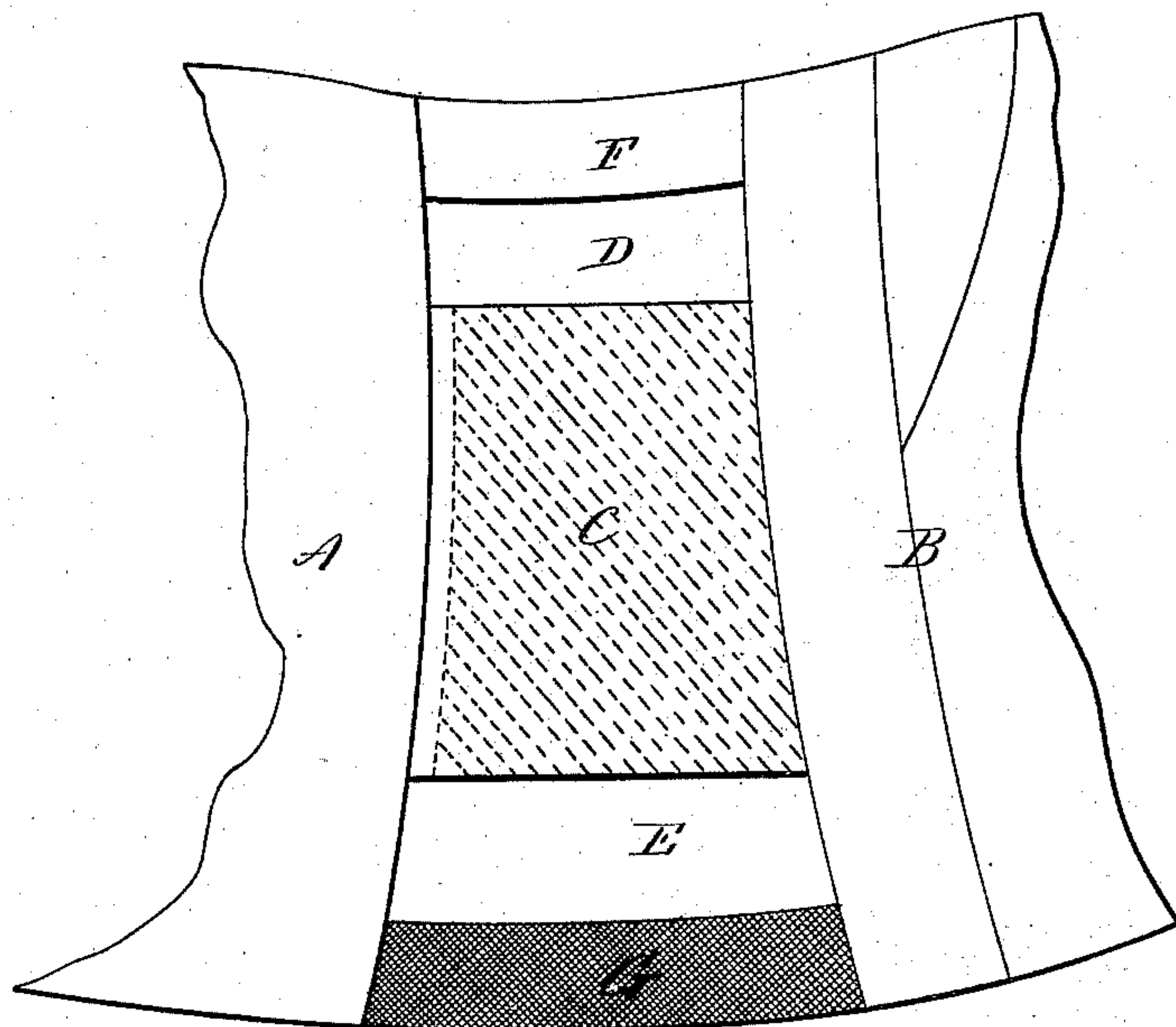


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISAAC W. BIRDSEYE, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new
5 Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and
10 which said drawing constitutes part of this specification and represents a side view.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, with special reference to the hip-section, the object being to give the required
15 shape around the waist and yet leave the body free under the arms and at the hips; and it consists in the construction, as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claim.

A represents the rear section, and B the
20 front section, the space between the two being the hip-section.

Connecting the two sections at the center is a part, C, attached to the front edge of the rear section and the rear edge of the front
25 section, and in height about one-half the height of the corset, leaving a space, D, above and a space, E, below. This part C is provided with a series of stays running diagonally across from rear to front. At the top of the space D
30 a band, F, extends across, and is attached to the front of the rear section and the rear of the front section. This should be of flexible material.

At the bottom of the space E is an elastic band, G, attached to the front of the rear sec- 35 tion and rear of the front section. This leaves an open space above and below the stayed portion C.

The band F being flexible and without stays, gives the requisite freedom under the arm, 40 while the elastic band G yields to the hip-joint, and thus the corset gives to the waist the required fixed shape without the usual rigidity under the arms and at the hips.

The band F at the top may be made adjust- 45 able by eyelets and cords or by buckle attachments.

I am aware that the hip-section of a corset has been made open between and above the center, and with elastic connection at the top 50 and bottom. I therefore do not claim such construction as of my invention.

I claim—

A corset having the hip-section composed of the part C, with bones running diagonally 55 across it from rear to front, combined with the flexible bands F at the top, and so as to leave a space, D, between said band and the boned portion C, and an elastic band, G, at the bottom, so as to leave an open space, E, between 60 the said band G and boned portion C.

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