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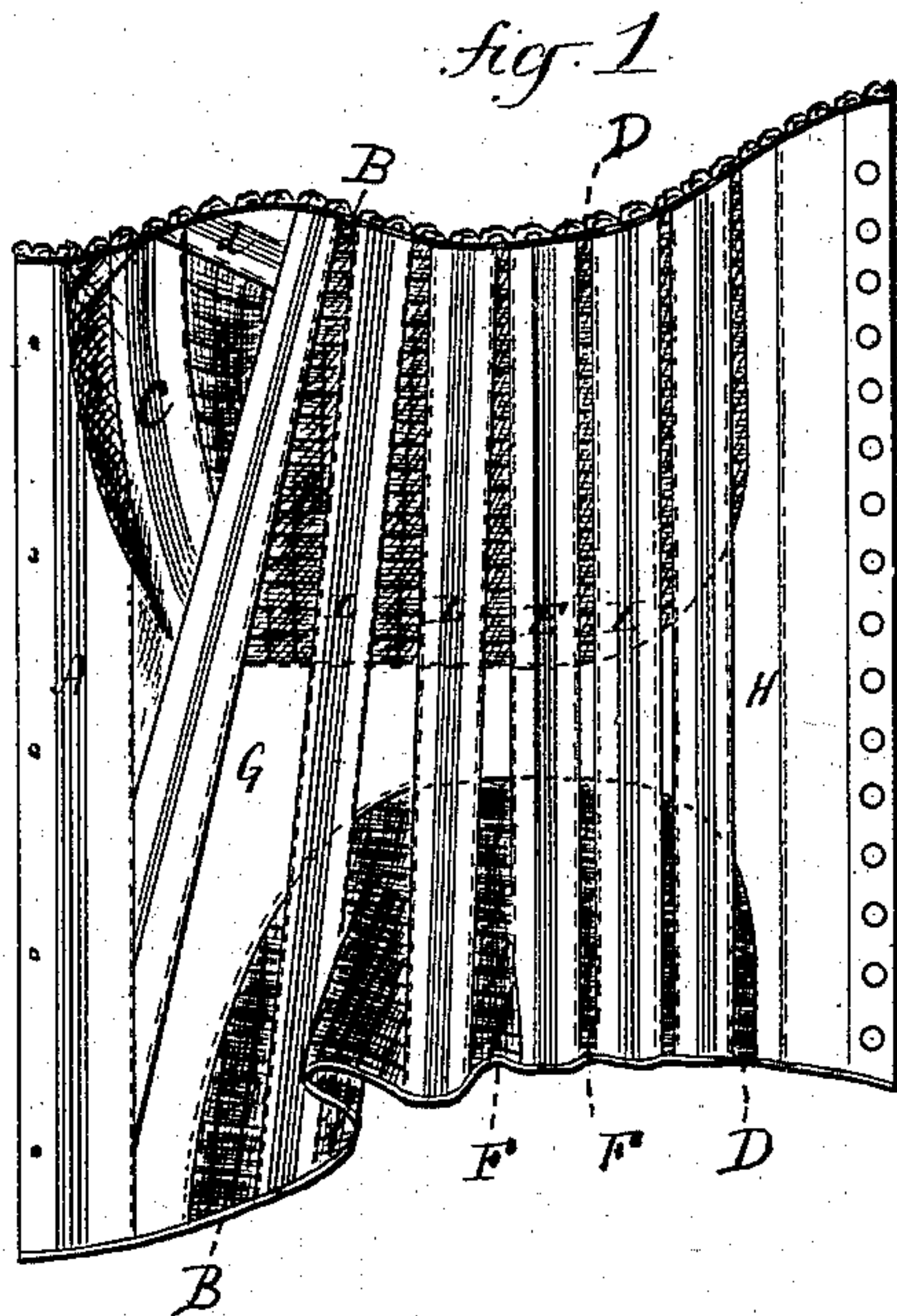


fig. 2

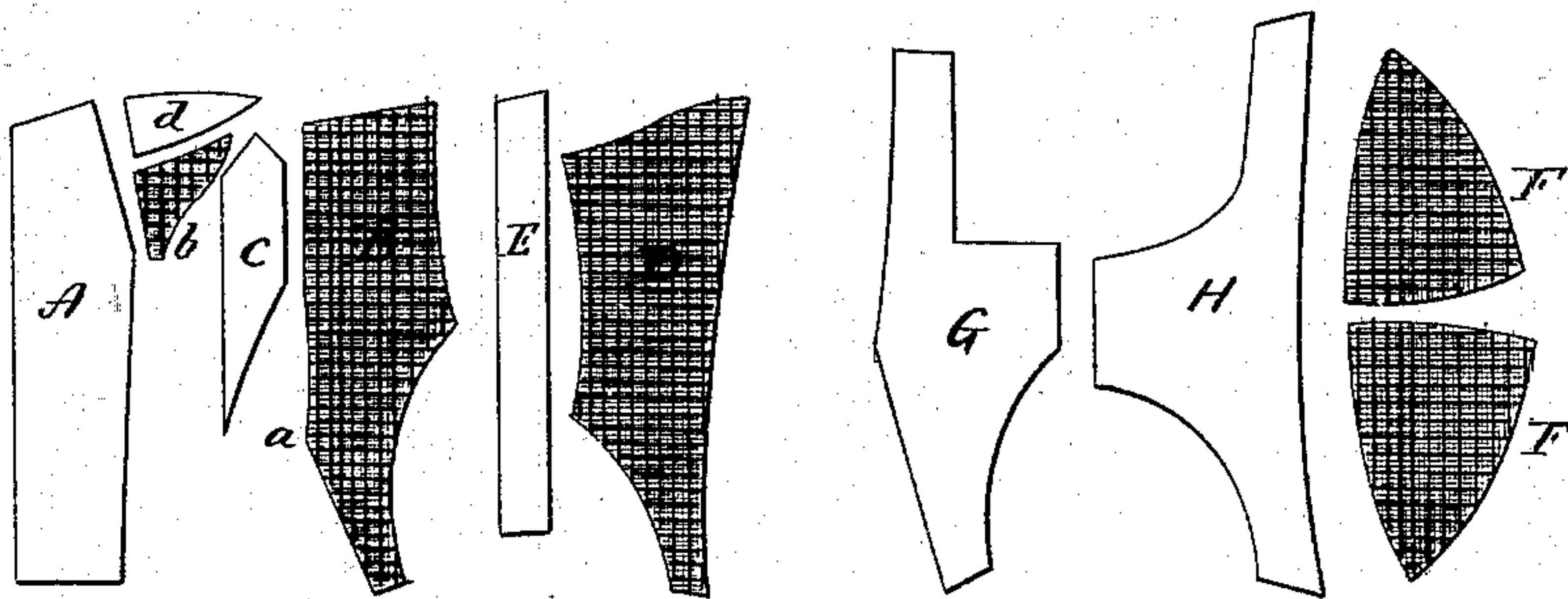


fig. 3

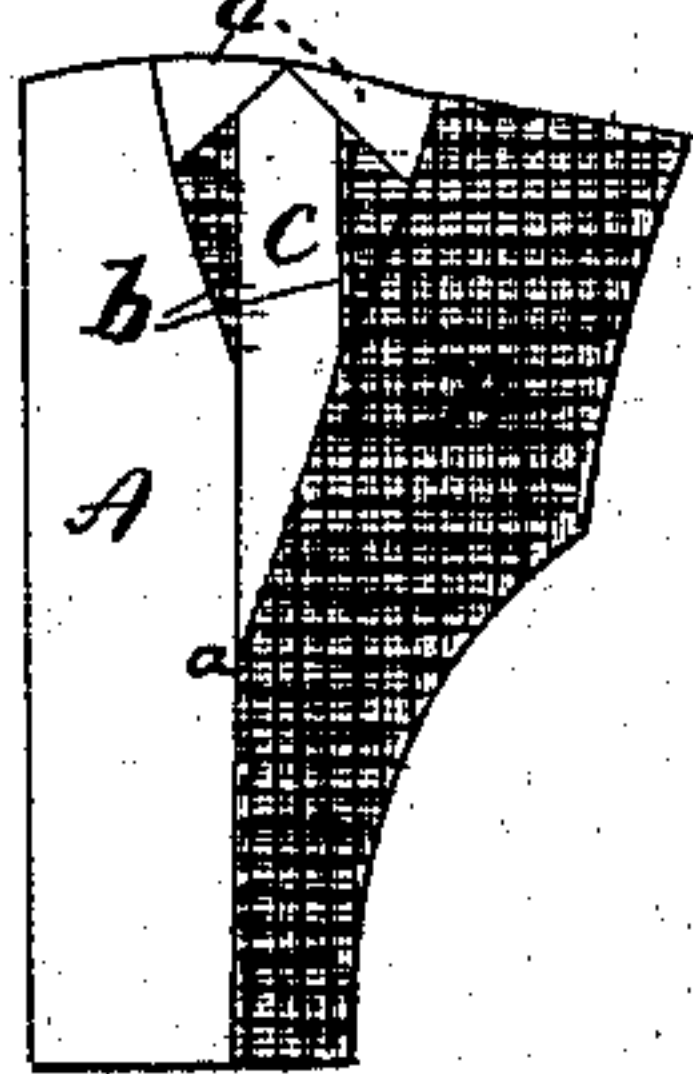
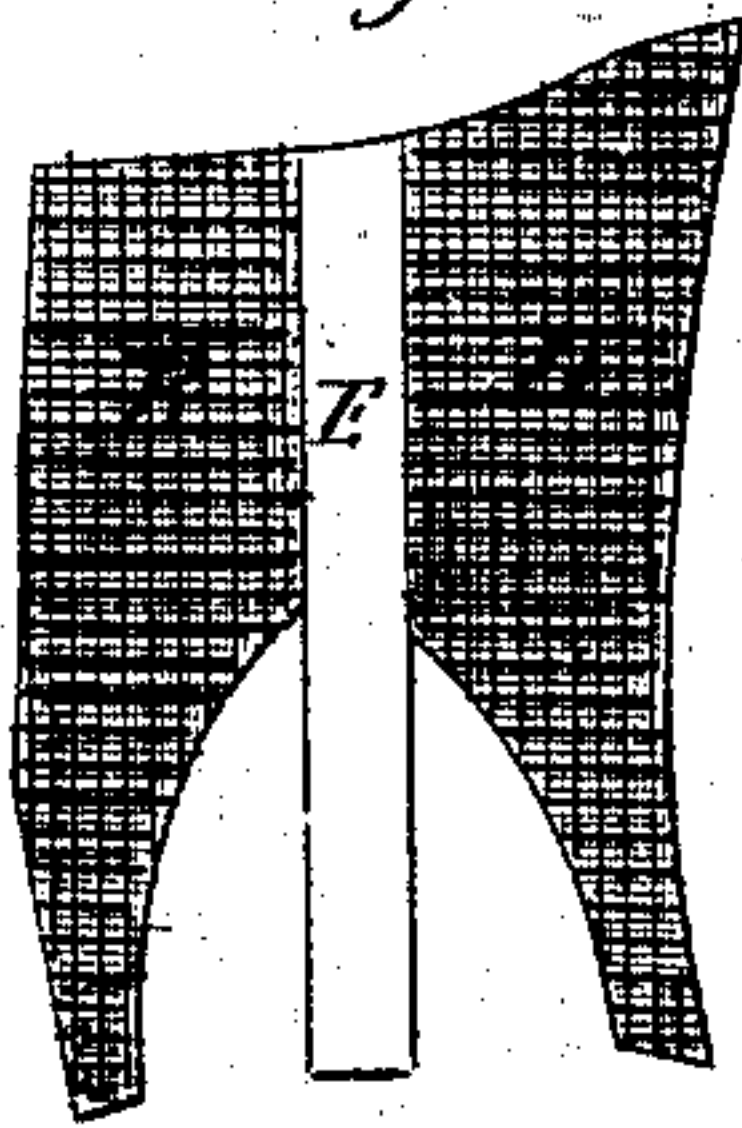


fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS S. GILBERT, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented new
5 Improvements 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
10 which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, one-half the corset complete; Fig. 2, diagrams of the several parts on a smaller scale; Figs. 3 and 4, parts arranged together.

15 This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, with special reference to making portions of the corset of a thin or open-weave material; and the invention consists in the cut of the several parts which go to make up the
20 whole corset, as shown in the accompanying illustration, and more fully hereinafter described.

A is the front or steel section, cut in two thicknesses, of the shape shown; or the material may be doubled at the steel edge.
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B is the second section, cut on its front edge from the point *a* to the bottom straight, so as to join a corresponding part of the first section A, as seen in Fig. 3. This section B is
30 preferably cut from the thin or open-weave material.

b shows the shape of the two lower parts of the breast-gore, as seen in Fig. 3, which are also preferably cut from the open-weave material.
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d is the shape for the upper part of the two breast-gores, as seen in Fig. 3.

C is the intermediate section introduced between the two breast-gores, and running down
40 between the sections A B, as shown in Fig. 3.

D is the rear section, also cut from the open-weave material; E, an intermediate strip attached to the upper part of the rear edge of the section B, and to the upper part of the front
45 edge of the section D, as seen in Fig. 4.

F F are the hip-gores, also preferably cut from the open-weave material, and introduced, respectively, between the sections B D and the strip E, as seen in Fig. 4.

50 G is an overlay of thick material, extending from the breast-gore line toward the rear,

and meeting a corresponding section, H, which extends forward from the rear, forming a zone-like stay at the waist-line of the corset, the rear of H joining or extending to form the lacing-edge at the rear. 55

The breast-sections *d* are boned or stayed diagonally—that is, from the center downward to the rear, and to the front—as a support for the breast. The intermediate section, 60 C, is also stayed.

On the body of the corset are several vertical strips, L, of stays, which may be cords, reeds, bones, or other suitable staying material.

By thus cutting the corset I am enabled to 65 introduce the thin material without strain upon it, the entire strain being taken by the thicker portions; but, as before stated, the parts *b*, B, D, and F F may either or all be made of close-woven fabric of a single thickness. 70

The front of the corset, which consists of the sections A and B with intermediate parts, may be used with a different cut of parts in rear, this cut of the breast portions giving the best possible shape with the greatest comfort 75 to the wearer.

The thicker portions of the corset—that is, A, C, *d*, and E—should be made double, so as to present a double edge, into which the thinner material may be introduced. 80

I do not broadly claim a corset made wholly or in part of an open-weave material, as such, I am aware, is not new; but

What I do claim is—

1. The front portion of a corset, composed 85 of the sections A B, with intermediate sections, C, and the breast-gore pieces *b d b d*, the several parts being cut in configuration substantially as described and shown.

2. A corset composed of the sections A B 90 D E, with hip-gores F F between the sections B D, and breast-gore between the sections A B, the several parts being cut in configuration substantially as described and shown.

3. A corset composed of the sections A B 95 D E, with hip-gores F F between the sections B D, and breast-gore between the sections A B, with overlays G H, substantially as described.

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