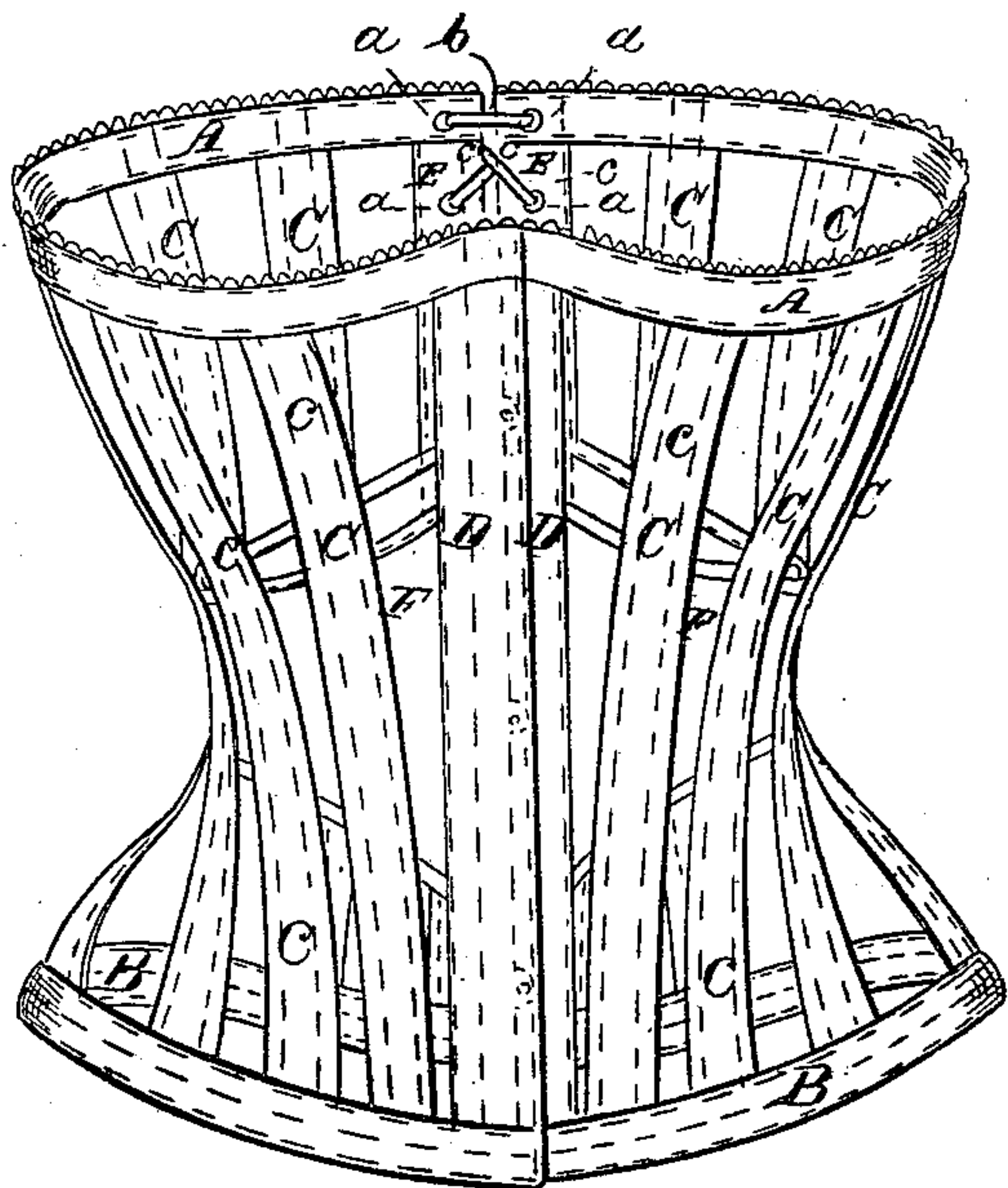


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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, D. H. FANNING, of the city and county of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification.

The drawing represents a front view of my improved corset.

To enable those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe it more in detail.

The nature of my invention consists in the combination, with separate vertical bone and steel pocket-pieces, united at top and bottom by band-pieces, of central zone-shaped uniting and supporting-pieces, as shown in the accompanying drawing and hereafter described.

In the drawings—

A is the upper, and B the lower band, the said bands being connected by means of the separate longitudinal pocket and connecting-pieces C.

The separate longitudinal or vertical pocket-pieces C, D, and E, are secured to central zone-shaped uniting and supporting-pieces F F, the wide ends of the pieces F F being secured or stitched to the front pocket or connecting-pieces E E, so that the parts A, B C, D, E and F will occupy the relative positions as indicated in the drawing.

The corset in this instance is open both in front and back, eyelet-holes *a* being formed in the back, connecting-pieces E for the reception of the lacing-

cords *b*, while the ordinary steel clasps are inserted in the front connecting-pieces D D.

Each connecting-piece C may be provided with a longitudinal pocket, *c*, for receiving a whalebone or steel stiffener, if desired.

The back connecting-pieces E E are each provided with two longitudinal pockets, *c*, to receive a stiffener on each side of the eyelet-holes, as indicated in the drawings.

By reference to the drawing it will be seen that the zone-shaped pieces F F support the pocket and connecting-pieces C C in such a manner as to sustain them in their proper relative positions, to fit the waist of the wearer in an easy and graceful manner, thus obviating a serious objection to a skeleton corset in which vertical pieces are united by a narrow central band, the edges of which are parallel to each other.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming anything shown and described in the patent granted C. D. Rutherford, December 11, 1866, and I hereby disclaim the invention shown and described in said patent.

Having described my improved corset,

What I claim therein as new, and of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, as an improved article of manufacture, is—

A corset, made or composed of separate vertical bone and steel pocket-supporting pieces C, D, E, in combination with zone-shaped central supporting and connecting-pieces F F, as shown in the drawing and as above described.

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