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Corset.

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Fig. 1.

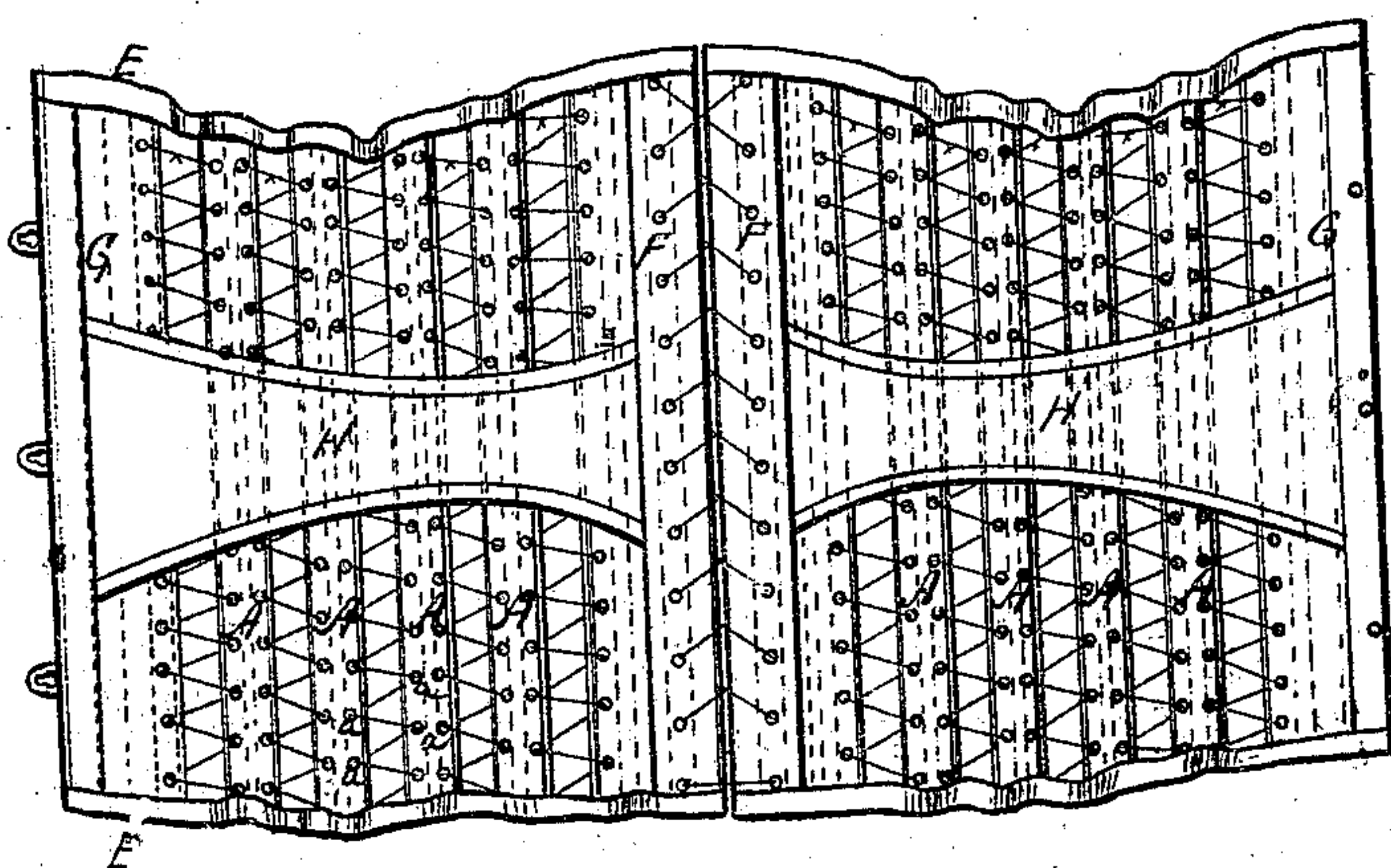


Fig. 2.

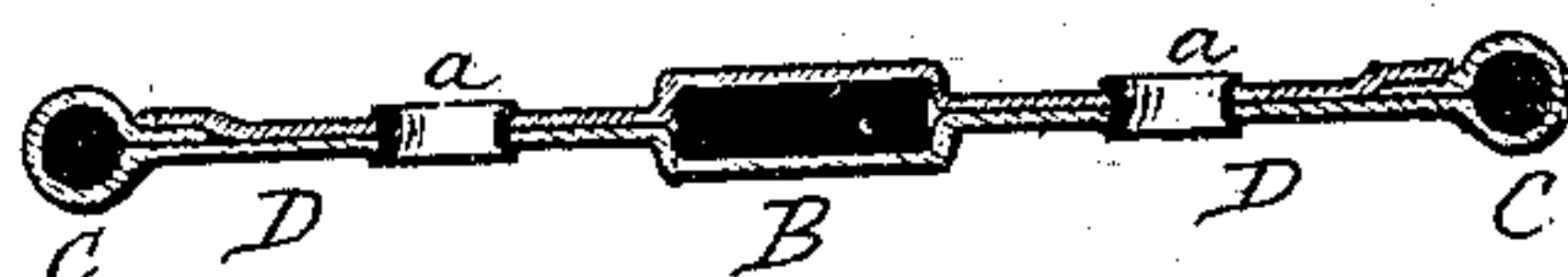
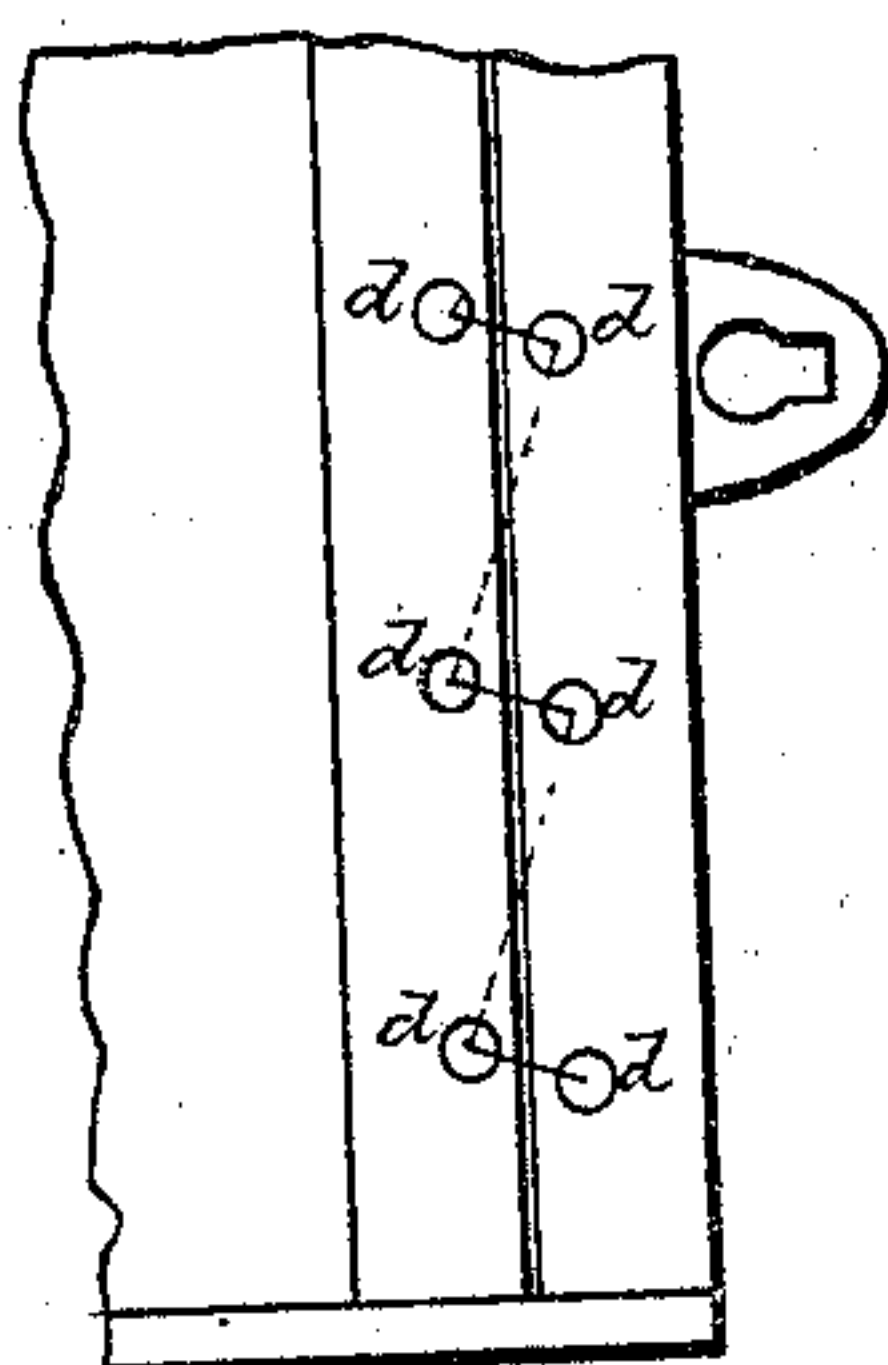


Fig. 3.



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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, THOMAS S. GILBERT, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in 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 view of the corset spread;

Figure 2, a transverse section of one of the stays of which the corset is formed; and in

Figure 3, a rear view of the front edge, showing the manner of inserting the steels.

This invention relates to an improvement in the manufacture of corsets, whereby they are made open and adjustable through all the parts; and

The invention consists in the construction of the corset by inserting the bones in pockets independent each of the other, so as to form a succession of stays, and each stay laced to the next, leaving an open space between each two of the stays.

A are the several stays, each constructed as shown enlarged in fig. 2.

A single wire, of steel or other suitable metal, runs through a pocket, B, in the centre, and another wire at each edge through a pocket, C C; the said pockets being formed from fabric in any convenient manner, so

as to leave a space, D, between the wires at the edge and centre.

Into this space eyelets *a* are placed, and the ends of the several stays are secured by a binding, E, at the top and bottom, the stays having been previously cut to the required length.

At the rear, broader stays F F are arranged, so as to be laced together in the usual manner, and at the front, other stays G are arranged, and from the front stays G to the stays F in the rear, bands H are fixed to limit the length of the corset around the waist.

The several stays are laced together by a lacing passing through the eyelets, as denoted in fig. 1, and may be adjusted so as to expand or contract the corset at the top or bottom, and thus dispense with the insertion of gores and leave the corset open.

The steels in the part G, at the front, are inserted in a pocket formed by turning the fabric over and lacing through holes *d d* on the back side, as seen in fig. 3. Thus when it is desired to remove the steels, simply unlace the pockets, and they are open for the removal of the steels without injury to the pocket.

I claim, as my invention—

A corset, constructed by combining several stays A laced together so as to form a whole, substantially in the manner herein set forth.

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