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Corset Cover.

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Fig. 1.

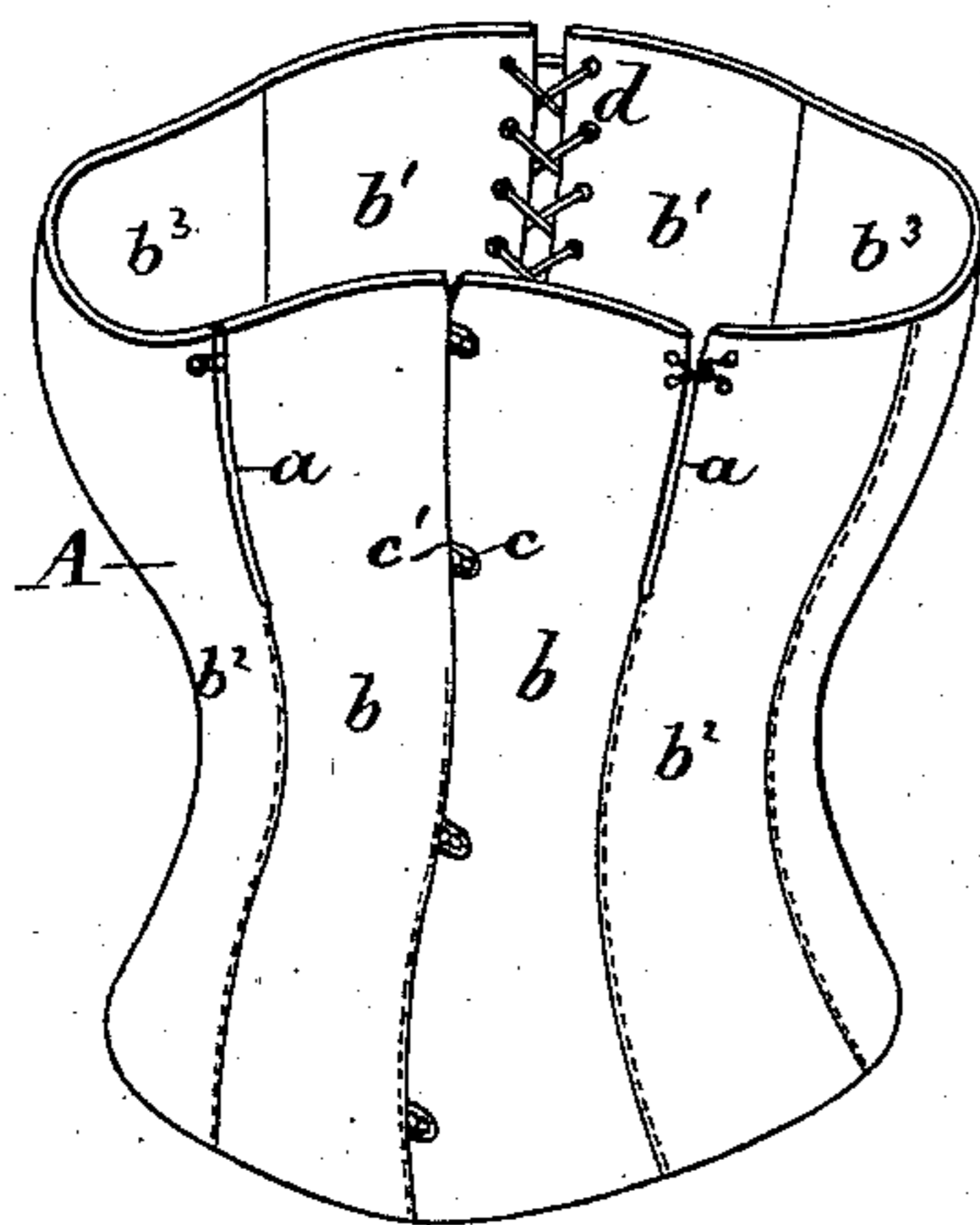


Fig. 2.

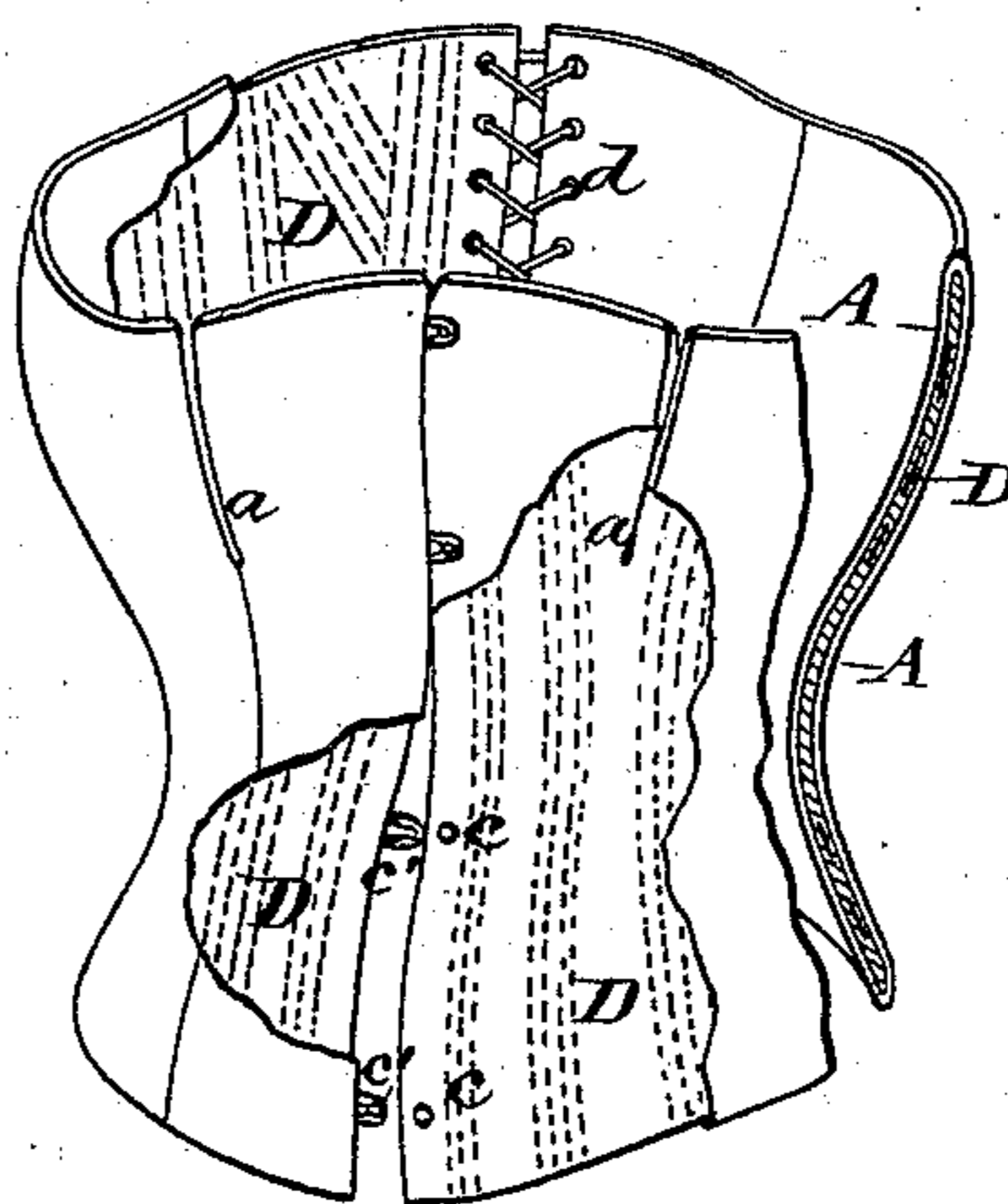


Fig. 3.

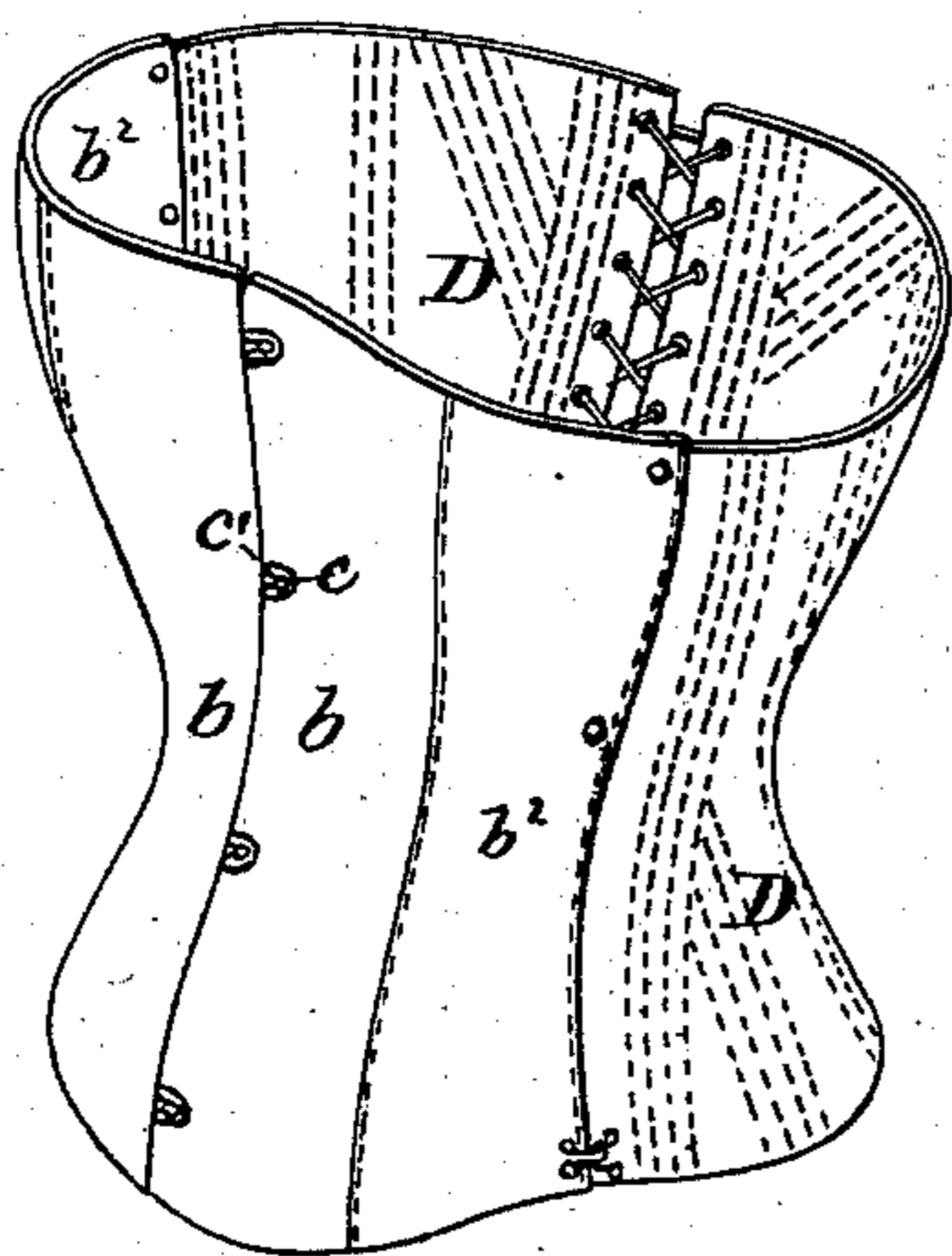
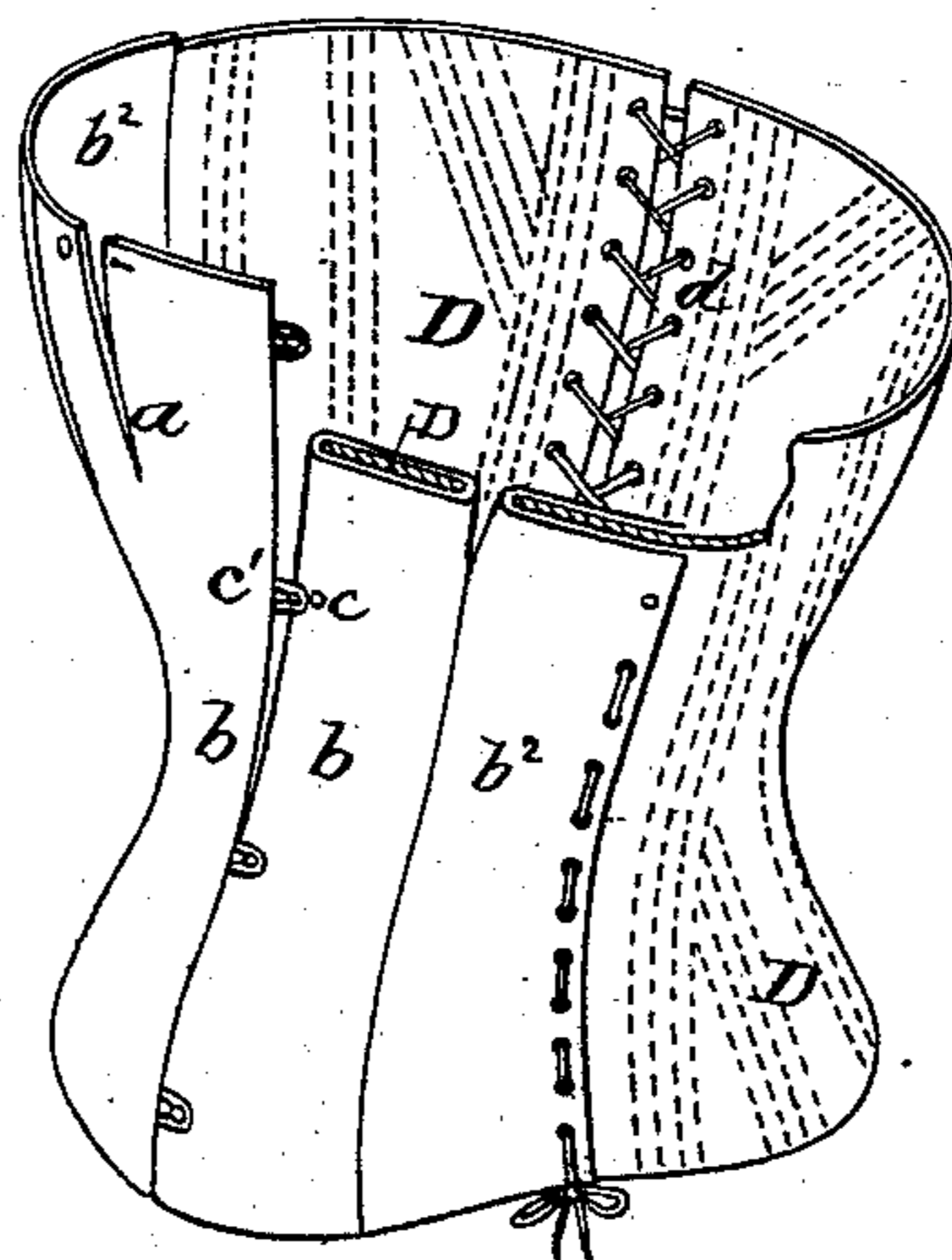


Fig. 4.



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## CORSET-COVER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID L. ENGEL, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Cover for Corsets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents my cover or case inclosing a corset and covering it inside and outside. Fig. 2 represents a view of the same with a portion of the cover torn away to show the inclosed corset, the latter being also partly in section. Fig. 3 represents a corset having the front portion inclosed within my cover. Fig. 4 represents another corset having the front portion inclosed in its cover, a portion of said front being in section.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets—viz., providing them with covers made to fit over both the outside and the inside of said corsets, or a portion thereof, and be retained connected thereto temporarily by lacing, hooks and eyes, buttons, clasps, plain sewing, &c.

The object of my invention is to prevent corsets from being rapidly soiled, as by the dirt contained in dress goods under the action of perspiration, and is particularly for the convenience of nursing mothers to protect and prevent the front portion of the corset becoming soiled by any escaping milk or by repeated contact with the baby's face, or to cover corsets that have become partly soiled previously.

For this purpose my invention consists in a cover or case for corsets adapted to fit and cover the outside and the inside of said corsets, or a portion thereof, secured temporarily thereto by suitable means, and adapted to be removed, washed, and replaced by the owner upon the corset without difficulty.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then pointed out in the claims.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, the cover or case A is shown as applied to a "nursing-corset"—viz., a corset having vertical slits *a* for the convenient release of either breast of the wearer for the purpose of nursing a child. This cover A is made in two parts, forming two flat bags or slips fitting over each half of the corset D.

To produce a good fit each half-cover is made of four internal and four external pieces partly gored and sewed together. They are generally called the "front piece," *b*, "back piece," *b'*, "side front," *b<sup>2</sup>*, and "side back," *b<sup>3</sup>*; but other forms or patterns well known to dress-makers and corset-makers may be used to fit corsets of various manufacturers.

The corset-covers shown in Figs. 1 and 2 are retained in place upon the corset simply by the buttons or hooks *c* or the eyes *c'*, forming the clasps projecting through their edge in front, and at the rear by the corset-lacing *d*, passing through the ordinary corset-eyelets and through corresponding eyelets in the rear edges of each half of the covers or slips A, so that when it is desired to have the covers removed and washed the only thing to be done is to remove the lacing *d*, withdraw the hooks or buttons *c*, and slip off the covers. They can then be washed without difficulty, as they are preferably made without whalebone or ribs, and then be easily replaced upon the corset.

The above-described mode of securing the cover to the corset I consider the most simple; but each cover may also be slipped over each half of the corset, either from above or from below, and be retained thereon by hooks and eyes, buttons, lacing, or a few stitches of temporary sewing at the open end. These covers can be embroidered and finished with fancy trimming or edging at the top, and can be made of any suitable material, either white or colored. For nursing-corsets I prefer making them of tinted or darker material than for plain corsets.

In Fig. 3 is shown a plain corset having only the front portion inside and out inclosed in a cover, said cover being secured to the corset with buttons, hooks and eyes, or other suitable fastenings. It is not absolutely obligatory that the inside portion should extend as far from the central front clasp within the corset as without, as a pocket two or three inches deep to receive the front edge of the corset will be sufficient to retain the cover permanently united to said corset, or the outer cover only may be secured to the outside of the corset at the front and side or rear with buttons, hooks and eyes, sewing, or lacing; but if eyelets and lacing are used to secure the cover to the corset

I prefer to make the internal and external portions of said cover of the same length.

In nursing-corsets, as shown in Fig. 4, the covering inside and out of the front pieces, *b* and *b*<sup>2</sup>, will be sufficient to prevent soiling of said corset with milk, &c.

I am aware that loose covers have been worn by ladies over their corsets, and that hoop-skirts or a portion thereof have been inclosed in covers, and I do not claim these devices; but,

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

15 1. A cover or case for corsets formed of internal and external pieces united together, and adapted to fit and inclose between them the corset, substantially as and for the purpose described.

20 2. In combination with a corset, a cover or case constructed of partly-gored pieces united together and adapted to fit and inclose said corset inside and out, or a portion thereof, substantially as and for the purpose described.

25 3. In combination with a nursing-corset having vertical slits or openings in the front por-

tion thereof, a cover or case constructed of internal and external pieces having corresponding slits closed at the edges, and adapted to fit and inclose the corset, or a portion thereof, and also the edges of said slits, substantially as and for the purpose described. 30

4. In combination with a corset, a cover constructed of partly-gored pieces united together and adapted to fit and inclose said corset inside and out, or a portion thereof, and also provided with eyelet-holes for the passage of the corset clasps or fastenings *c* and *c'*, substantially as and for the purpose described. 35

5. In combination with a corset, a cover constructed of partly-gored internal and external pieces united together, forming two slips adapted to fit and inclose said corset, or a portion thereof, and be united thereto by lacing passing through corresponding eyelet-holes formed in said covers and corset, substantially as and for the purpose described. 40 45

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