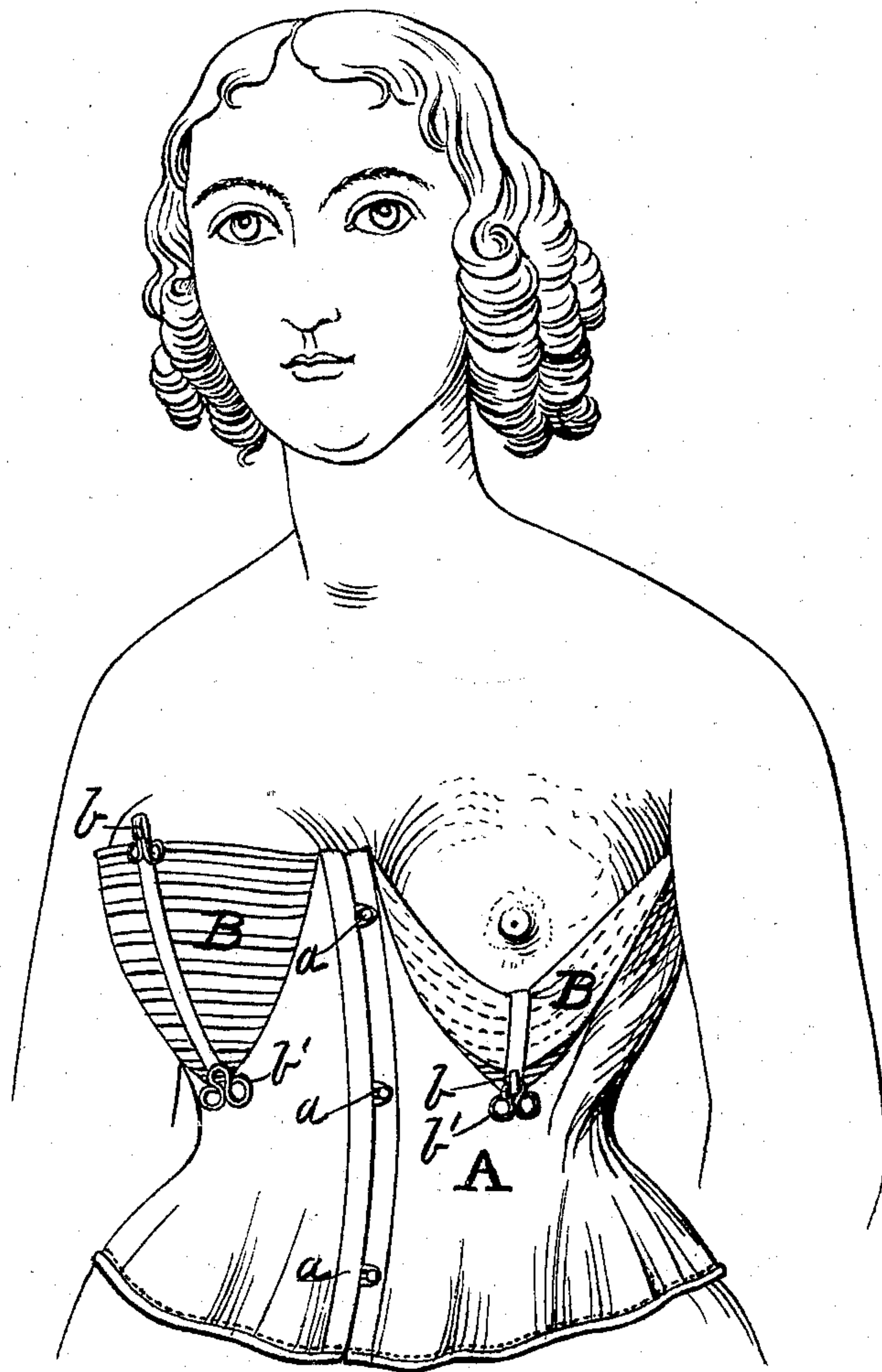


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY RUSSELL, of Union Bridge, Carroll county, Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Female Wearing Apparel, of which the following is a specification; and I do hereby declare that in the same is contained a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to a corset, in which the parts covering the breasts of the wearer are composed of some elastic substance, which parts, by reason of their elasticity, can be turned outwardly from the person and secured in such a position as will allow the wearer to nurse a child at the breast.

In the accompanying drawing representing my invention, A is the body of the corset, which is clasped in front by means of the devices *a*. The back part of the corset is laced in the usual manner. The parts fitting to the breasts of the wearer are shown by B B, and

made of some elastic substance. A hook, *b*, is secured to the exterior surface of each of the parts B at or near the top thereof, which hooks, when the parts B are to be turned over, are fitted into the eyes *b'* attached to the body of the corset, as shown. The breast of the wearer is thus exposed for the purpose above named, and the parts B held to the position indicated in a manner simple and convenient.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

In a corset, the elastic breast-parts B B, in combination with the fastening devices *b* and *b'*, or their equivalents, as herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this 18th day of January, A. D. 1873.

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