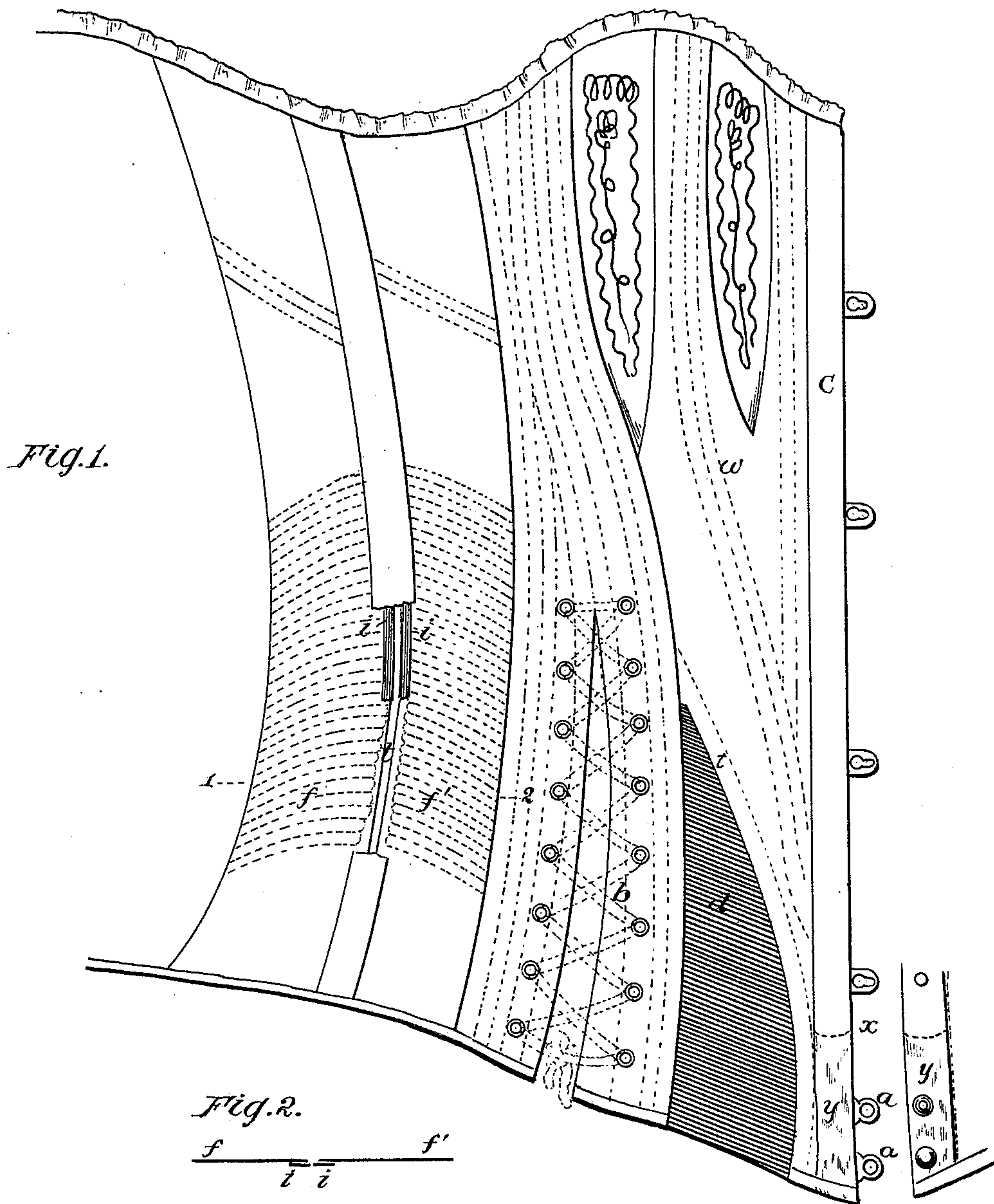


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. TALLMAN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is a corset constructed as fully described hereinafter, so as to secure a better adaptation to the person of the wearer, and avoid some of the objections incident to corsets of the ordinary construction.

In the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, Figure 1 represents one side of my improved corset, and Fig. 2 is a view illustrating the arrangement of the bones at the hip.

The corset is formed of sections, of any suitable size and shape adapted to produce the particular style required, and provided with the usual steels or clasps C. The latter, however, instead of extending to the lower edge of the corset, terminate at the point *x*, leaving a flexible tongue, *y*, which is provided with hooks or attachments *a*, for connecting it to the like tongue of the other side, and is stiffened in any suitable manner. By this means the corset is drawn closely to the form of the wearer at the lower edge without the objections incident to hooks or steels of unusual length.

A slit, *b*, in each side piece in front of the hip is provided with lacing *b'*, and between the slit and steel C is an elastic gore, *d*, which yields under the movements of the body, maintains the lower flexible tongue, *y*, in contact with the body, and preserves the hollow form of the corset at this point. By this combination the front of the corset may be adjusted to fit nicely to the wearer, while the lower edge of the corset, at the center, whatever is the adjustment, can yield to prevent binding over the abdomen when the wearer stoops.

The hip portion of the corset is stiffened by a steel, or by a series of transverse bones, *f f'*, extending from the edges of the under arm-section toward the center, where, however, they do not meet, being of such length as to

leave an intermediate flexible portion, *t*, so that the bones are not broken in bending round or in conforming to the movements of the hip and waist, while any tendency of the hip portion to fold transversely is prevented by longitudinal bones or steels *i*, which lap sufficiently over the ends of the bones *f* to prevent one slipping over the other.

In order to secure greater vertical stiffness the bones *f f'* are inclined upward toward the center, instead of extending horizontally, as heretofore.

The edge *t* of the gore *d* is inclined to the steel C, to permit the bones *w* to be carried down below the upper end of the gore, while placing the latter close to the steel.

It will be apparent that elastic laces may be substituted for the gores *d*.

I claim—

1. The combination, in a corset, of the steel C, front lace, *b'*, and intermediate elastic gore, *d*, substantially as set forth.

2. A corset provided with a flexible tongue, *y*, extending below the end of the steel, and having connecting devices *a*, as set forth.

3. The combination, in a corset, of the steel C, flexible tongue *y*, and bones *w* and gore *d*, extending downward in juxtaposition to said tongue, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination, in a corset, of two series of cross-bones, *f f'*, and intermediate flexible portion, *t*, at the hip, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

5. The series of bones *f f'*, extending each upward from one edge of the under arm portion, and converging toward the center, as described.

6. The combination, with the transverse hip-bones, of longitudinal bones *i*, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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