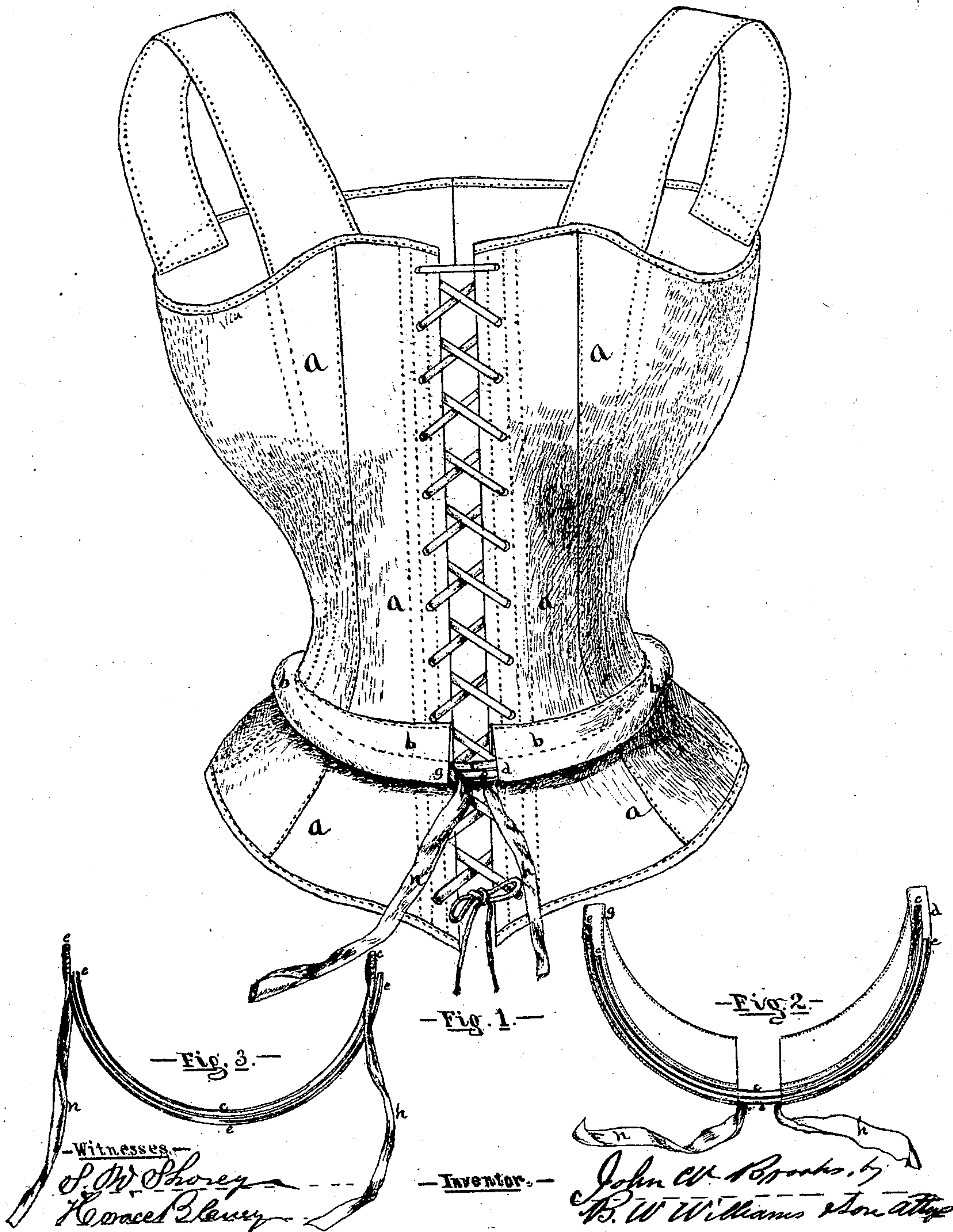


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET SKIRT-SUPPORTERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

I, JOHN W. BROOKS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corset Skirt-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a corset skirt-supporter, consisting of two stiffeners, arranged in pockets, and adjusted and operated as described below.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification—

Figure 1 represents a rear view of an ordinary corset, with my skirt-supporter attached.

Figure 2 represents a horizontal section through the skirt-supporter, showing the position and arrangement of the stiffeners, in the pockets.

Figure 3 is a view of the stiffeners in their natural position when taken out of the pockets.

*a* is an ordinary corset, as usually constructed.

*b* is the skirt-supporter, fastened to the corset *a*.

This supporter can be easily detached, if desired, and the corset can be worn equally well without it.

*g d* are the pockets, in which the stiffeners *c e* rest.

The pockets *g d* extend about two thirds the distance around the corset, but can be made shorter or longer, as seems most acceptable.

The stiffeners *c e*, although resting in the pockets, are not attached or fastened thereto, but are perfectly free in the pockets, subject only to the straps *n h*, which are attached to the stiffeners.

Each of the straps *n* and *h* is attached to an end of a stiffener, the strap *n* being attached to the left end of the stiffener *e*, and the strap *h* being attached to the right end of the stiffener *c*, (see figs. 2 and 3) One end of each stiffener remains free.

So it will be readily seen that when I grasp the straps *n* and *h*, and pull at them, the immediate effect is to push the right end of the stiffener *e* and the left end of the stiffener *c* close up against the ends of the pockets *g* and *d*, and then, as I continue to draw, the supporter rises and extends outward from the

body, and by tying the straps *n h* together can be held in any position.

After the supporter is once properly adjusted, so that the skirt is secure, it would probably be left untouched as long as the corset it was fastened to should be worn, so that the actual amount of time spent in adjusting the supporter would be very little.

The great difficulty with most supporters is, that they do not readily conform themselves to both large and small persons. I think there is no supporter manufactured which will thus adapt itself. One great object of this invention is to obviate this difficulty. My two stiffeners being perfectly free in the pockets, run very easily in or out of the pockets, as the person wearing them may be small or large, allowing the gap in the back of the corset to be wide or narrow, without any hitching or catching, when they can be secured in place by means of the strings *n h*.

This supporter can be attached to any corset now manufactured.

I am aware that I have obtained a patent dated January 25, 1870, on an "improvement in corset skirt-supporters." This invention differs essentially from that, inasmuch as in that device I used but one stiffener, while in this I use two, and as a consequence, the method of adjusting and fastening the stiffeners in this invention must be entirely different from the invention patented January 25, 1870. I therefore do not claim in this application any part of the invention alluded to.

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

A corset skirt-supporter, consisting of the stiffeners *c e*, arranged in pockets *d g*, and fastened therein at opposite ends, and having their free ends provided with adjusting straps, substantially as shown.

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