

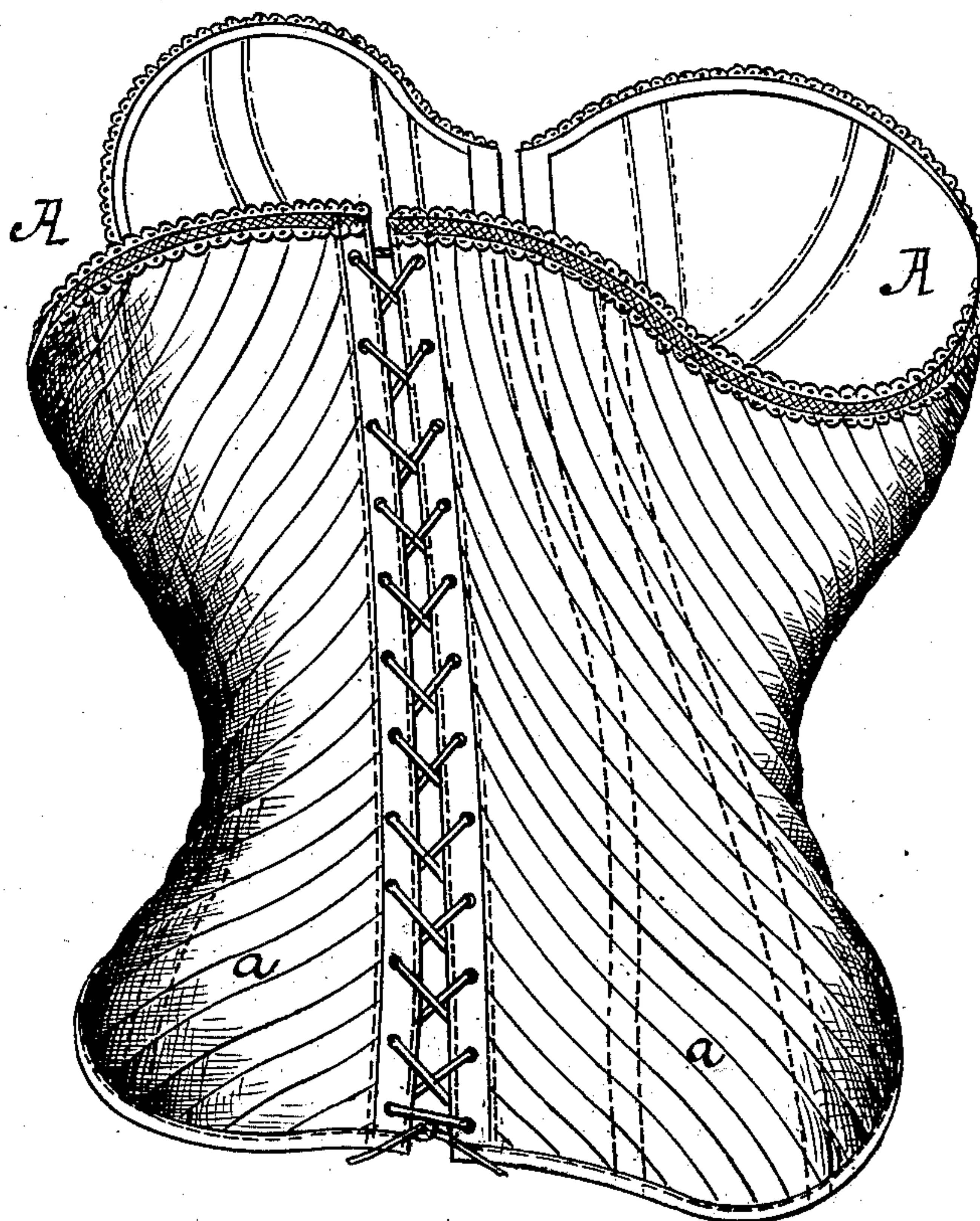
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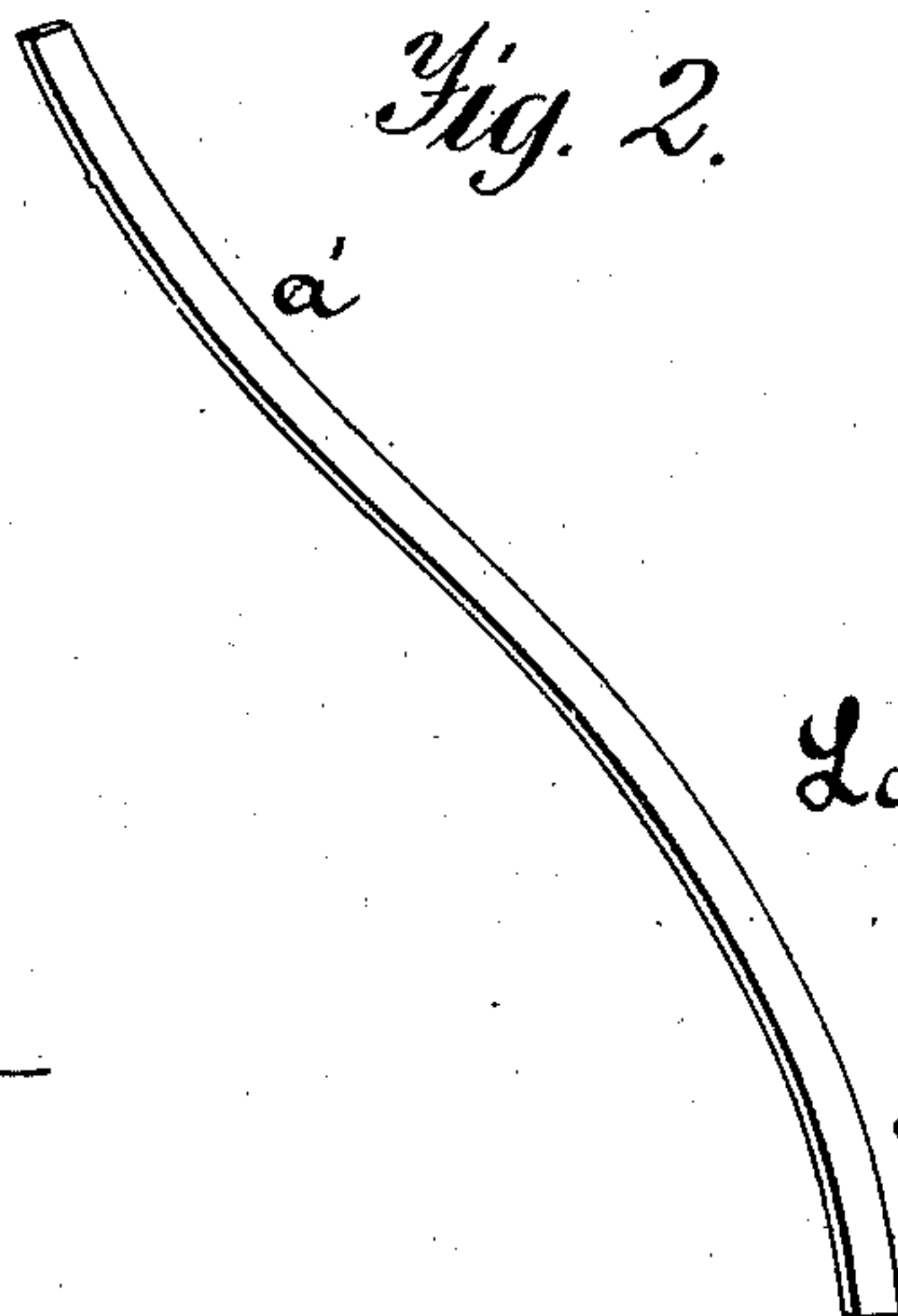
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## CORSET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIE M. HOLSTEIN, of Michigan City, in the county of La Porte and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to corsets or stays for ladies' wear; and the novelty consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claim.

In the use of corsets great inconvenience and annoyance arises from the corset-springs breaking or puncturing the spring-pocket and abrading the person of the wearer. This trouble is mainly due to the fact that the springs are arranged vertically, or nearly so, and the wearer, in bending in any direction forward, as in stooping, or toward either side, gives a positive and decided strain to the spring. In my device I avoid this deleterious result by arranging the spring-pockets so that they will run diagonally from back to front. By this construction the springs are so arranged that the bending of the wearer in any direction will not act positively upon any one spring, but upon a succession of springs in a lateral di-

rection, thus utilizing the lateral as well as the longitudinal spring of the stay-spring. The spring proper may be of any desirable material or form.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, and Fig. 2 a view of one of the springs.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the body of the corset, composed of two half-sections, and provided with a series of pockets, *a*, running uniformly and continuously in a diagonal direction from the back to the front, as clearly shown in the drawings. The pockets *a* contain the springs or bones *a'*, one of which is shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings.

If desired, the springs may be arranged to run diagonally from front to back.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The corset A, having a series of pockets, *a*, running uniformly and continuously in a diagonal direction from back to front, and adapted to serve with and hold the springs or bones *a'*, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of May, 1880.

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