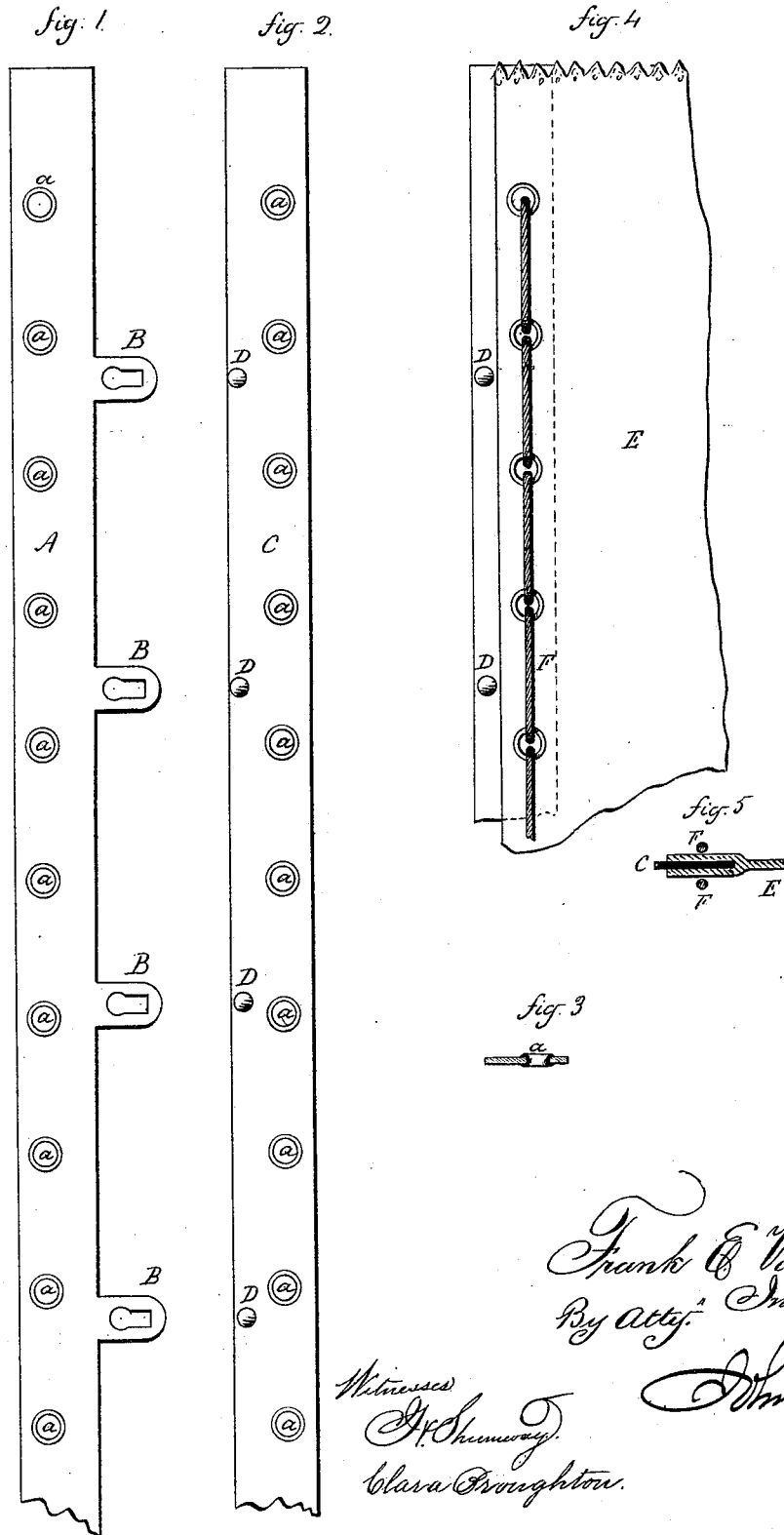


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Corset-Fastenings.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET-FASTENINGS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. VANDERCOOK, of Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Corset-Clasp and method of attaching the same to corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view of one part; Fig. 2, front view of the other part; Fig. 3, transverse section; Figs. 4 and 5, the method of attachment.

This invention relates to an improvement in corset-clasps and the method of attachment to the corset; and it consists, first, in constructing the clasp with the eyes complete from a single piece of metal; and, second, in constructing the clasp with a series of perforations as a means of attaching the steel to the corset.

From suitable metal, as spring brass or steel, I cut or stamp the part A with the eyes B complete in one and the same piece, thereby avoiding the labor of making the separate eyes and attaching them to the part of the clasp, as in the usual construction. The other part, C, is provided with studs or hooks D in substantially the usual manner. This construction prevents the possibility of the detachment of the eyes, and does not weaken the

clasp, as do the perforations usually required for their attachment.

In carrying out the second part of this invention, a series of perforations, *a*, are formed in each part in substantially a longitudinal line, and these are preferably bushed with an eyelet, as seen in Fig. 3, to cover the roughness of the perforation, or the sharp edge which would naturally be there. These perforations in the clasp are for the purpose of attachment, which is made in the following manner: The edge of the corset E is divided, as seen in Fig. 5, and in each flap or part eyelets are inserted corresponding substantially to the perforations in the clasp. Then the part of the clasp is placed between the two parts, and a lacing, F, run through and through, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and the lacing secured holds the clasp firmly in place, and to remove the clasp it is only necessary to remove the lacing, and this is done without the necessity of ripping or in anywise interfering with the finished edge of the corset.

I claim—

The method herein described of attaching clasps to corsets by means of the corset-flaps provided with eyelets, the lacing-cord and the clasps having corresponding perforations, substantially as set forth.

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