

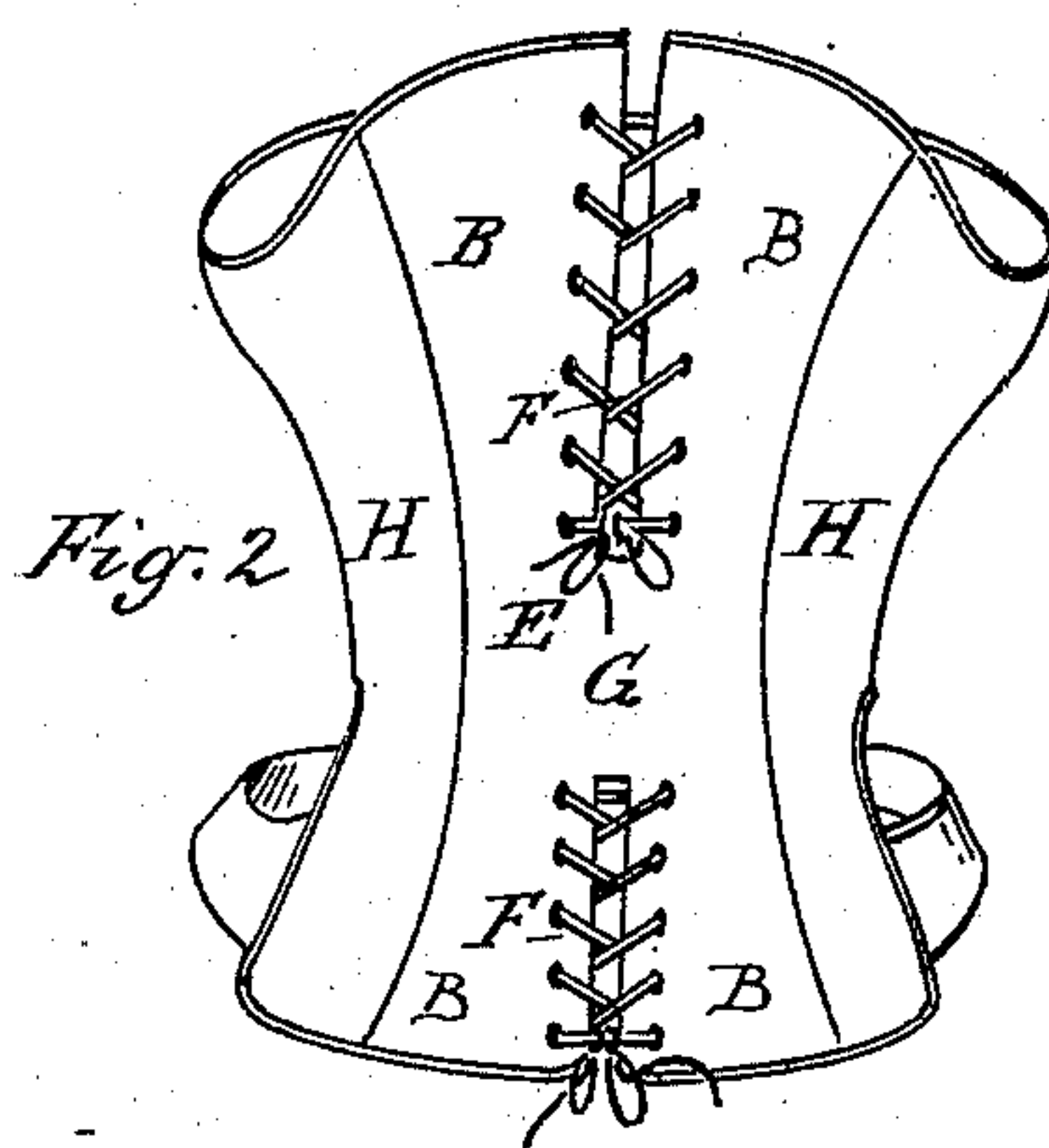
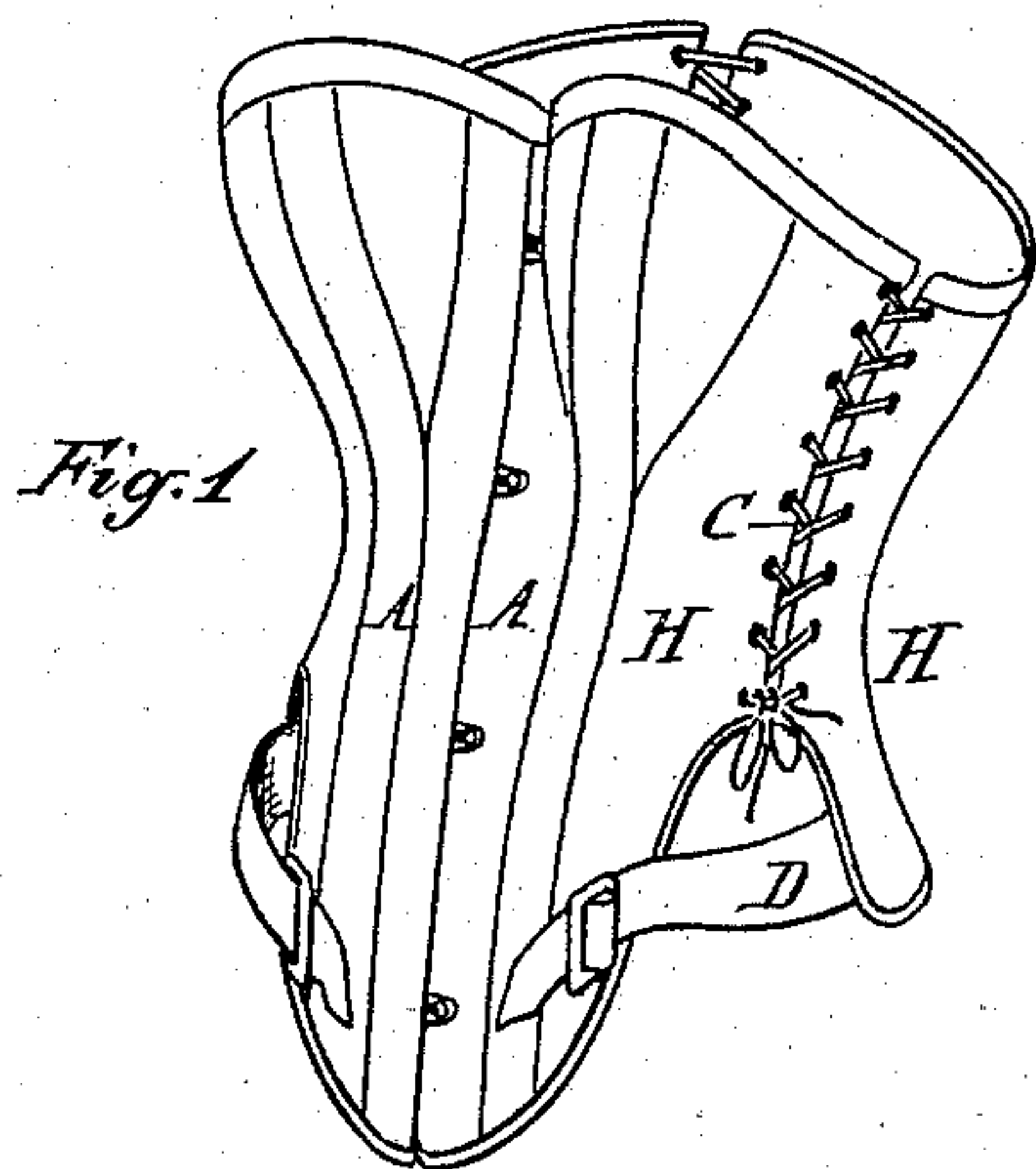
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## CORSET.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. COLLEY, of the city and county of Jackson, in the 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 the construction of corsets, by means of which a greater adjustability may be had than in corsets of the ordinary construction, that may be more easily adapted to the varying shapes of different wearers, and in which means are provided for presenting an unyielding bearing-surface over that portion of the spine of the wearer at the point usually embraced by the waistbands or belts of the under-garments.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of parts, substantially as more fully hereinafter described.

Figure 1 is a perspective showing the front and one side of my corset, and Fig. 2 is a rear elevation.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents the front section, H H the side sections, and E the back section. This back section is preferably made in one piece, as represented, although it may be made in as many pieces as may be found convenient for economy of manufacture or comfort. In the back section are formed two openings—one above and the other below the waist G—which openings divide the back section into wings B B, above and below the waist portion. The two wings B B thus formed are adjustably secured together at the top and bottom by two separate lacings, F, in order that the top and bottom may be separately adjusted to accommodate persons of different bust and hip measurement, but of substantially the same waist-measure.

In order to further accommodate this corset to persons of different size, I make the side sections, H H, in two separate pieces, each being cut away at the hip portion, and connect them by means of eyelets and lacings C and a strap, D, which allow of vertical adjustment, and yet at the same time admit of adjusting the size of the hip-opening immediately under the lacings.

It is evident that the wings of the back section may be made in separate pieces joined rigidly together or to a separate band at G

without departing from the spirit of my invention.

The waist portion G acts as a shield to protect the spine at the waist from the action of the waistband, &c., used to secure the under-clothing around the waist, in addition to its principal function of rigidly joining the wings B B together.

By the construction above described corsets of the same or nearly the same size of the waist can readily be adjusted to persons having considerable variations in the bust and hip developments.

I am aware that a corset has heretofore been made with side sections consisting of two parts connected by a waist portion, with the openings above and below said waist portion permanently closed by elastic gores, and with the outer ends of the parts forming the openings rigidly connected by a binding to prevent the parts from separating at the top and bottom edges of the corset; and I do not claim such construction.

What I claim as new is—

1. In a corset, a back section having wings adjustably secured together by lacings above and below the waist portion G, in combination with side sections secured together by lacings, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. In a corset, the back section, E, consisting of wings B B, permanently connected by a waist portion, G, and having an opening below and above said waist portion, in combination with means, substantially as described, for uniting the upper and lower portions of the wings, whereby the size of either of the openings can be enlarged or diminished independently of the other, as set forth.

3. In a corset, the back section, E, made in a single piece, and having wings B B, united by lacings above and below the waist portion G, substantially as described.

4. In a corset, the back section, E, having wings B B, united by lacings above and below the waist portion G, between said lacings, in combination with the front sections, A, adjustably secured to said back section by lacings C and strap D in the side sections, H, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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