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Fig. 1.

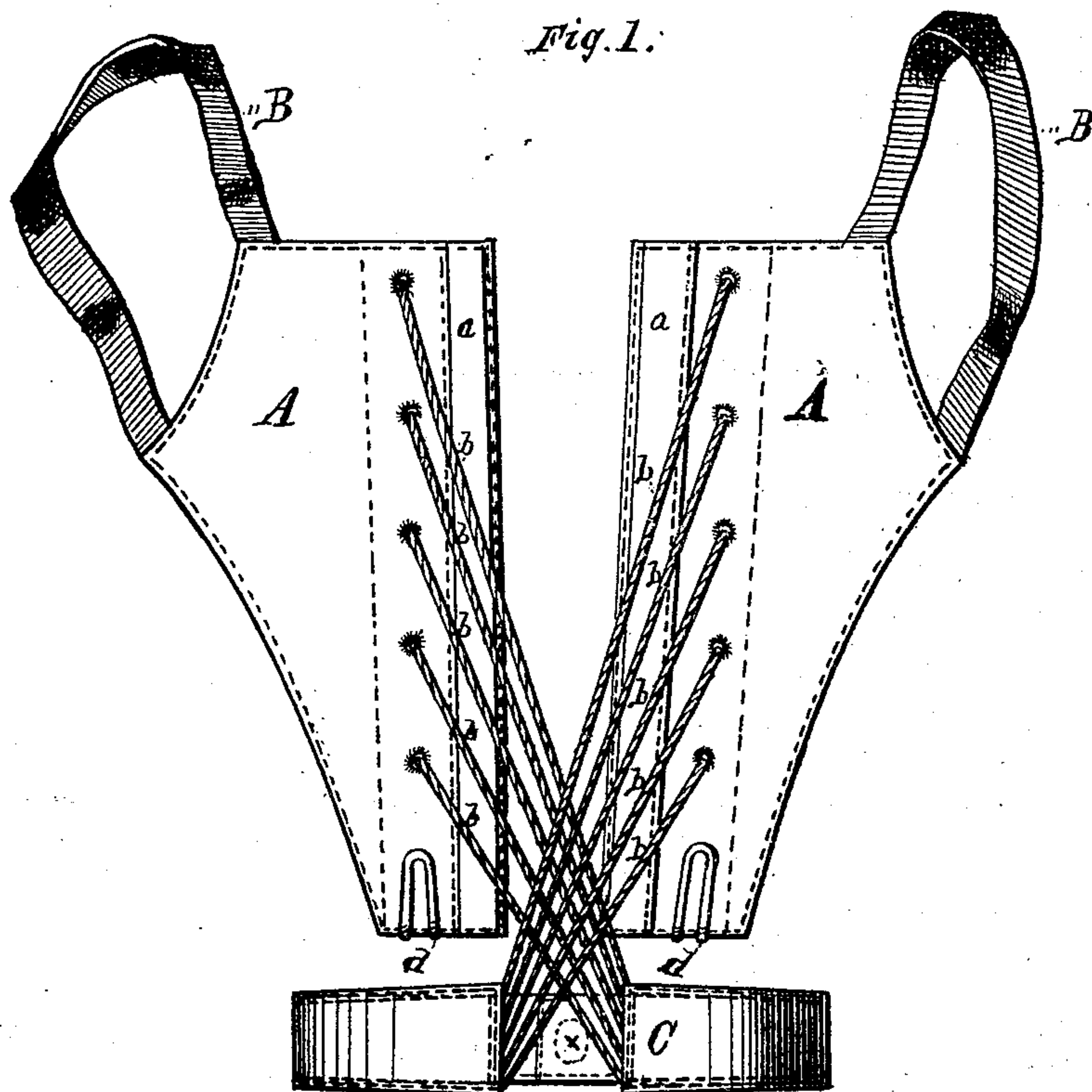
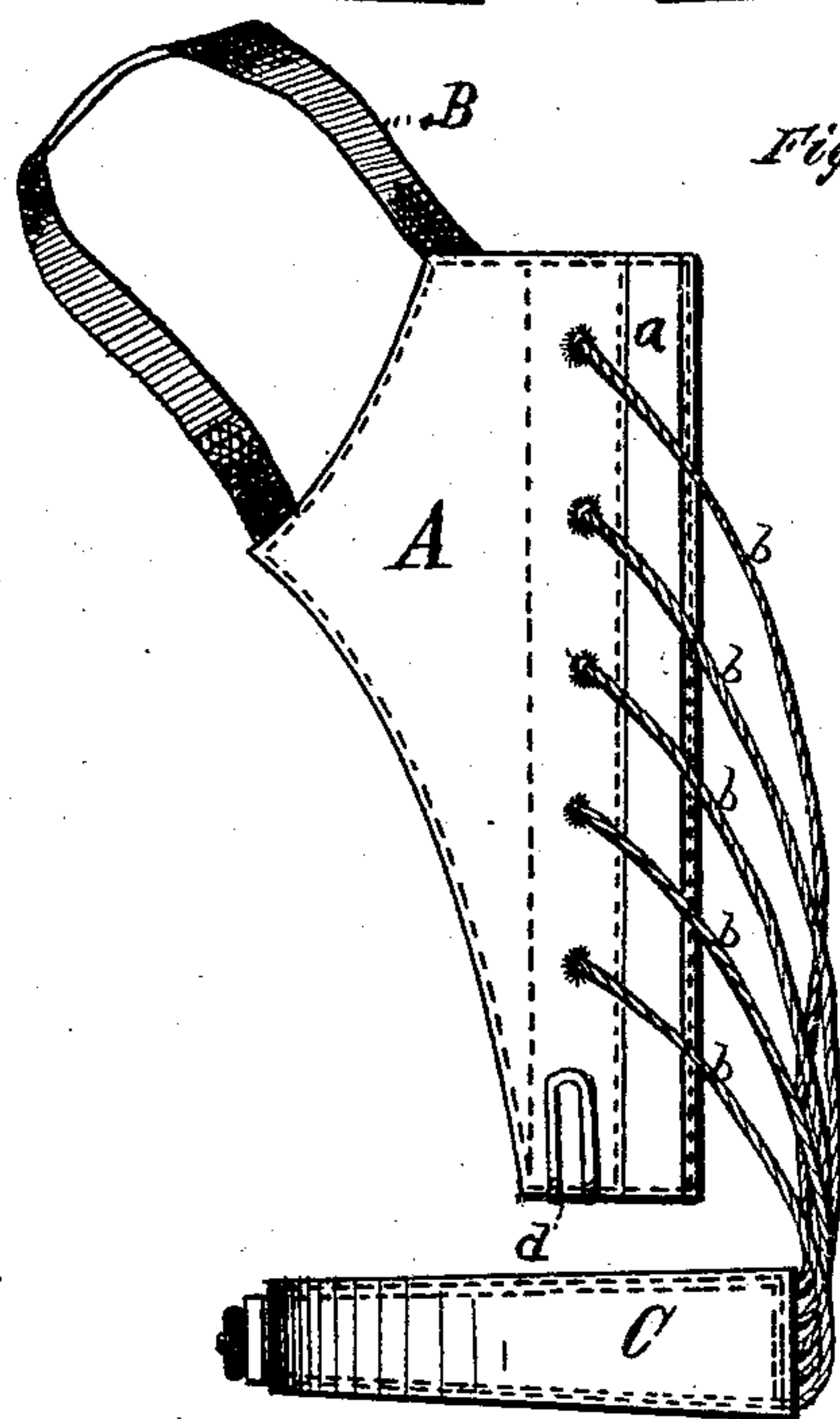


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SHOULDER-BRACES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SINIA F. MORSE, of Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shoulder-Braces; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a shoulder-brace, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a rear view, and Fig. 2 a side view, of my improved shoulder-brace.

A A represent two back pieces, made to conform to the shape of the person's back and having whalebones *a a* along their inner edges extending down the back. Each back-piece A is provided with an elastic strap, B, which is to extend around the arm over the shoulder, and is placed above the round of the shoulder. Each back-piece A is, by a series of cords, *b b*, connected with the end of an adjustable belt or waistband, C, on the opposite side, said cords passing through metallic eyelets in the back-piece, and their ends permanently at-

tached to the end of the adjustable belt or waistband. The adjustable belt or waistband C is made in two parts, buttoned together in front.

For ladies it should be attached to the corset, and for gentlemen by a button attached to the inside of the waistband. If necessary, two button-holes may be made in each belt or waistband for gentlemen.

This shoulder-brace effectually supports the spine, protects the shoulder-blades, and expands the chest by drawing the adjustable belts or waistband inclining downward.

At the lower end of each back-piece A is a hook, *d*, to support the skirts.

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

The back-pieces A A with or without hooks *d*, whalebones *a a*, elastic shoulder straps B, cords *d d*, and adjustable belt or waistband C, when said parts are combined and arranged substantially as described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I hereby affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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