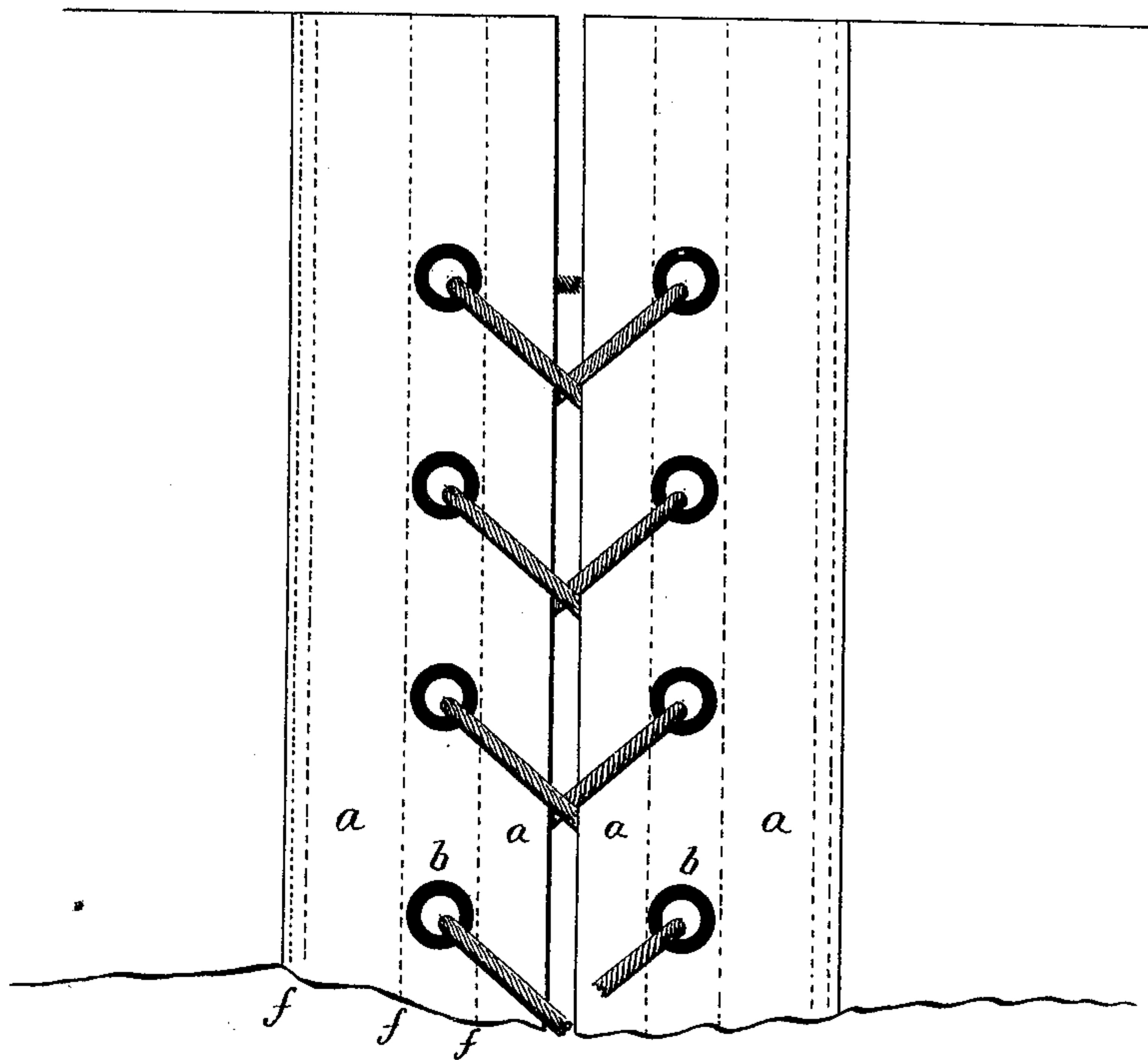


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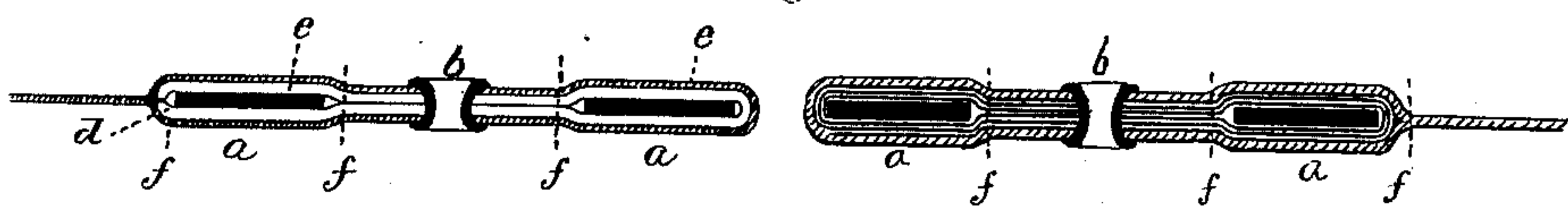
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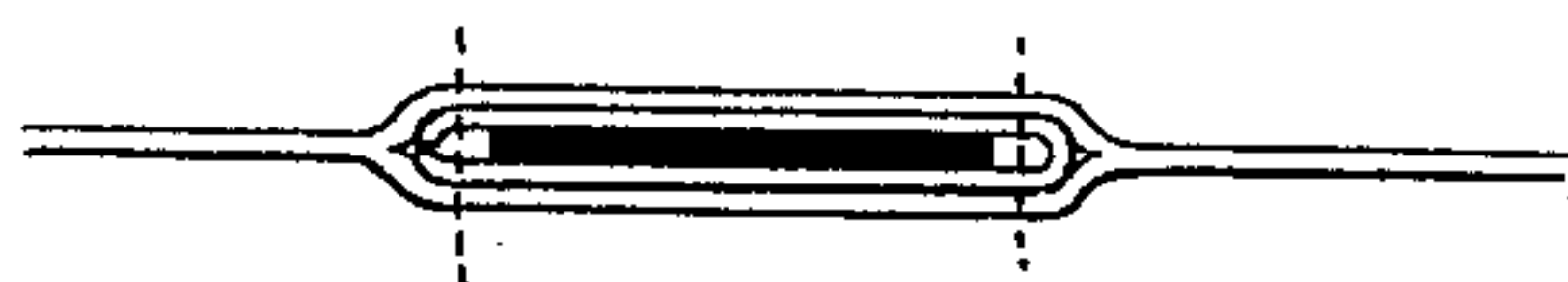
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOS. F. HAMILTON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, view of the rear or lacing portion of the corset; Fig. 2, transverse section, enlarged, also illustrating modification of the same; Fig. 3, transverse section of one of the side stays.

This invention relates to an improvement in the stays for corsets, with special reference to the stays at the two rear or lacing edges, but applicable to stays at other points; the object being to prevent the wear of the stay upon the fabric, as usually arranged; and it consists in the introduction of a fold or folds of paper, pasteboard, or equivalent flexible material around the stay, and stitched through the fabric, so as to become an inner pocket or lining for the pocket.

*a a* represent the two stays at each of the rear edges of the corset, and between which the eyelets *b* are introduced. Preparatory to the introduction of these stays a fold of pasteboard is arranged between the fabric, extending from one pocket to the other, and stitched

through the fabrics, as at *f*, these lines of stitching being the usual lines at this part of the corset, and form pockets of the fabric lined with the pasteboard, as seen at the left in Fig. 2. The eyelets *b* are introduced through the fabric and pasteboard, as also seen at the left in Fig. 2. Instead of pasteboard, paper may be used, folded several thicknesses, as seen at the right in Fig. 2.

The other stays in the corset may have the lining applied, as in Fig. 3.

By thus lining the pocket with a hard and flexible material—as paper, pasteboard, or an equivalent therefor—the usual wear of the stay upon the fabric is avoided. This lining, being stitched to the fabric, becomes a part of the corset, and the entire wear of the stay comes upon this lining, which offers a greater resistance to wear than a fabric can do, and because of this lined or auxiliary pocket a lighter fabric may be used than can be where the wear comes upon the fabric itself.

I claim—

In a corset, the combination, with the pocket for the stay or stays, of an auxiliary pocket or lining, of paper or similar material, stitched to and made a part of the pocket proper, substantially as described.

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