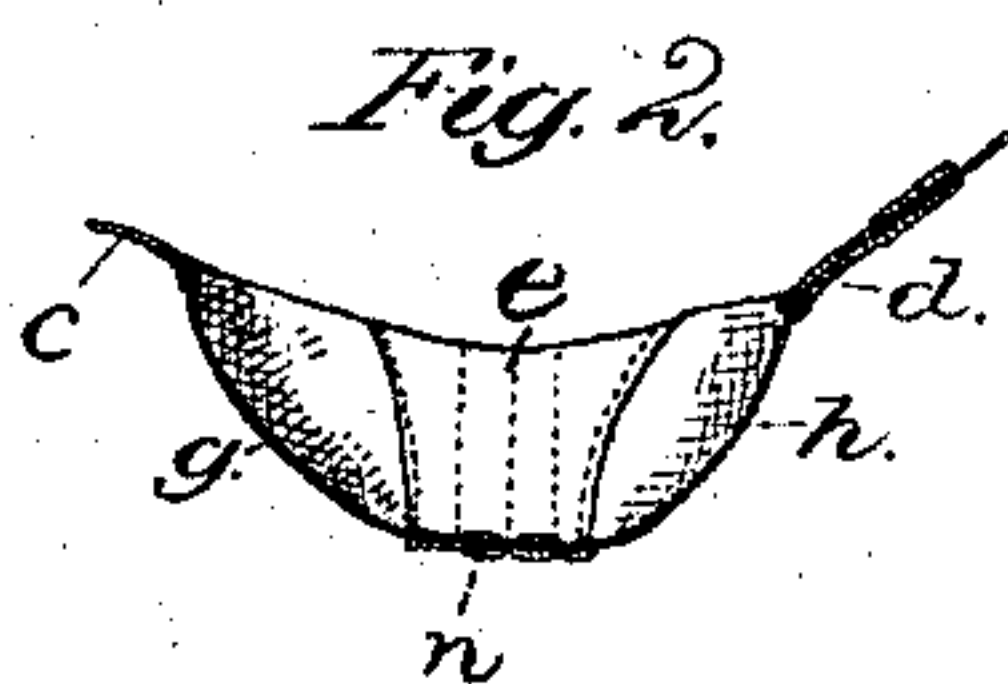
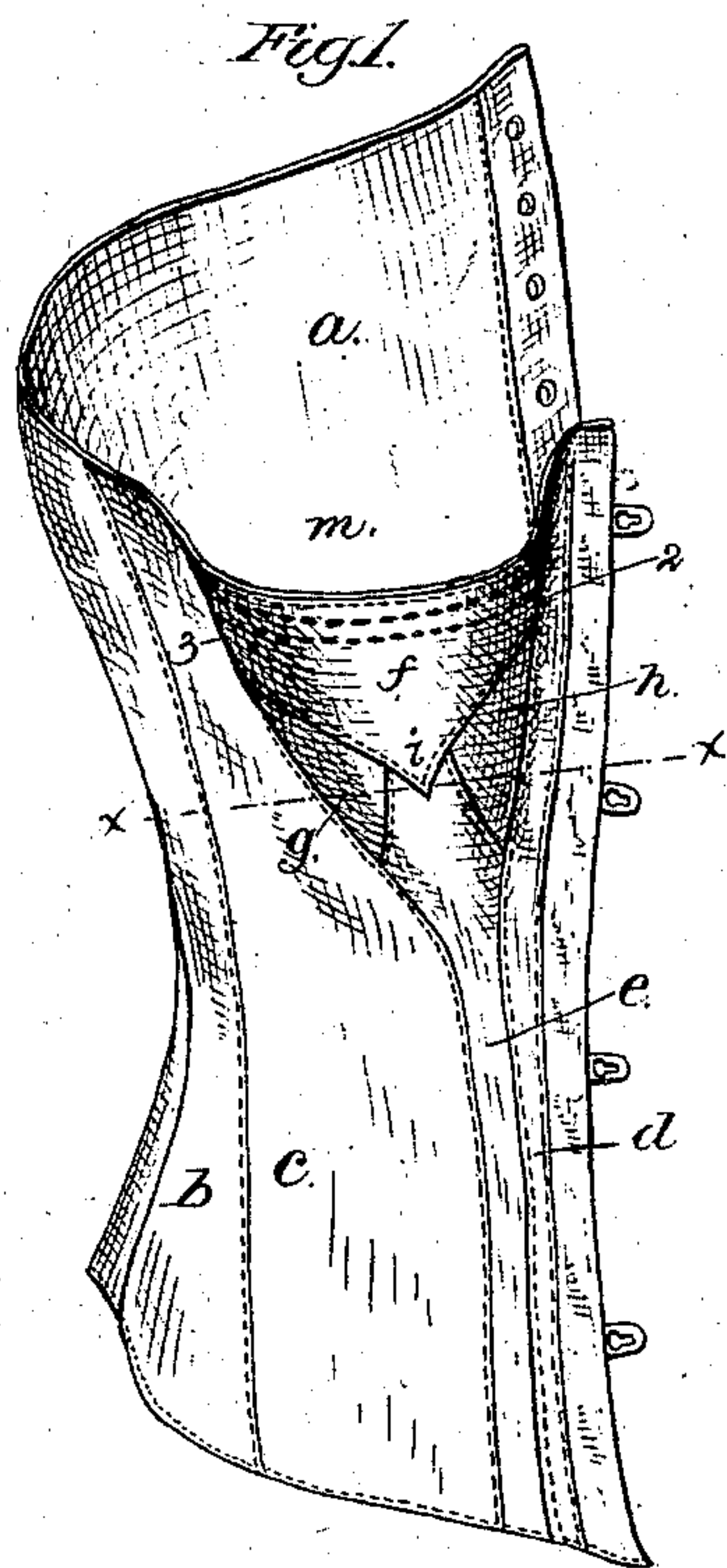


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH A. ORDWAY, of Worcester, county of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention relates to a novel construction or cut in corsets at those parts forming the breast-section, whereby the shape of the breast-section may be improved and may be kept in shape, and at the same time furnish surfaces capable of such ornamentation as to produce a decidedly novel appearance.

Figure 1 represents, in elevation, the right half of a corset containing my invention; Fig. 2, a section on the dotted line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The back *a* and side *b* and pieces *c d* of the front are all as usual, and they may be stiffened in any usual manner.

The strip *e*, entering into the front of the corset, as shown in this my invention, is extended from the lower edge of the corset upward to a point substantially at the center of the breast-section, where its upper tapered end has stitched to it the horizontal gore-piece *f*, having the downwardly-tapered portion *i*. The ends of the horizontal gore are joined into the seams 2 3, and the spaces between the tapered center piece, *e*, pieces *c d*, and horizontal gore-piece *f* are filled in with the gores *g h*, which extend only over a portion of the length of the breast-section. The center piece, *e*, will be stiffened from bottom to top with usual stiffening-strips, *n*. (See Fig. 2.) The upper edge of gore *f* will be stiffened with two or more stiffening-strips in the line designated by the heavy dots in Fig. 1.

By giving to the three gores *f g h* greater or less depth in the direction of their width the breast-section may be given greater or less cup shape or outward bulge or fullness, as may be desired, and the center of the breast-section may be given greater prominence than if the upper end of the strip *e* were extended entirely across the breast-section vertically to the upper edge of the corset. The seams which join the two shorter edges of the gore-pieces *g h* with the long gore *f*, all converging toward the cen-

ter or highest part of the breast-section, tend to stiffen or distend it.

A breast-section made as herein described and shown in the drawings does not at the top of the corset press or cut into the person.

The gist of my invention consists in directing the gores and pieces entering into the formation of the breast-section of the corset toward the center of the breast-section; and it is obvious, therefore, that my invention would not be altered if the gores *f g h*, instead of being in three pieces, were made of more than three pieces, as might be readily, but not so well or economically, done, for three pieces such as I have shown and described form the best and most practical breast-section to manufacture.

The broad horizontal gore *f* serves in many corsets made by me to receive ornamental stitching or embroidery more or less elaborate, and being unbroken from end to end by vertical seams gives to the breast-section a different appearance from that commonly seen, making it more attractive and salable.

I am aware that bosom-pads have been made of several tapering pieces, all made to converge toward the center of the pad, thus making a semi-sphere, but such construction would not answer for a breast-section, nor has such a semi-sphere ever been built into the body of the corset to form the breast-section thereof.

The point *i* of the gore-piece *f* of the tapered end of the piece *e* and the inner corners of the gores *g h* are brought together, as described, at the point where the greatest fullness is desired, and which gives to the corset at the front a very different shape than if the piece *f* were of uniform width and the upper ends of *c* were not tapered.

I claim—

1. The front and breast section of a corset, made up of the pieces *c d*, the central piece, *e*, tapered at its upper end and made to terminate short of the upper end of the corset, the horizontal gore-piece *f*, provided with the downwardly-extended point *i*, and the two intermediate gores, *g h*, secured to the horizontal gore and to the upper end of the central piece, *e*, all substantially as described.

2. In a corset, the breast-section having in it the tapered strip *e* and the three gore-pieces *f g h*, shaped as shown, the gore-piece *f* being extended horizontally across the top of and
5 down, as at *i*, to the center of the breast-section, the two gores *g h* being connected with the strip *e* and gore *f* by lines of stitching converging toward the center of the breast-section, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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