

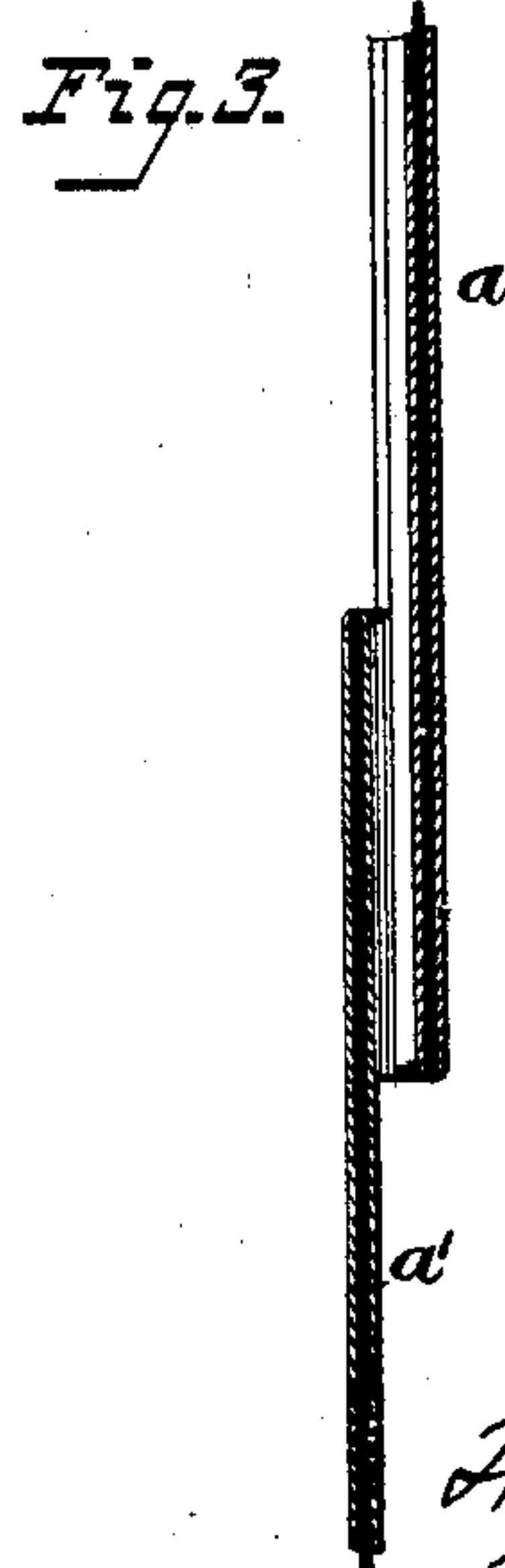
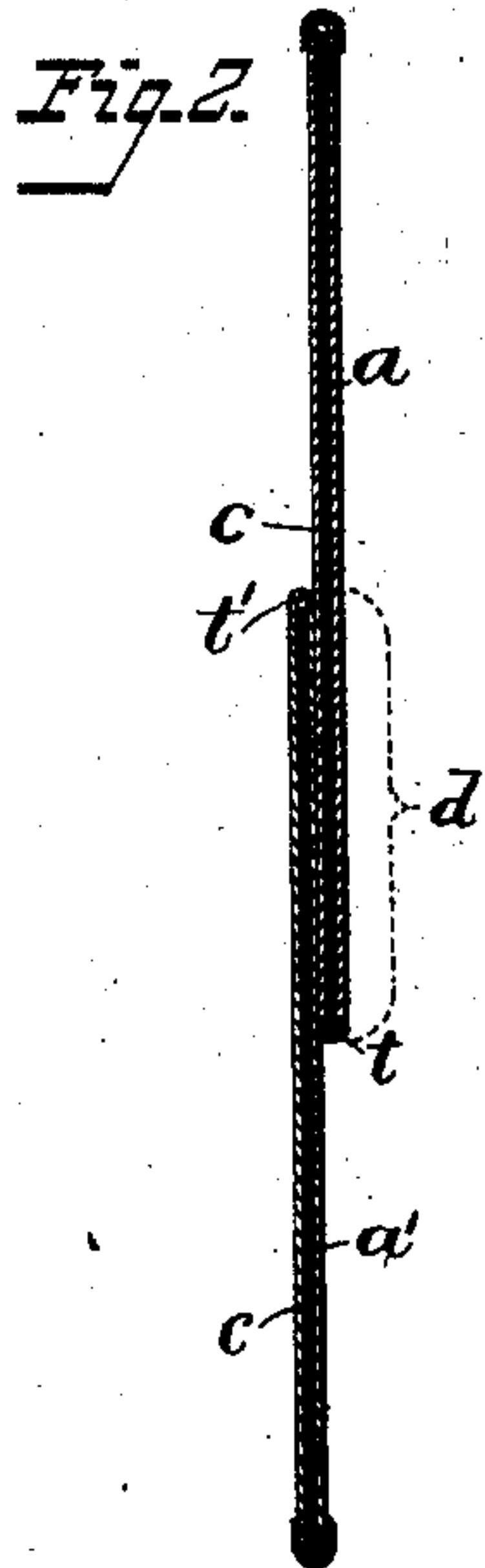
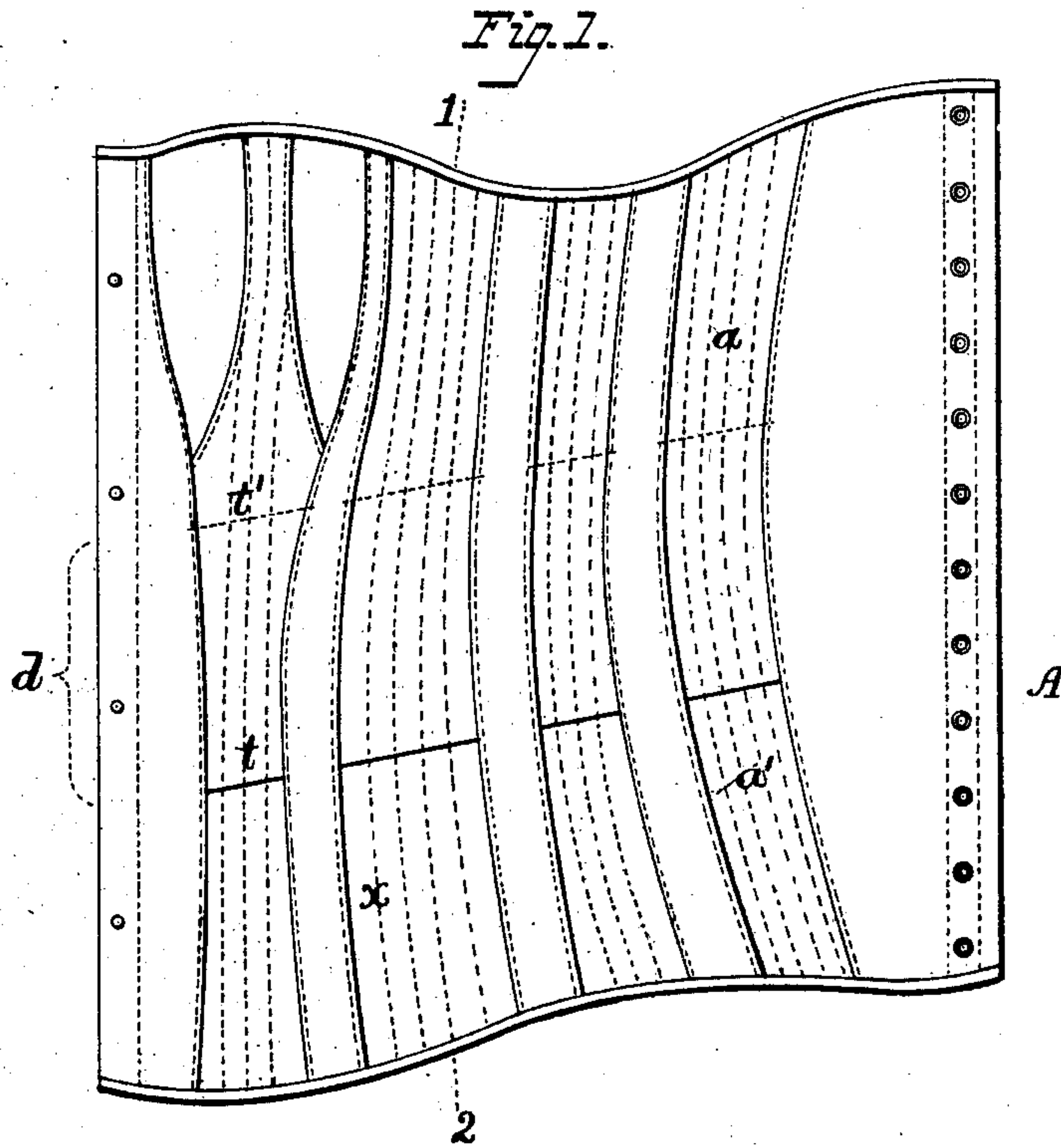
(Model.)

T. P. TAYLOR.

CORSET.

No. 244,834.

Patented July 26, 1881.



Attest:
Courtney A. Corfield
William Peaton

Thomas P. Taylor
By his attorney
Charles E. Foster

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

THOMAS P. TAYLOR, OF BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT.

CORSET.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 244,834, dated July 26, 1881.

Application filed November 17, 1880. (Model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. TAYLOR, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to impart increased strength to such portions of a corset as are subjected to the greatest amount of strain, or where increased rigidity or stiffness is necessary, and to effect this by the use of shorter and lighter pieces of bone or horn than are usually required.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing the side of an ordinary corset. Fig. 2 is a section on the line 1 2, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, a section illustrating a modification.

In carrying out my invention I construct a corset of any suitable fabric, in any desirable manner, and use ribs made from horn, whalebone, or any other available material. These ribs are secured in the pockets of the corset, but in place of making the said pockets continuous, to receive continuous ribs extending the entire length or width of the section to be stiffened, I provide pockets overlying each other for a portion of their length at the point where the greatest stiffness is required, and insert the ribs in these pockets, so that there will be two rib-thicknesses at certain portions and only single rib-thicknesses at other portions of the corset. These pockets may be formed by making the corset or corset-sections of two partially overlying portions or pieces of fabric, *a a'*, each double, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, stitching the same along the lines *x*, and then inserting the ribs *c* and closing the ends of the pockets at *t t'*, as shown, thereby securing a double-ribbed thickness at the portion *d* or waist, where the greatest strain is brought upon the corset.

Instead of doubling the pieces *a a'*, three pieces of fabric may be used, the central extending from the bottom to the top of the corset, and the others extending from the edges to the points *t t'*, respectively.

To secure greater flexibility without detract-

ing from the strength and rigidity of the double-ribbed portion of the corset, the overlying portions, instead of being stitched together, as in Figs. 1 and 2, may consist of separate ribbed sections, one of which can play slightly upon the other, as shown in Fig. 3, the sections being held in relative position by their attachment at the side edges to other portions of the corset.

It will be apparent that these overlying portions may, if necessary, be combined in a corset, and that the bones in one portion, instead of being directly below, may lie between the bones in the other portion. I do not, however, here claim to be the inventor of overlying bones combined with detached sections, my invention being limited to the sections joined or stitched together, as described.

I am aware that ribbed flaps or wings have been applied to corsets so as to lie over portions thereof; but this differs from my invention, which relates to the structure of the body proper of the corset, and not to any additional or supplemental part; and I do not here claim making the pockets in overlapping portions of the sections by folding two pieces of fabric each at the center, overlapping the folded ends, and sewing the same by longitudinal rows of stitches, as this constitutes the subject of a separate application filed February 21, 1881; but,

Without limiting myself to the special construction described, I claim—

The combination, in a corset, of sections constituting parts of the body, having independent pockets extending from the edges toward the inner portions and overlying each other, and containing ribs which overlap at such inner portions, substantially as set forth.

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

THOMAS P. TAYLOR.

Witnesses:

F. S. ANDREWS,
E. YOUMANS.