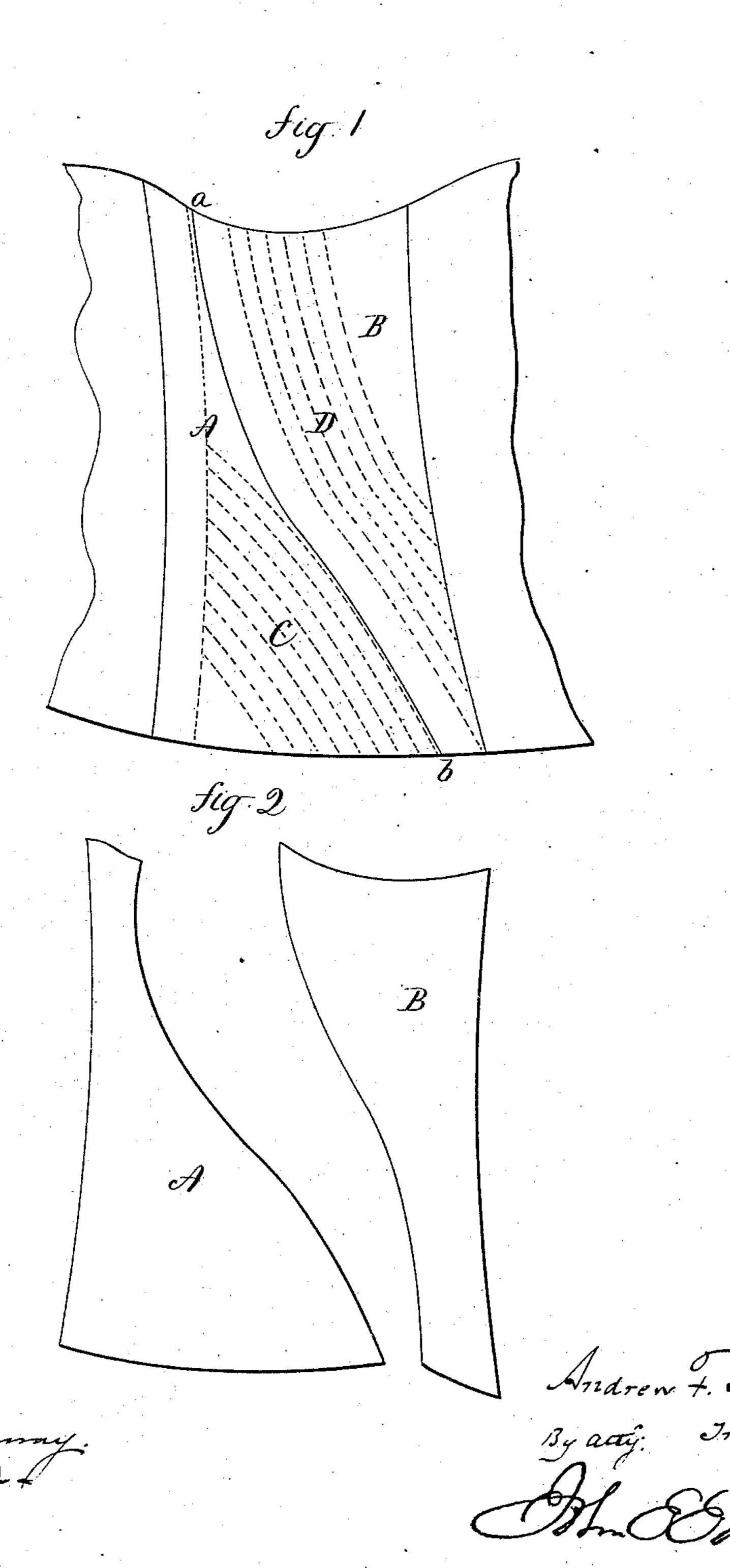
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Andrew F. Loomer, of Birmingham, 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 drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view, and in Fig. 2 a diagram illustrating the cut of the hip-section.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets with special reference to the hip-section, the object being to make the cut of the section so as not to depend to the usual extent upon the boning to give the required shape to the corset; and it consists in the construction, as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

A, Fig. 2, represents the rear part, and B the front part, of the hip-section. The front edge of the part A is cut, starting near the 25 rear edge of the part, curving downward and forward in concave shape for about two-thirds of its length, thence by a reverse curve to the bottom. The rear edge of the part B is cut starting from near the front edge at the bot-30 tom, curving backward and upward in concave shape for about one-half its length, thence by a reverse curve to the top, as seen in Fig. 2. The two edges thus shaped are brought together, making a seam running 35 from the point a under the arm downward to a point, b, near the lower edge, as seen in Fig. 1. This difference in the curvature of the edges gives to the section a curve corresponding to the shape of the body under the arm, 40 downward and inward to the waist-line, thence

expanding over the hip, and is a shape which, in practice, is found to avoid to a great extent the wrinkling over the hip and at the waist-line.

In boning the corset a lower series, C, of 45 bones runs from the rear edge of the part A diagonally downward and forward to the lower edge, and made entirely in the part A of the hip-section. The second series of bones, D, starts from the top of the other part, B, and 50 runs downward to the bottom and front edge parallel with the seam a b. This brings the series D of bones into the shape given by the peculiar cut of the corset before described.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming 55 one or more diagonal series of bones in the hip-section, as that, I am aware, is not new; but

What I do claim is—

1. A corset having the hip-section composed 60 of the parts A B, the meeting edge of the two parts curved to form a seam, a b, running from near the rear edge of the section at the top downward and forward to near the front edge of the section, substantially as described. 65

2. A corset having the hip-section composed of the parts A B, the meeting edge of the two parts curved to form a seam, a b, running from near the rear edge of the section at the top downward and forward to near the front 70 edge of the section, combined with a diagonal series of bones, C, in the lower portion of the part A, and the series of bones D in the part B running from the top downward and parallel with the seam a b, substantially as degree 75 scribed.

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Witnesses:

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