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Fig. 1.

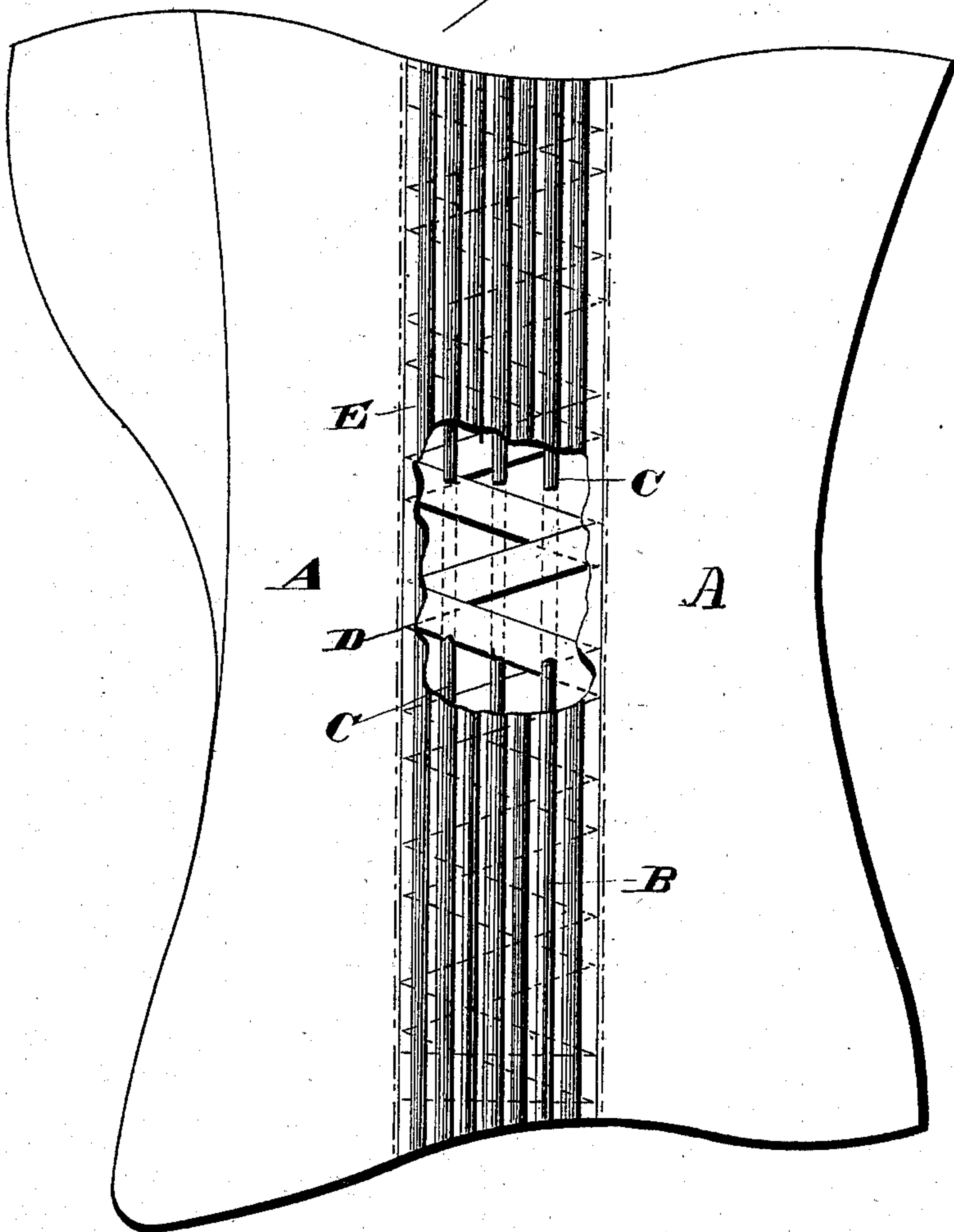
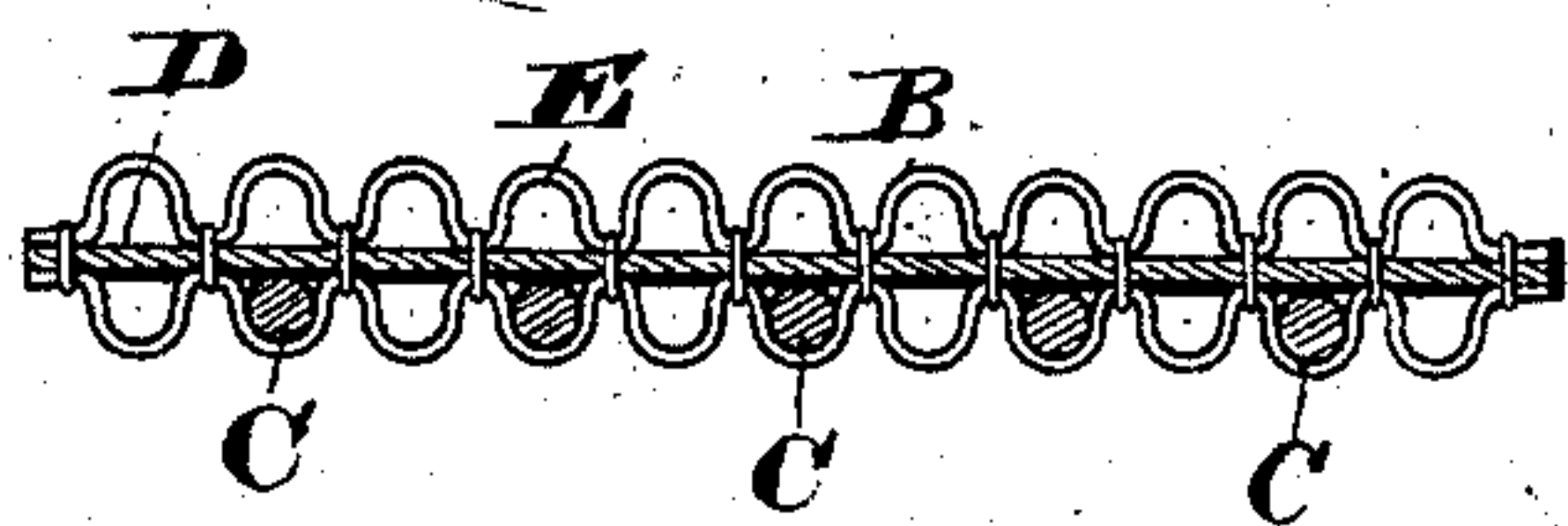


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS HENNINGER, of Blue Island, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, 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.

My invention relates to an improvement in corsets and other wearing-apparel, the object of the same being to provide an elastic fabric that can be manufactured at a small initial cost, and when attached to a corset or similar article of apparel will materially add to the ease and comfort of the wearer; and with these ends in view my invention consists in a rubber strip or strips placed between two pieces of shirred fabric and secured therein by stitching, the said shirred fabric being adapted to extend or widen with the rubber strip or strips.

For the sake of convenience, my invention will be illustrated in connection with a corset.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents a corset provided with my improvement, the latter being shown partly in elevation and partly in section; and Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same.

A A represent the two corset-sections, provided with the ordinary eyelets and hooks and eyes.

B represents a section of my improved elastic fabric, which consists of a continuous rubber strip, D, running transversely or diagonally backward and forward between two pieces of shirred inelastic fabric, and secured therein, or a series of rubber strips placed transversely or diagonally between two layers of shirred inelastic fabric and secured therein by stitching. The ribs E of the shirring in the fabric run in

the direction of its length, or vertical, when used in a corset, and are formed in any desired manner. When applied to a corset, as shown in the drawings, a section can be taken from each half of the corset at any point thereof, but preferably from those portions immediately under the arms of the wearer, and a section of my elastic fabric secured in its stead by stitching through the edges of the plaited fabric and the ends or corners of the rubber.

When my improvement is applied to corsets I prefer to insert longitudinal stays C and secure them therein in the ordinary manner. The stays give the elastic fabric a stiffness or rigidity which is very desirable in corsets.

If desired, the rubber can be inserted between the layers of the corset during the operation of making the same.

By the arrangement of elastic sections thus described a free yielding of the parts is allowed at each movement of the body, and the strain is received by the elastic portions.

It is apparent that the improvement is especially advantageous, in that it may be manufactured at a small cost and with little labor.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a corset, the front and back sections united at the side by a section of shirred fabric having vertical folds E, with strips of rubber interposed between and secured to the pieces of fabric and running transversely or diagonally to the lines of shirring, and stiffening-stays C, located in the folds of the shirring, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand.

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