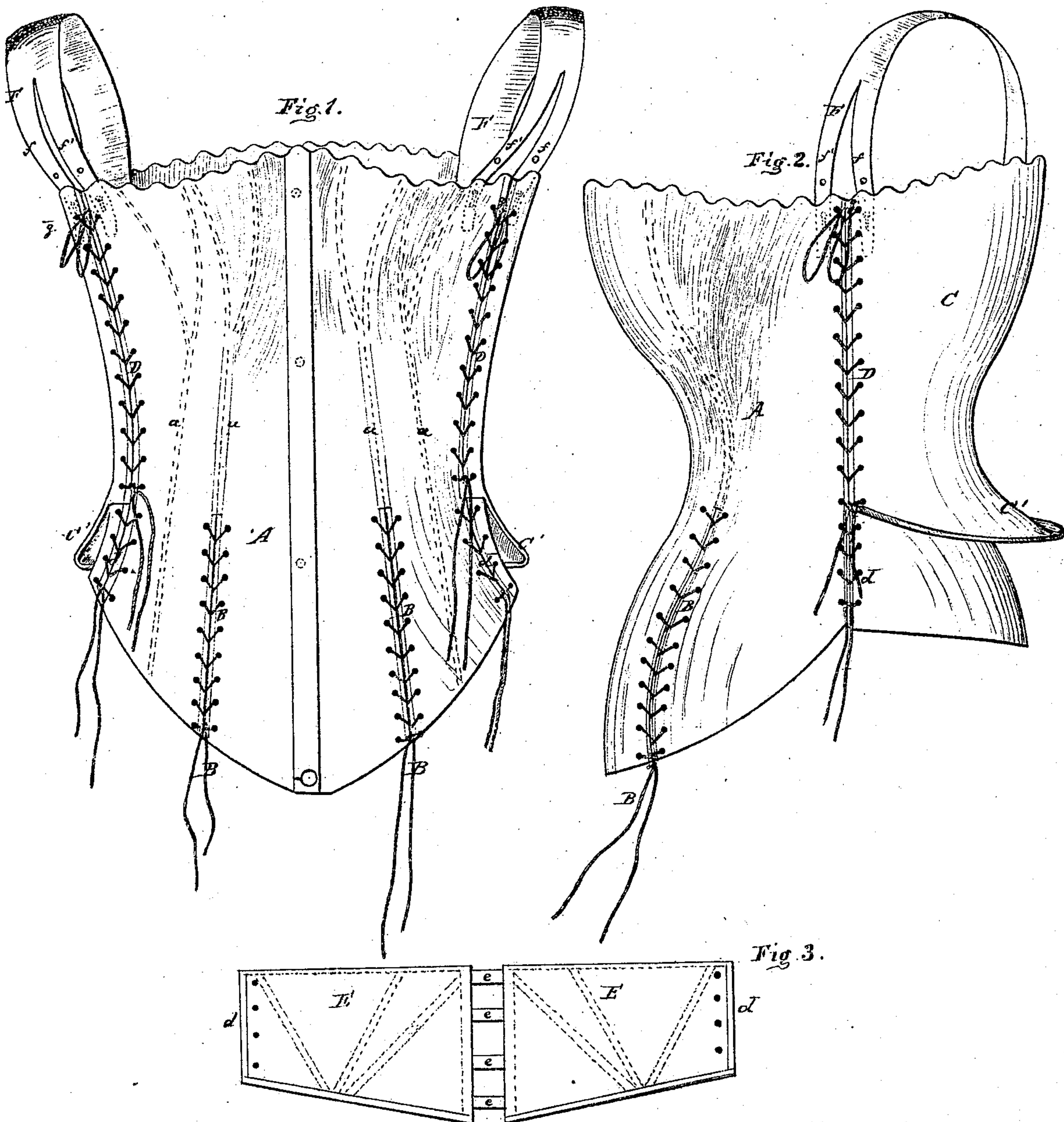


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REBECCA DE BAUN, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a corset constructed with my improvements. Figure 2 is a side view of same, and Fig. 3 a view of a portion of the corset detached.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same with particularity, making reference to the aforesaid drawing.

A is the front of the corset, made of a form to extend well down upon the abdomen. It is provided with the ordinary catch or hook-fastening, usually known as the corset-steel, and has the usual whalebone or other stays, which are indicated at *a* in dotted lines. It is also provided with two conformator-laces, B B, by means of which the lower portion may be readily adapted to follow the form of that portion of the body of the wearer. C is the back of the corset, and is made entirely free of stays and whalebones, so that it shall be soft and pliable and comfortable to the wearer. The lower portion of this back C' is extended and stiffened by a marginal stay or spring to act as a skirt-supporter. The back C C' comes down only so far as the lower portion of the small of the waist, and is laced at each side to the front by the laces D D. E is a brace, which laces to the front at the laces *d d*, being an extension downward of the laces D D. This brace is made elastic in the back, as shown at *e*, and is worn just below the waist and below the back of the corset C C', and serves to brace the lower portion of the corset front, and thus causes the same to act as an abdominal support. This construction of the back in two parts—an upper and lower part, which are entirely separate and distinct—enables me to combine a skirt-sup-

port and abdominal-brace in one garment without having a stiff, uncomfortable, and unhealthy back, without any lacing in the back, and furnishes a garment which will be easy and comfortable to the wearer. F F are shoulder-straps, which are attached to the back of the corset and pass over the shoulders of the wearer. The front ends of these straps are divided into two portions, *f f'*, each of which is provided with a series of holes to engage hooks or buttons upon the corset. One of these divided ends is attached to the front of the corset and one to the back thereof at each side of the laces D D.

This arrangement offers a great convenience and facility to ladies who are nursing children, as the front of the corset may be pulled down readily by unhooking one of the divided ends—the one *f'* which supports said front—and there will still remain the one *f* to support the back. Of course it will be necessary to loosen a portion of the top of the laces D D to accomplish this, which may be readily done by making a loop-knot of the bight of the corset-lacing cord at this point, as shown at *g g*. Without this arrangement of the strap, as is ordinarily done, the back of the corset, and, in fact, the whole garment, is left without support when the front of the straps is unhooked.

I may make the back C either with or without bones or stays, so that the corset may be worn with or without the straps.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The shoulder-straps F F, with divided front ends *f f'*, adapted to hold the two parts of a side-lacing corset, substantially as specified.
2. The combination of the front A, back C C', and brace E, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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