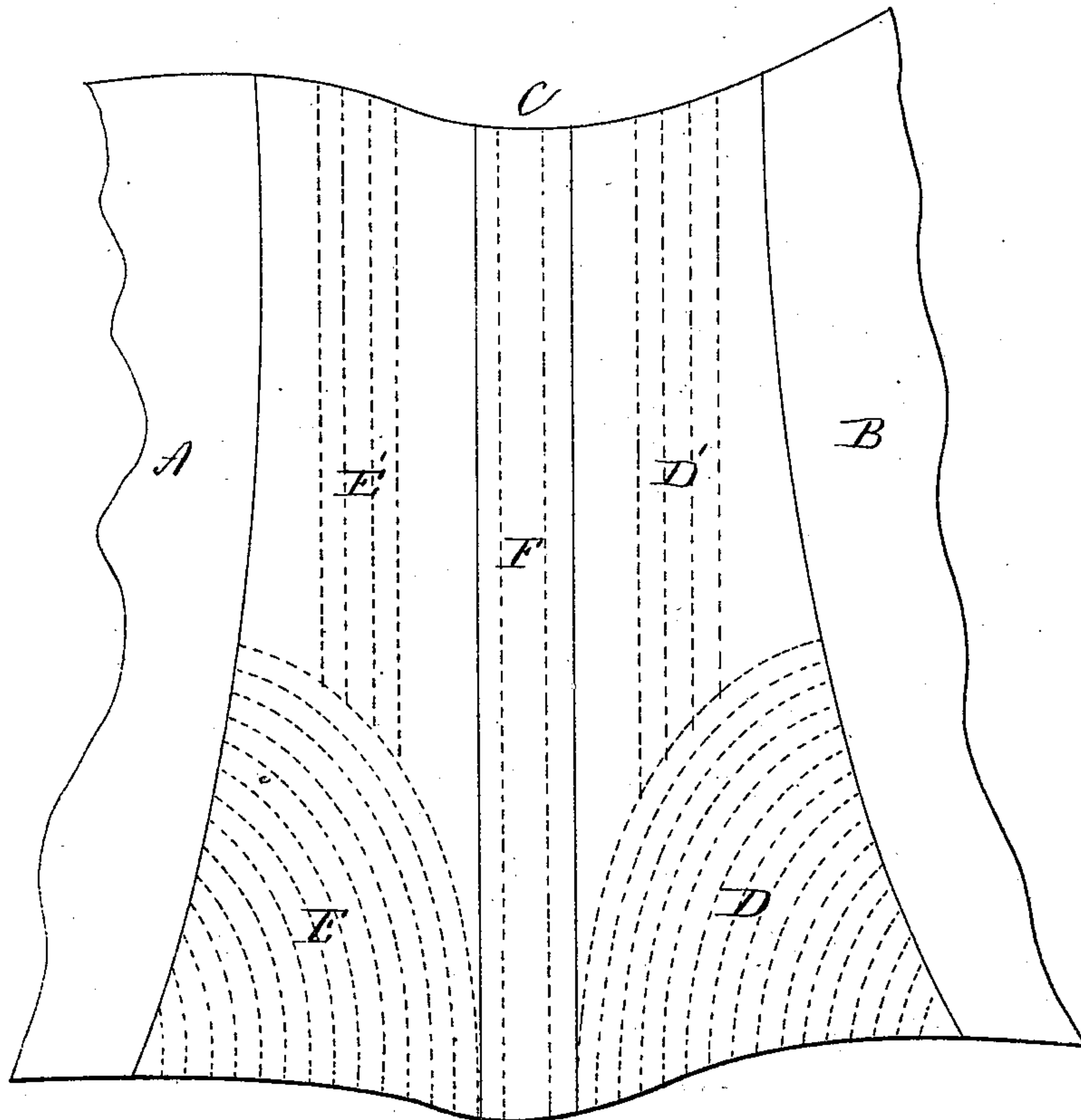


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. FOY, 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 drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a side view of the hip-section.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets with special reference to the hip-section, the object being the arrangement of bones in the section which will give the requisite shape and curvature at the hip and without the liability of breaking at the waist-line; and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

A represents the front section, B the rear section, and C the intermediate or hip section. A series of bones, D, is arranged at the lower rear part of the hip-section, running from the rear edge downward and forward to the lower edge, and in rear of the central line of said section, (here represented as the stay F,) and at the front is a similar series of bones, E, running from the forward edge downward and rearward to the lower edge of the section, and in front of said central line, the two series nearly meeting at the center lower edge of the hip-section. Above each of these series D E is a vertical series of stays or bones, D' E', extending from the upper bone of the lower series to the upper edge of the section. Preferably a central vertical bone or stay, F, extends from the upper edge of the section downward to the lower edge, between the two series, D E, as shown in the accompanying illustration. Preferably the bones in the series D E are

curved, but they may be diagonal. These bones or stays, springing from the front and rear edge toward the center, readily conform to the shape required, and sustain the lower portion of the corset without any direct or breaking strain upon the bones.

The central stay, F, may be omitted; but the best result is attained when it is employed.

I do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming the arrangement in the hip-section of a corset consisting of a diagonal series of bones combined with a vertical series, as such I am aware is not new.

I claim—

1. A corset having the hip-section provided with a series of bones or stays running from the rear edge downward to the lower edge and in rear of the central line of the section, and a similar series of bones or stays running from the forward edge downward and backward to the lower edge and forward of the central line, combined with vertical stays above said series, substantially as described.

2. A corset having the hip-section provided with a series of bones or stays running from the rear edge downward to the lower edge and in rear of the central line of the section, and a similar series of bones or stays running from the forward edge downward and backward to the lower edge and forward of the central line, combined with vertical stays above said series and a central stay extending from the upper edge of the section centrally to the lower edge, between the said two series, which terminate each side the central line at the lower edge, substantially as described.

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