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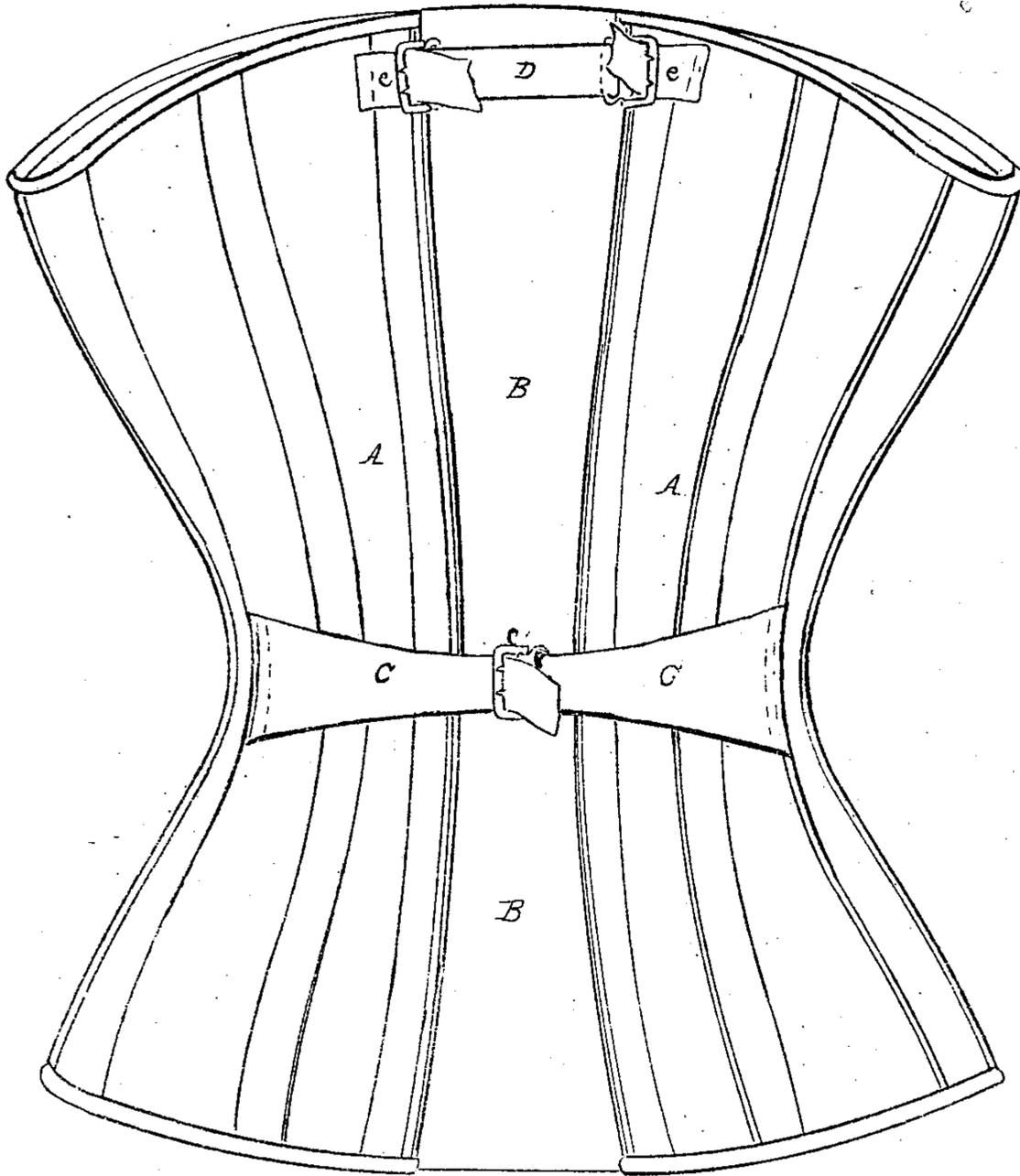
IMPROVED CORSET.

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IMPROVEMENT IN 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 I, CLARA Z. CUMMINGS, of the city of Buffalo, county of Erie, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Corset for ladies use; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, which represents a posterior view of a corset made upon the principle of my improvement.

The nature of my invention consists in making the back of the corset of a piece of elastic rubber goods, properly inserted therein, and in the application of elastic buckle-fastenings across the back.

The main body of the corset is represented in the drawings at A. This part may be made of common material and in a common manner. The back of the corset, which is the subject of my improvement, is made of a piece of elastic rubber goods, and is represented at B. This piece extends from the top to the bottom of the corset, and is firmly and properly sewed or stitched to the main body, and forms an elastic back, which will yield in any direction to the requirements of the body, and allow of unrestrained motion and free respiration. An elastic buckle-strap, C, is applied near the centre of the corset, and also near the top, as shown at D, as a further and additional means of adjustment, so that the corset can be readily and easily tightened or loosened, and adapted to the person, as varying circumstances may require. The tabs E present the means of fastening or attaching the buckle-strap D to the body of the corset.

A corset constructed as herein described, is very cheap and simple, and easily made, avoids interminable lacings, and answers all the anatomical requirements which the changing conditions of the female form may demand.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A corset, having a portion of its back formed of elastic goods, B, and provided with elastic buckle-straps, C and D, for the purposes, and substantially as described.

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