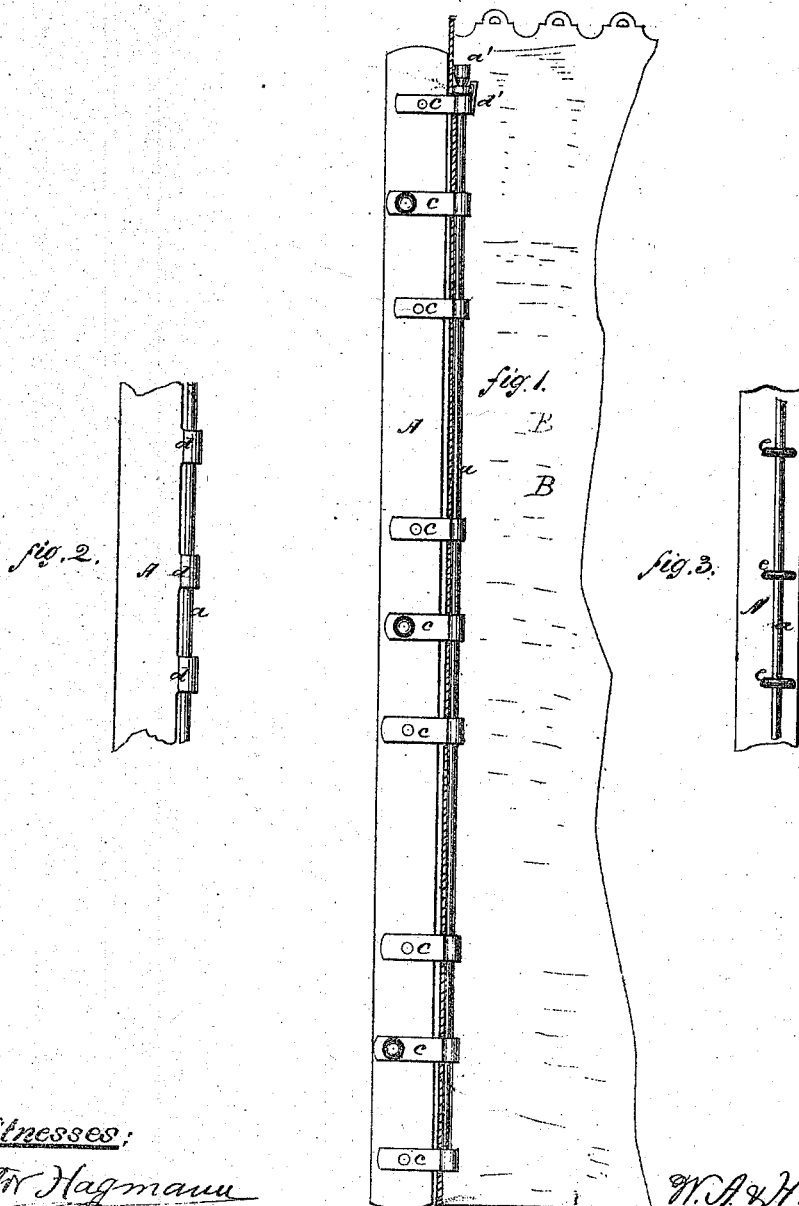


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IMPROVEMENT IN DEVICES FOR ATTACHING STEELS TO CORSETS.

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

To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, WILLIAM A. STARRETT and HELEN E. STARRETT, of Lawrence, in the county of Douglas and State of Kansas, have invented a new and improved Means for Attaching Steels to Corsets; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, showing the steel and key; and

Figures 2 and 3 are detached views, showing different methods of attaching the loops to the steel.

This invention consists in an improved corset-steel, and in certain means for readily attaching it to or detaching it from the corset, for the purpose of enabling the steel to be used with different corsets.

To every corset are attached, by means of the loops and key, as before described, two of these steels, one to each edge.

The corset is fastened around the wearer's body in the usual manner, by hooking the two steels together.

Corsets furnished with our steels are fastened in the same way as corsets provided with any other kind of steels.

Our invention has nothing to do with connecting steel with steel, but relates only to connecting the steels with the corset.

In the drawing—

A is the corset-steel, constructed in the usual man-

ner, and having metallic loops *c*, fig. 1, riveted to it, so as to project beyond one edge.

The loops may be formed on the corsets, as shown at *d*, fig. 2, instead of being riveted to them, or passed through the steel and riveted or clinched on the other side, as shown at *e*, fig. 3.

The corset B is furnished with orifices like button-holes, through which the loops are passed. A metal rod or key, *a*, is then run through the loops, thus binding the steel and corset together.

The key *a* has a head, *a'*, with a shoulder, and the end loop has a catch, *d'*, which takes and holds the key by means of the shoulder, the elasticity of the key serving to press it against the loop.

The method of attaching the steel to the corset is thus rendered quite simple and easy. The process of detaching is equally so, it being only necessary to withdraw the shoulder *a'* from the catch *d'*, when the key may be drawn out of the loops without difficulty, and the corset slipped off from the steel.

Having thus described our invention,

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The corset-steel A, provided with the loops *d*, and combined with the key *a*, in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

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