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fig. 1

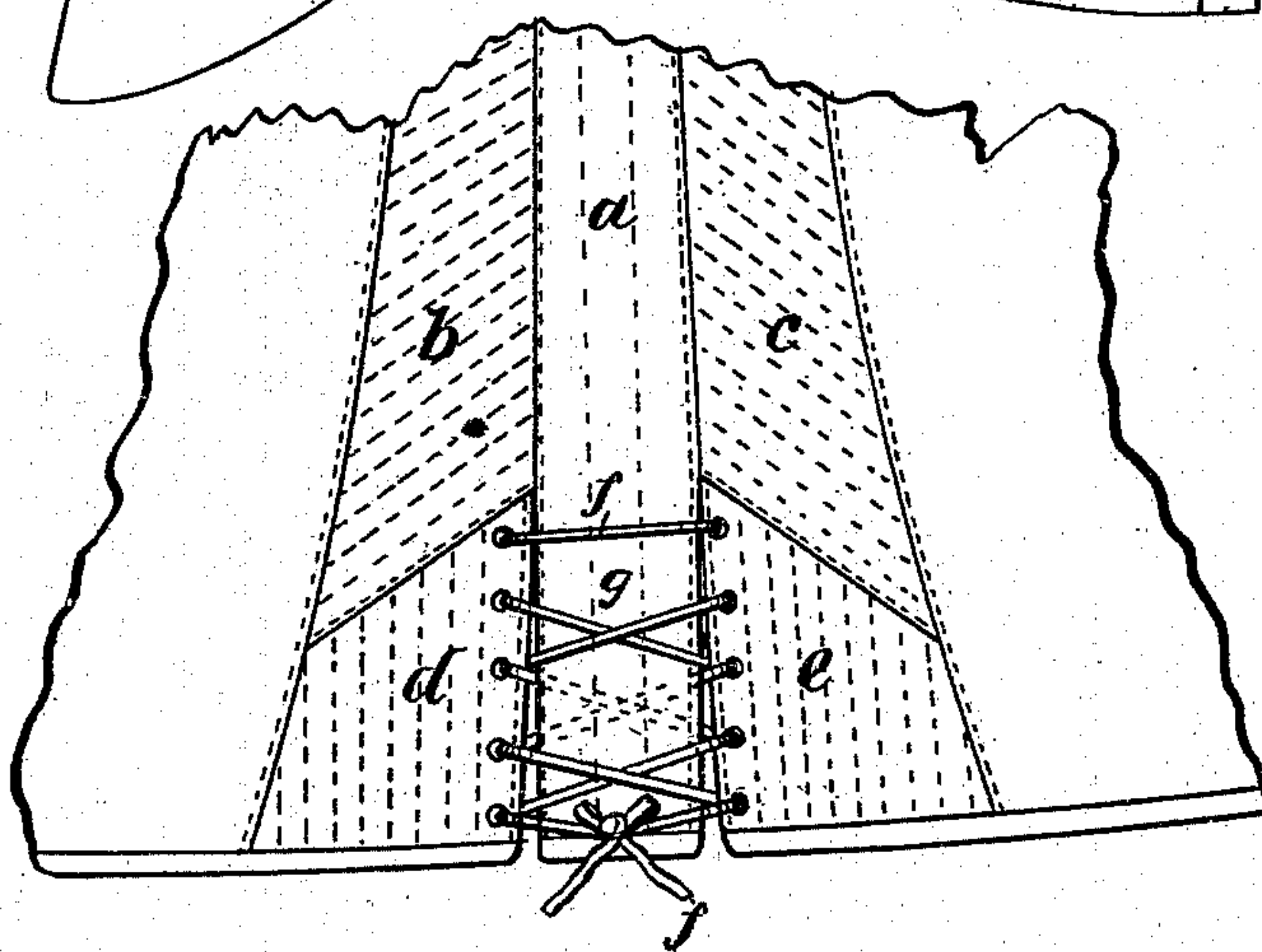
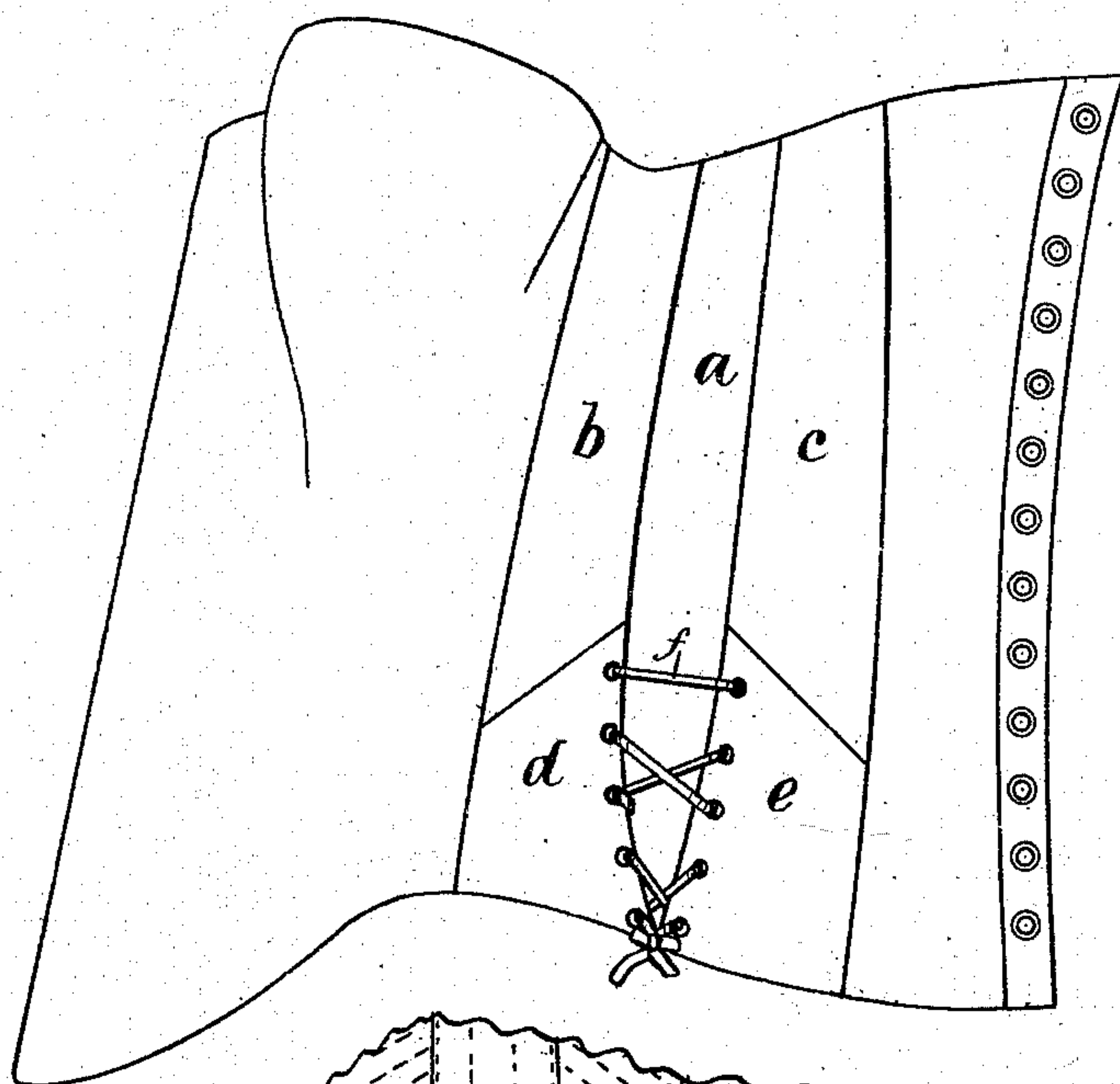


fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES BOWERS, a resident of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, 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.

The object of this invention is to render the corset better adapted to adjust itself over the hip, and to do the same with increased comfort and ease to the wearer.

It consists in the arrangement and conformation of parts, substantially as herein set forth, and embodied in the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 represents a half-section of a corset embodying my improvement; and Fig. 2, a detached and enlarged view of a portion of the same, more clearly showing the relation of the parts to one another.

Within the corset, where the same covers the hips of the wearer, I insert the several pieces *a, b, c, d*, and *e*, *a* being a strip running from the upper to the lower edge of the corset, and in which are secured or pocketed bones or steels, as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2. The lower portion of said strip is free from the adjacent parts *d e*, and forms a loose tongue, *g*, over which said parts *d e* are free to lap. Upon each side of the strip *a* are inserted into the corset the parts *b c d e*, all of which widen toward the lower portion thereof, and are adapted to cause a fullness in the corset, to conform to the hip of the wearer. The seams between the parts *b d* and *c e* are or may be diagonal, as shown, and the ribs in the parts *b c* are arranged correspondingly diagonal, as shown, while the strengthening-ribs in the parts *d e* are arranged vertically. Eyelets are arranged near the edges of the parts *d e* adjacent to the tongue *g*, and elastic cord is laced therein in such a manner as to hold the tongue in position.

I am aware that a slit or opening in a cor-

set over the hip of the wearer has been provided with lacing-cords; but it does not appear that the same said cords were elastic, or that the corset was adapted to adjust itself to the form without being manipulated.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a corset, the combination of the parts *a, b, c, d, e*, and *f*, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth and shown.

2. In a corset, the strip *a*, running from the upper edge of a corset down through the hip-covering portion of the said corset, forming a loose tongue, *g*, which said loose tongue is held in position by lacing-cords, substantially as and for the purposes set forth and shown.

3. In a corset, the strip *a*, running from the upper edge of a corset to the lower, forming a loose tongue, *g*, which is held in position by lacing-cords which cross said loose tongue from adjacent parts, substantially as and for the purpose set forth and shown.

4. The loose tongue *g*, arranged in a corset at a point therein over the hip of the wearer, held in position by lacing-cords *f*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth and shown.

5. In a corset, parts *d e*, having a loose tongue between them, said parts *d e* being furnished with eyelets, substantially as and for the purposes set forth and shown.

6. In a corset, parts *b c d e*, widest near their lower extremities, and adapted to give a fullness to the corset at the point therein over the hip of the wearer, in combination with a central strip, *a*, the lower end of which forms a loose tongue, which is held in position by lacing-cords, substantially as and for the purposes set forth and shown.

7. In a corset, elastic lacing-cords, in combination with a loose tongue, *g*, and adjacent parts, substantially as and for the purposes set forth and shown.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of June, 1881.

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