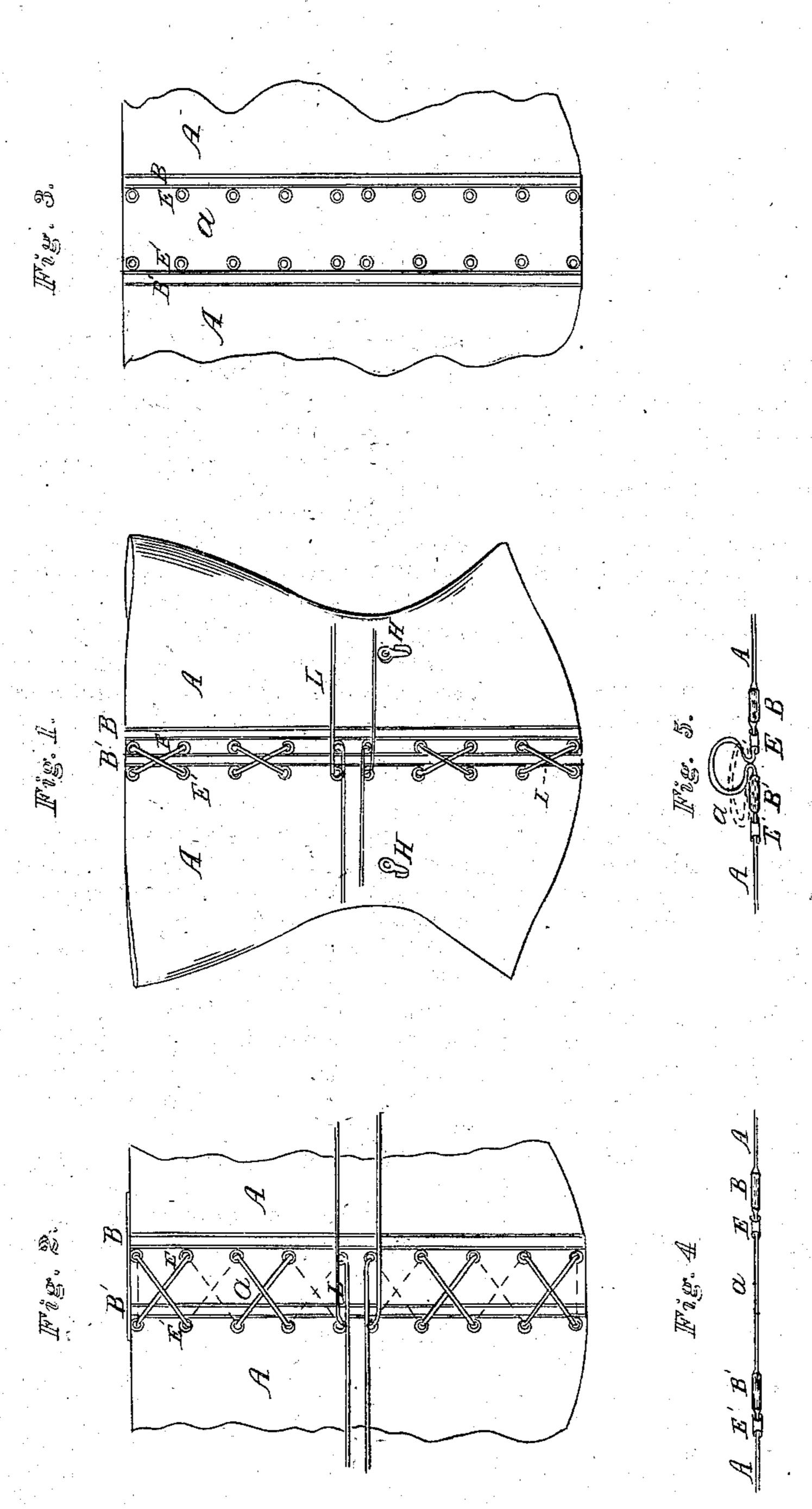
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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, E. HAMBUJER, of Detroit, Wayne county, Michigan, have made a new and useful Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the nature, construction, and operation of the same, sufficient to enable one skilled in the art to which it appertains to construct and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which are made part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a rear elevation of my improved corset as applied to the person. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of a portion of the same relaxed. Fig. 3 is a similar view, illustrating a modification in the manner of applying the whalebones. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section in the position shown in Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a horizontal section in the position shown in Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The nature of my invention consists, first, in constructing corsets with a continuous back, so that when the lacings are drawn tight a lap or fold will be formed underneath the eyelets and whalebones, serving to protect the back of the wearer from chafing or pressure from hard or uneven surfaces; second, in the combination of skirt-supporting hooks with a corset, as hereinafter explained.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the corset, made continuously at a, where the rear opening occurs in corsets of common form. B B represent whalebones, which stiffen the corset longitudinally in customary manner.

E E' represent the two vertical ranges of lacing-eyelets, which may be located, both of them, between the bones BB, as in Fig. 3; or, if preferred, one range may be located between

the bones and the other on the outside and close to one of them, as shown at E' in Figs. 1, 2, 4, and 5. In this case the gore or lap a, Fig. 5, is so disposed as to lie beneath the bone B', and thus prevent any undue pressure therefrom upon the back.

L represents the lacing. The front of the corset is to be provided with the customary metallic loops and buttons for putting on and off the lacings, being employed only to adjust

the garment to the proper size.

HHH represent hooks, over which the skirtstrings or suitable eyes or loops upon the waistband of the skirt may be passed, so as to support the skirt easily in proper position and avoid the necessity of drawing the strings tightly around the waist.

By the above-described improvements the clothing is made to fit with greater ease and neatness, and the wearer entirely relieved from

oppression therefrom.

Whether the eyelets are brought close together or not, all unpleasant pressure and chafing from the lacings and all wrinkling of the under-garment are entirely avoided.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters

Patent, is—

- 1. A corset made substantially as herein described, with a continuous or connected back forming a lap or gore when the lacings are drawn to tighten the garment around the person.
- 2. In combination therewith, the skirt-supporting hooks H H, arranged substantially as described.

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