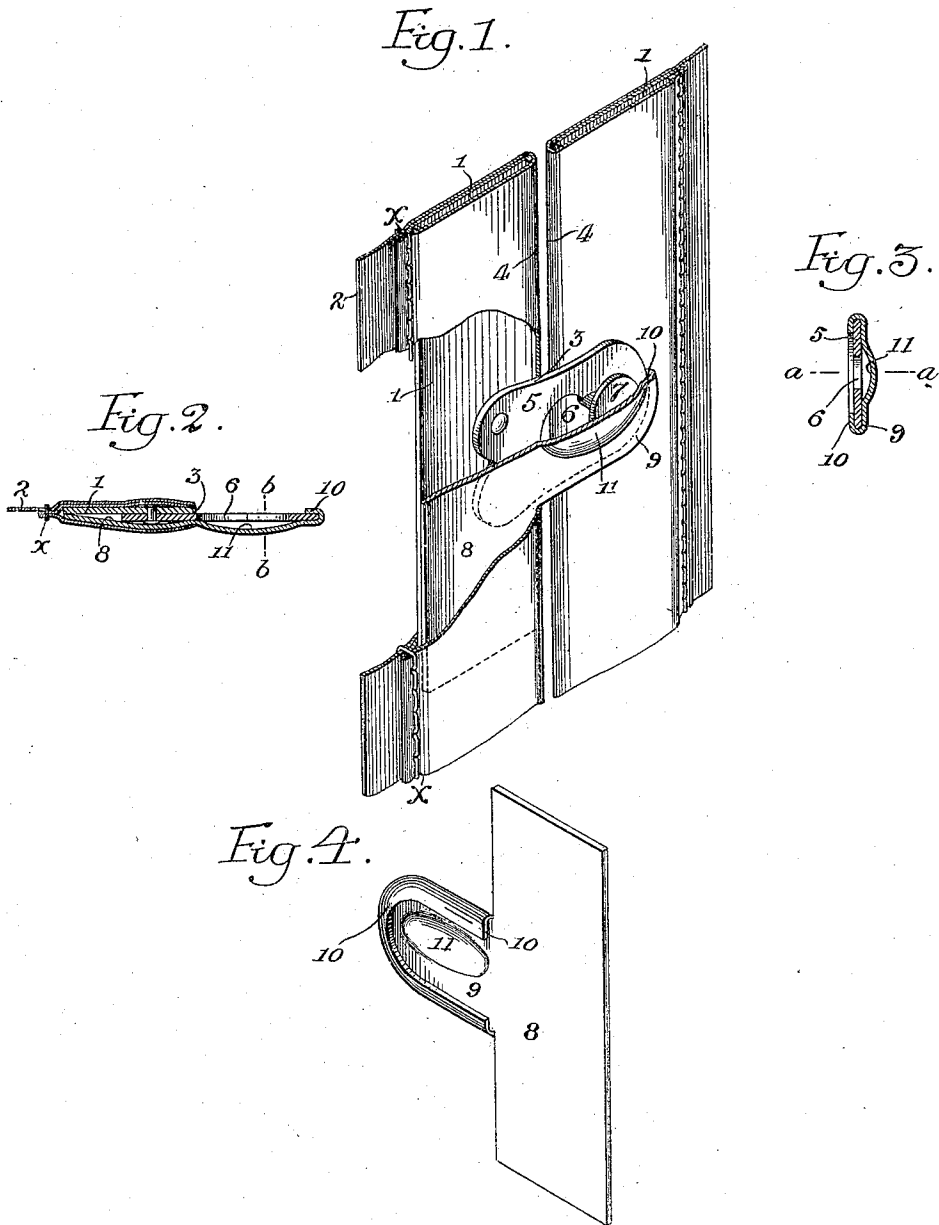


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE WICKERSHAM, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Coatesville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Covers for Garment-Fastenings, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide metal garment fastenings, such as corset clasps and similar retaining members, with a covering that will serve to hide the metal, and at the same time prevent damage or disfigurement to the garment with which such fastening is employed; a further object of my invention being to provide a covering for the fastening that may be readily secured to the garment by the fabric composing the same.

My invention is fully shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1, is a sectional perspective view of a portion of the front busks of a corset, showing one of the hook and eye connections of the same and the manner of using my improved covering with such form of fastening; Fig. 2, is a sectional view on the line *a-a*, Fig. 3, is a cross-sectional view on the line *b-b*, Fig. 2, and Fig. 4, is a perspective view of the covering removed from its position of use and disposed so as to illustrate the rear of the same.

While my invention is shown as applied to the fastening eye of corsets, it will be understood that it is not limited to such structures, and is susceptible of use with many other forms of fastening devices of a similar or analogous nature.

As ordinarily and usually constructed, the eye carried by a corset busk is always of metal and it projects through the fabric of the corset at the edge of the busk, whether the corset be of a cheap or expensive character. With sheer garments, such as embroidered corset covers and lingerie waists so frequently worn by women at the present day, there is always more or less danger of such fastenings showing through the garments and becoming thereby very unsightly, besides tending to soil the same, and if made from iron or steel, they are liable to rust. The object of this invention, therefore, is to provide a cover for such a fastening member, which cover may be of any suitable material, preferably the same in color as the fabric from which the corset is made, and

while many other materials of the same or similar nature may be employed, I prefer to use celluloid.

Broadly speaking, the fastening device comprises an eye or attaching member secured to a base member suitably held to or confined by the fabric composing the garment. When a corset fastening is considered, the busk represents the base member.

In the manufacture of corsets, the busks are secured at the front edge of the same by folding over the fabric in the manner noted in the drawings, and providing an aperture in the folded edge of the same for the passage of the projections carried by such busk and having eyes for engagement with the pins of the opposite busk. I take advantage of this method of securing the fabric around the busk in holding my covering member in place when used in connection with a corset fastening.

The covering member is fully shown in the drawings, and consists of a plate, at the side of which a cap is formed, integral therewith and flanged at the edge for engagement with the projection, as shown in Fig. 1. The cap is preferably dished as indicated at 11 so as to accommodate the pin carried by the opposite busk.

To secure the covering member in place, it is passed over the eye before the latter is pushed through the aperture in the folded edge of the corset fabric, and as the lines of the plate carrying such covering cap coincide substantially with the lines of the busk, such covering will be confined by the fold of the material that ordinarily incloses and secures the busk in place. The fabric is sewn down by a line of stitches to inclose the busk in place, and this sewing also secures the covering for the fastening forming the subject of my invention; the fabric on both sides of the plate preventing movement of the same with respect to the busk and eye. It will be understood, however, that other means may be employed to secure such covering in place without departing from my invention.

I claim:

1. The combination with a garment, a fastening device comprising a base and an attaching member secured to said base and extending through an aperture in said garment and means for securing said fastening device to the garment, of a detachable cover for said attaching member also ex-

tending through said aperture and retained in position over said attaching member by the means securing the fastening device to the garment.

5 2. The combination with a corset and a busk therefor, means for securing the busk to the corset, and an apertured projection carried by said busk and extending through that portion of the corset which incloses the
10 busk, of a detachable cover for said apertured projection confined thereto by the means securing the busk to the corset.

3. The combination with a corset and a busk therefor inclosed by the fabric of the
15 corset, of an apertured projection permanently secured to said busk and extending through the fabric of the corset, the latter being provided with an opening for the purpose, means for securing the busk in place,
20 and a detachable cover for said apertured projection, said cover having a portion held in place by the fabric inclosing the busk

and being confined to the corset by the means securing the busk thereto.

4. The combination of a corset, a busk 25 therefor, an apertured projection carried by said busk, the latter being inclosed by the fabric of the corset through which the apertured projection extends, and a covering for said projection, said covering having a 30 flanged portion to engage the apertured projection and a plate at right angles thereto to lie against the busk, said plate extending in both directions from the flanged portion and held to the busk by the fabric of the corset 35 inclosing the same.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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