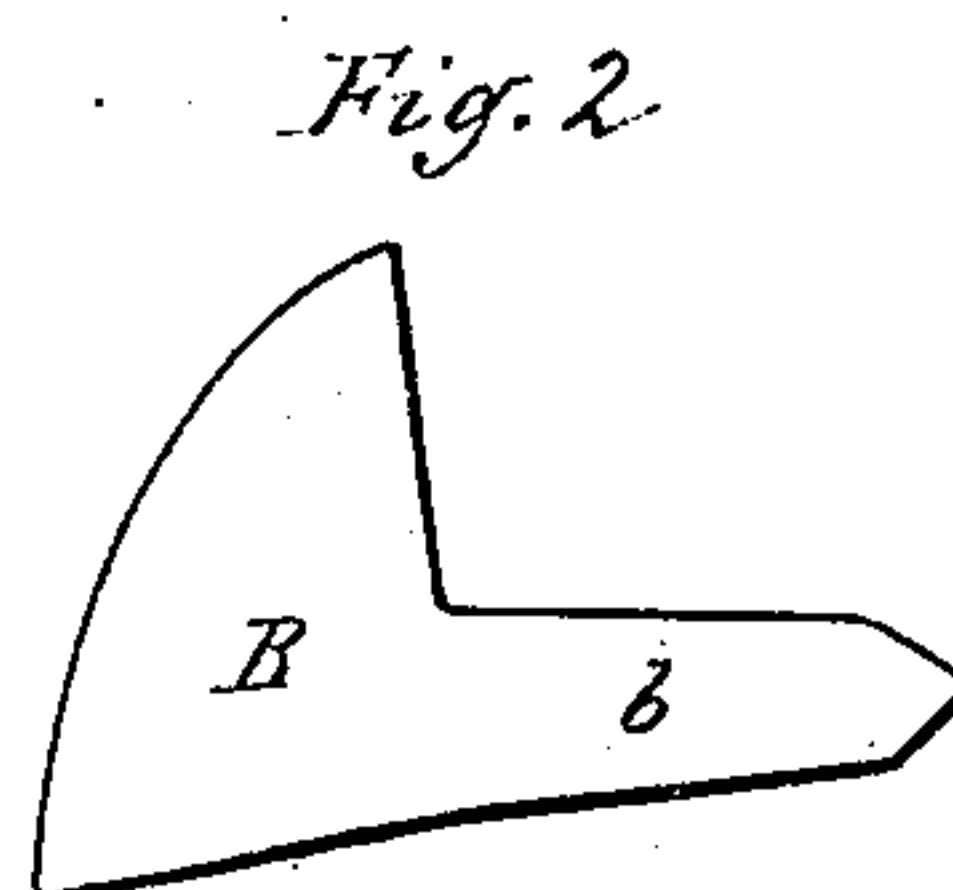
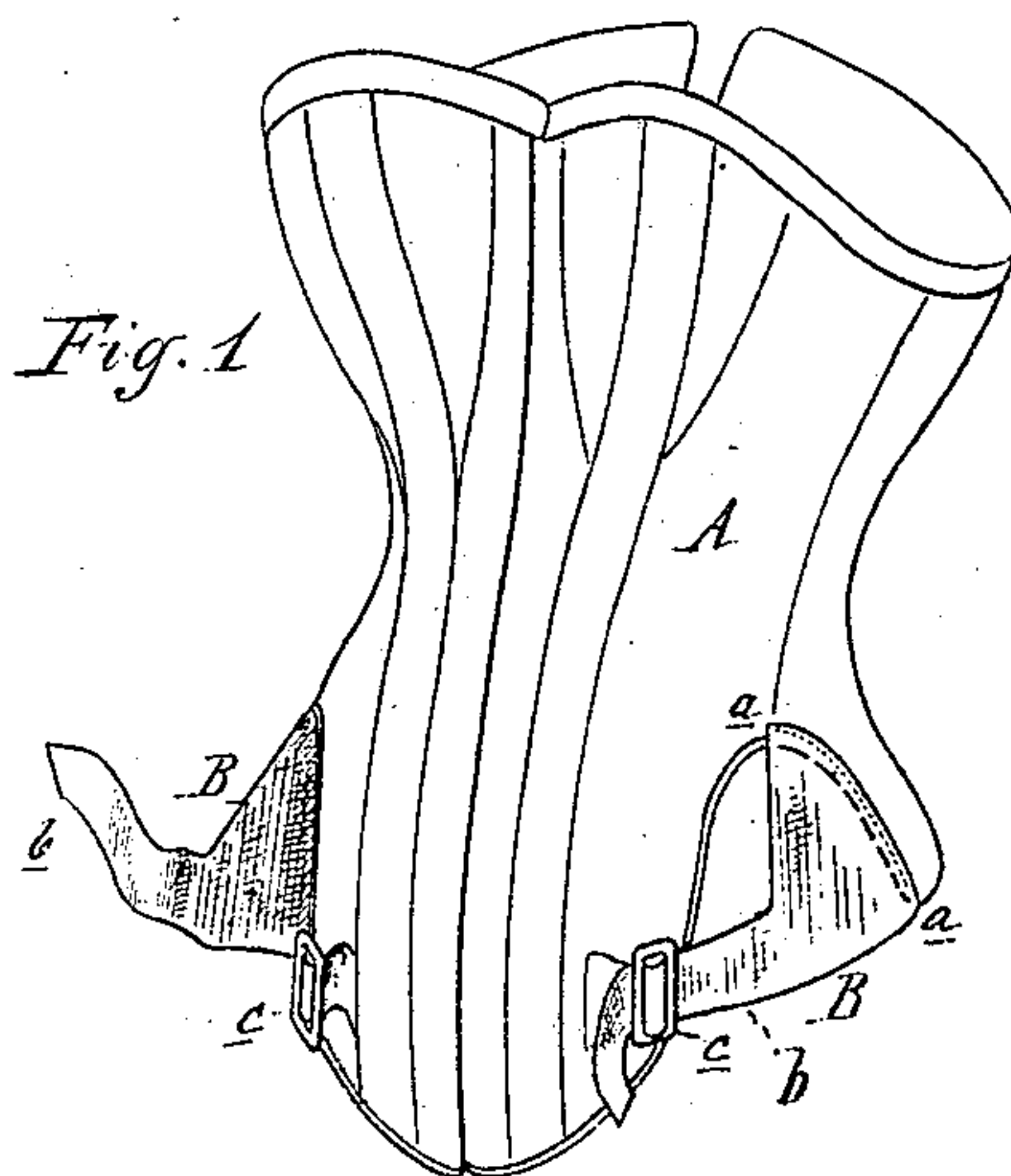


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. ALLEN, of Hillsdale, in the county of Hillsdale and State of Michigan, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in that class of corsets provided with side openings, adapted to entirely disclose the hips of the wearer, and better known as the "Bortree" corset, and for which Letters Patent were granted July 13, 1875, No. 165,534.

The invention consists in the attachment to a corset having openings to entirely disclose the hips of flexible shields of peculiar form, and secured to the corset in such a manner as to cover the hip-bone of the wearer, and not interfere with the adjustability of the opening, such shield forming a part of the adjusting-strap heretofore used.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset provided with my improvement, and Fig. 2 a detached plan view of my combined flexible shield and adjusting-strap.

A represents a corset provided with side openings adapted to entirely disclose the hips of the wearer, and B a flexible shield cut in the form shown in Fig. 2, the curved portion thereof, from *a* to *a*, being attached to the corset at one side of the hip-opening by a seam, as indicated in Fig. 1, and the straight or vertical side coming in a direct line with a central vertical line in the side of the corset under the arm. The shield is substantially quadrant-shaped, and terminates in an adjusting-strap, *b*, projecting from its vertical side, to allow of the size of the hip-opening being adjusted by means of buckles *c*. The strap and flexible shield are preferably made in a single piece, as indicated in Fig. 2, and is made entirely without bones, so as to be soft and flexible.

The ordinary corset provided with side openings to disclose the hips of the wearer is objectionable, when used by very fleshy persons,

in allowing the hips to project too far through the openings, the adjusting-strap and the weight of the clothing in such cases cutting into the flesh and making the use of the corset painful.

With the use of my flexible shield the hips are relieved from pressure of the stiff-boned corset by the use of the side openings, and at the same time the flesh is prevented from protruding.

I do not in this application claim the use of a shield adapted to entirely close the hip-opening of a corset, and provided with a slit over the hip-bone, as this improvement forms the subject-matter of a separate application of even date herewith.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In a corset provided with side openings to entirely disclose the hip of the wearer, as described, an adjusting-strap provided with a flexible shield of substantially the shape shown at its point of attachment to the corset, said shield being adapted to prevent the flesh of the wearer from unduly protruding through the hip-opening, and prevent undue pressure on the same, as and for the purpose specified.

2. In combination with a corset having hip-openings to entirely disclose the hip of the wearer, as described, adjusting-straps provided with flexible shields or enlargements, and adapted to close the rear half only of said hip-openings, and having the lower and vertical sides at right angles, or nearly so, with each other, and having curved sides at their point of attachment to the corset, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

3. In combination with a corset having side openings to entirely disclose the hip of the wearer, the flexible quadrant-shaped shield B and the strap *b*, both made in a single piece, substantially as described.

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