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Fig. 1

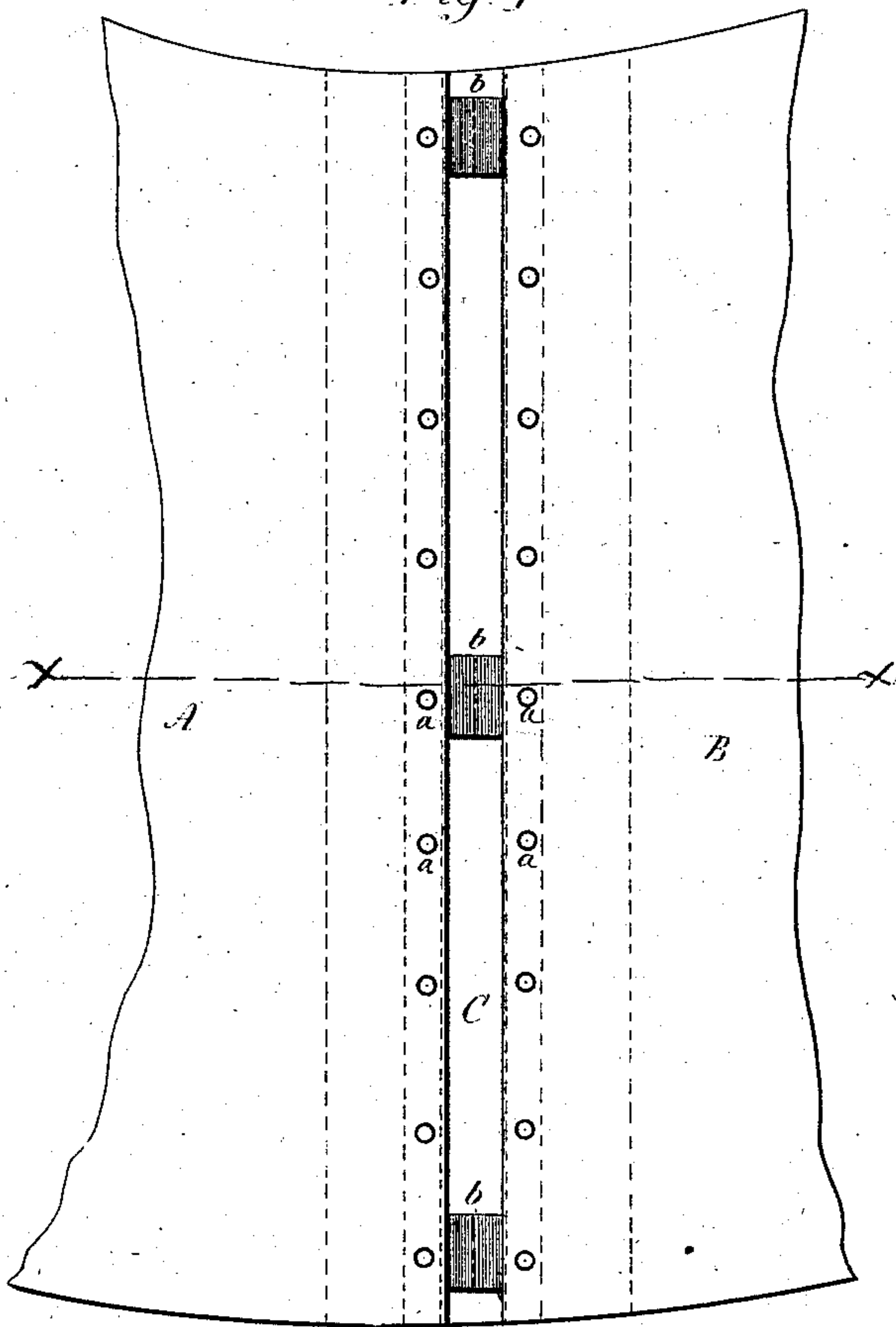


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS P. BRAY, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new
5 Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and
10 which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a rear view; Fig. 2, a transverse section on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

This invention relates to an improvement in
15 corsets, with special reference to the back or lacing sections.

Various devices in corsets have been made whereby a certain amount of elasticity may be given to the back. In some cases an elastic
20 strip has been introduced at the center up and down the back, or elastic straps have connected the two parts at the back. In other cases an elastic lacing has been employed. In all these cases the working of the two parts—
25 that is, expanding by movement of the body and then permitted to contract—serves to gather the under-garments between the two edges at the back, to the great discomfort of the wearer.

30 The object of my invention is to provide an elastic device which will permit the free working of the two parts toward and from each other, and combine therewith a protector upon the under side, which will protect the action
35 of the moving parts upon the garments; and it consists in connecting the two sections by elastic straps, and permanently combining therewith an underlying flap stitched to the elastic straps midway between the two sections, and so that the underlying flap will rest
40 against the person, leaving the two parts free to work toward and from each other upon

the said flap, as more fully hereinafter described.

A represents one section, and B the other, 45 each provided with lacing-holes *a*, in the usual manner. These two sections are connected by elastic straps *b*, preferably at the top, bottom, and center. Upon the inside a flap, C, is arranged vertically, and considerably wider than 50 the space between the two sections in their contracted condition, and so as to underlie the said two sections. At the vertical center the elastic strips are stitched or connected to the underlying flap, as at *d*. The lacings should 55 be elastic. When upon the wearer, the flap C lies flat upon the body, leaving the sections A B free to move toward or from each other, according to the movements of the body, as seen in broken lines, Fig. 2. This prevents 60 the edges of the two sections from gathering or acting upon the under-garments, and overcomes the difficulty hereinbefore referred to. The underlying flap C should be provided with vertical stays, as indicated in Fig. 2, to 65 retain it in its proper shape.

While my invention is designed with special reference to the back section, it will be understood that the same construction may be applied to any other point where the lacing is 70 desirable.

I claim—

The herein-described improvement in corsets, consisting in the sections A B, their edges united by elastic connections, combined 75 with the underlying flap C, permanently united to said elastic connections midway between the two sections, and so as to underlie the said two sections and permit them to work thereon, substantially as described.

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