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Fig. 1

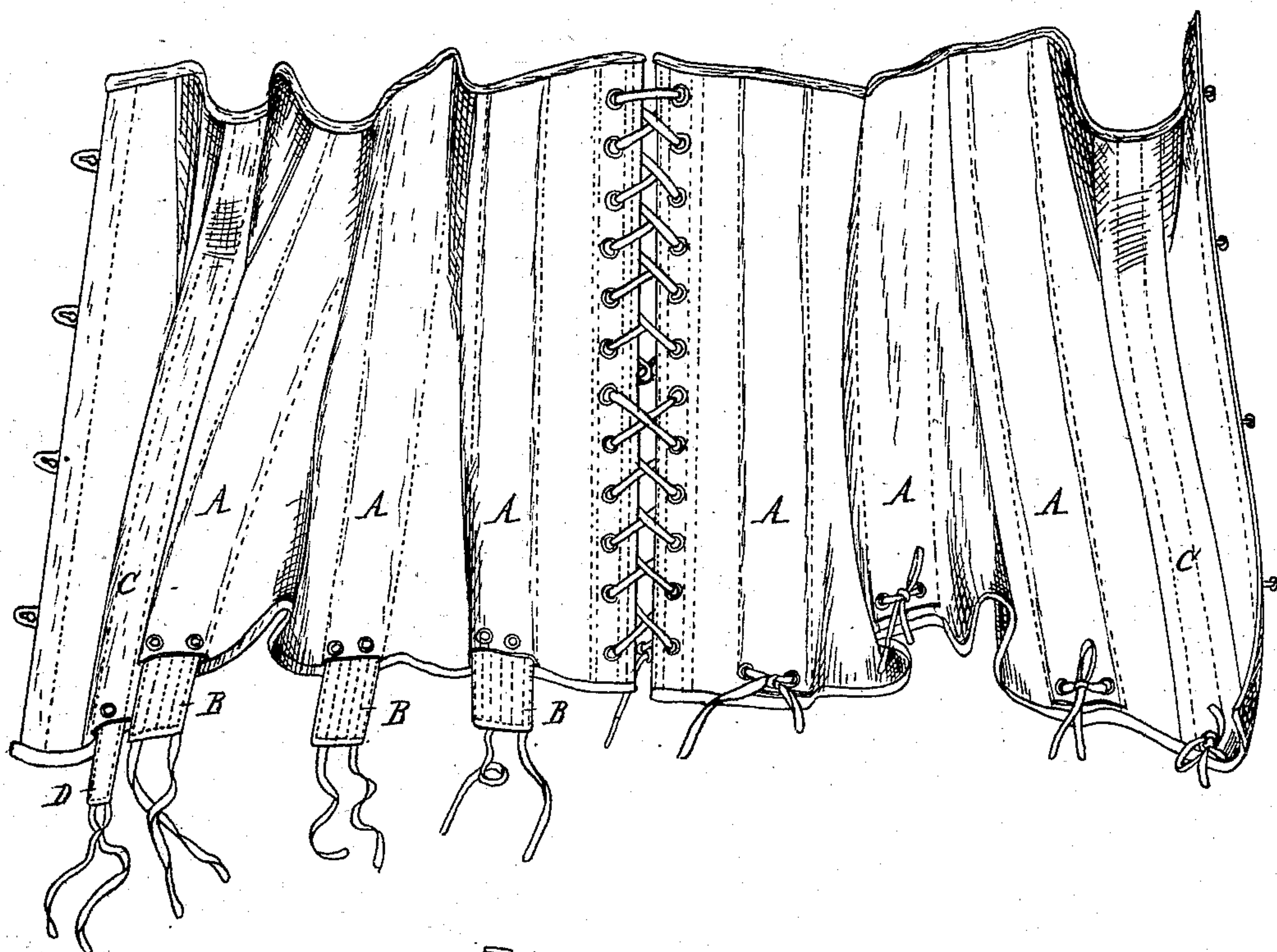


Fig. 2

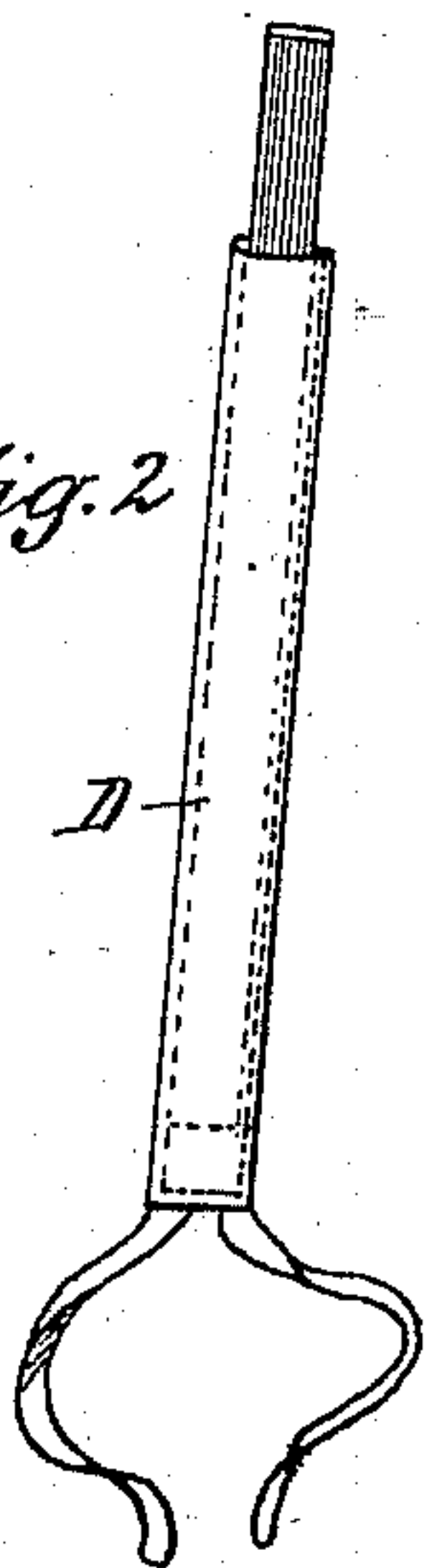
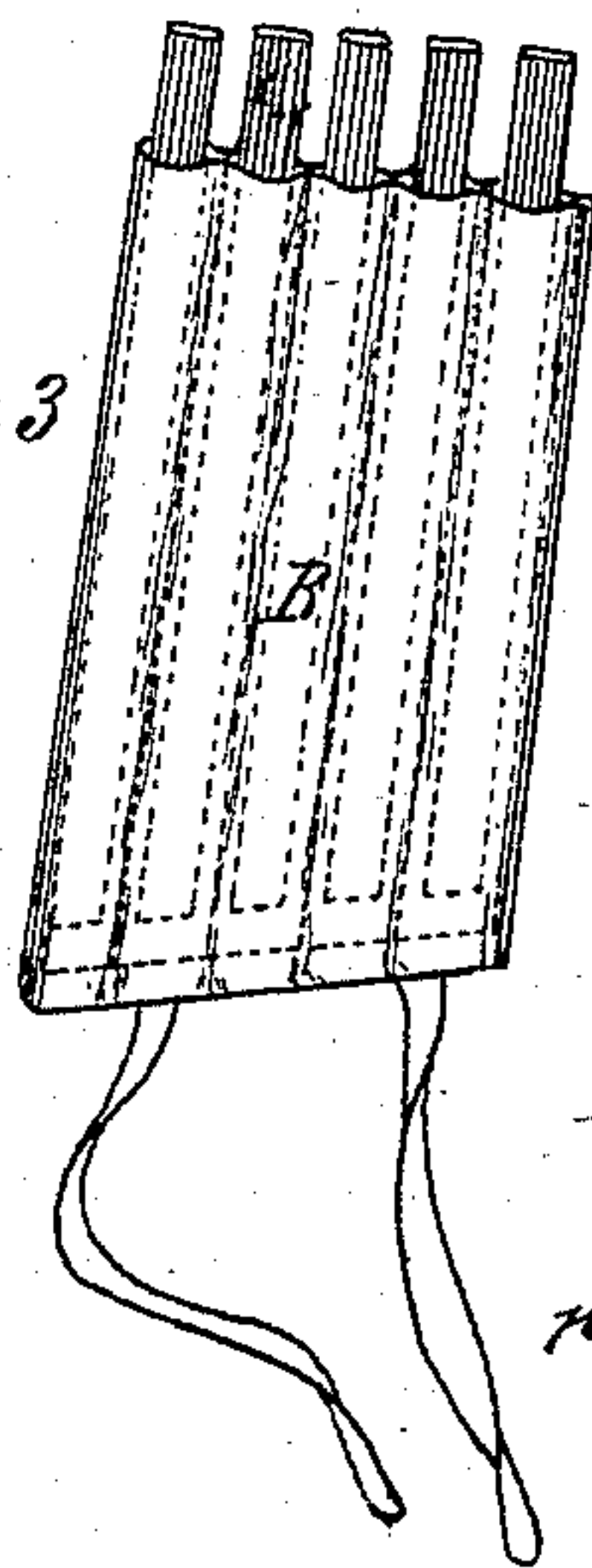


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. MOULTON, of Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

10 The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the construction of corsets, by means of which greater durability is obtained, all liability of the bones to cut through the corset fabric is avoided,
15 and the appearance of stiffness usually found in corsets is prevented, while an equal elasticity is secured, and the liability of the bones to break is materially lessened.

The invention consists in inclosing the bones
20 in pockets formed in the corset, as more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

As ordinarily constructed, the bones are each placed in a pocket in the corset, and where a series of bones are placed side by side
25 each is placed in a separate pocket, by which means, as but a single thickness of fabric is formed on each side the pocket, the ends of the bones soon cut through the fabric, and the numerous seams required to form these pock-
30 ets give the corset a ribbed and stiff appearance, while the single thickness of fabric with which the bones are covered allows them easily to be broken.

Figure 1 is an inside elevation, showing
35 one of my improved corsets, the bones on one side being partially withdrawn. Fig. 2 is a part elevation of a single bone partially inclosed in its independent pocket. Fig. 3 is a part elevation of a series of bones, each in-
40 closed in one of a series of pockets formed side by side in the usual way and independent of the corset.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a wide pocket formed in the body of the
45 corset at such points in the back, side, and front where it is required to place several bones side by side. These pockets A are of suitable width to receive a number of bones se-

cured in the series of pockets B, as shown in Fig. 3. This collection of bones I term a "bat- 50 tery."

C represents pockets formed in the body of the corset to receive the single bone secured in the single and independent pocket D at such points as require but a single bone. Af- 55 ter these inclosed single bones or batteries of bones are inserted in their several pockets, A, C, the ends of these pockets may be sewed up, if desired, or left open and provided with eyelets, by means of which and a suitable 60 tape or cord the ends of the pockets may be closed to retain the inclosed bones in place. When secured in the latter-named way the bones and their inclosing independent pockets may be readily removed and replaced when 65 desired.

From Fig. 1 of the drawings it will be seen that the openings to the pockets are made on the inside of the corset above the binding, and that the inner part of each pocket is pro- 70 vided with eyelets, so that the bones or collections of bones, when inserted in their pockets, can be secured in place by their lacings in such a manner that the pockets and fastenings cannot be seen from the front or outside 75 of the corset.

I am aware that a collection of bones have heretofore been secured in a pocket entirely independent of the corset and intended to be worn between the corset and the body, and I 80 am also aware that corsets have been made with pockets adapted to receive removable bones, and I do not claim either of the devices named.

What I claim is— 85

1. A series of bones or batteries of bones secured in pockets separate from and independent of the corset, in combination with a corset having a series of permanent pockets to receive said pockets and the bones therein, 90 and means, substantially as described, for securing the latter in place, as and for the purpose specified.

2. A corset provided with a series of pockets, all opening on the inside of the corset 95 above the binding or lower edge, and each

pocket extending substantially from the top to the bottom of said corset and provided with eyelets on its inner side, in combination with a bone or a series of bones secured in independent pockets provided with permanent lacings, the independent pockets being adapted to be inserted in the corset-pockets and the lacings to be attached to the eyelets, substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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