

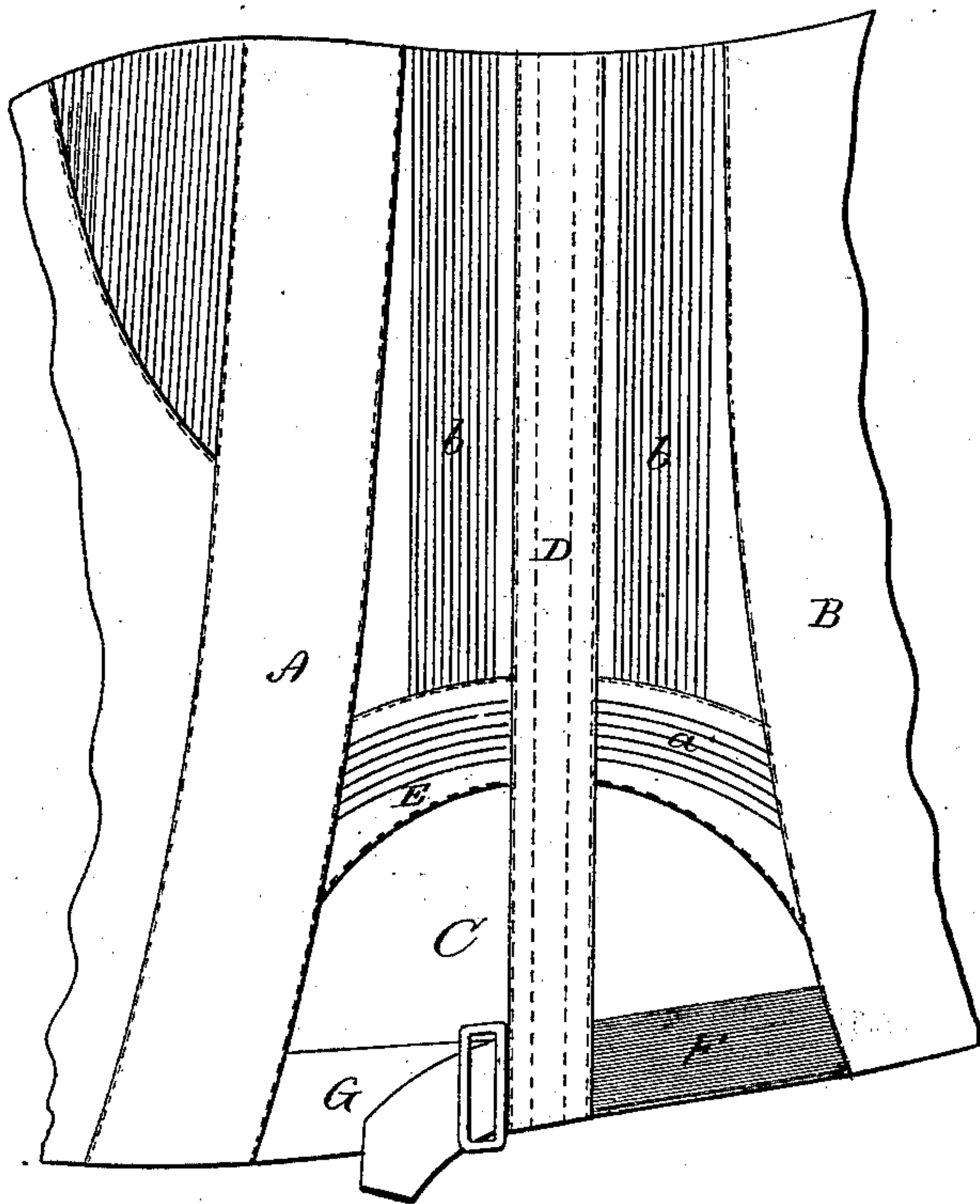
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CORSET.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 273,042, dated February 27, 1883.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES E. DOOLITTLE and HENRY C. SHERWOOD, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented new Improvements in Corsets; and we do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a side view of the corset.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of corsets which have the hip-section cut away or open over the hip, and is an improvement upon the corset patented to I. W. Birdseye, April 6, 1880, assignee in this application.

In this class of corsets—that is, corsets which have an opening over the hip—a difficulty is experienced from the fact that the fabric breaks or tears from the edge of the opening upward.

One feature of our invention has for its object to overcome this difficulty; and it consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claim.

A represents the front section, B the rear section, that part between forming the hip-section. It is cut away at its lower part to form an opening, C, to span the hip. Like the patent before referred to, a central strip or stay, D, extends from the top down over the hip. Across from the front section to the rear section is a transverse stay-piece, E, curved to

correspond to the upper side of the opening, and with a series of transverse cords, *a*, introduced to further strengthen this stay-piece. Above this stay-piece the section is corded or stayed in the usual manner with a series of vertical stays, *b*, each side the central stay, D. These run down into the upper edge of the stay-piece E. The transverse stay-piece across the opening and over the hip strengthens the hip-section at that point and prevents its tearing or ripping. The vertical stay D is connected to the back section, B, by an elastic band, F, and to the front by a buckle or adjustable strap, G.

We claim—

A corset constructed with an opening over the hip between the front and rear sections, a hip-section above said opening, combined with a transverse stay-piece extending from the front to the rear section, and forming the lower part of the hip-section, combined with a vertical stay extending from the top of the corset centrally down over the hip-section and over the hip opening, with an elastic connection, F, from one section to the stay at the bottom of the opening, and the adjustable strap G from the other section to the stay at the bottom of the opening, substantially as described.

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