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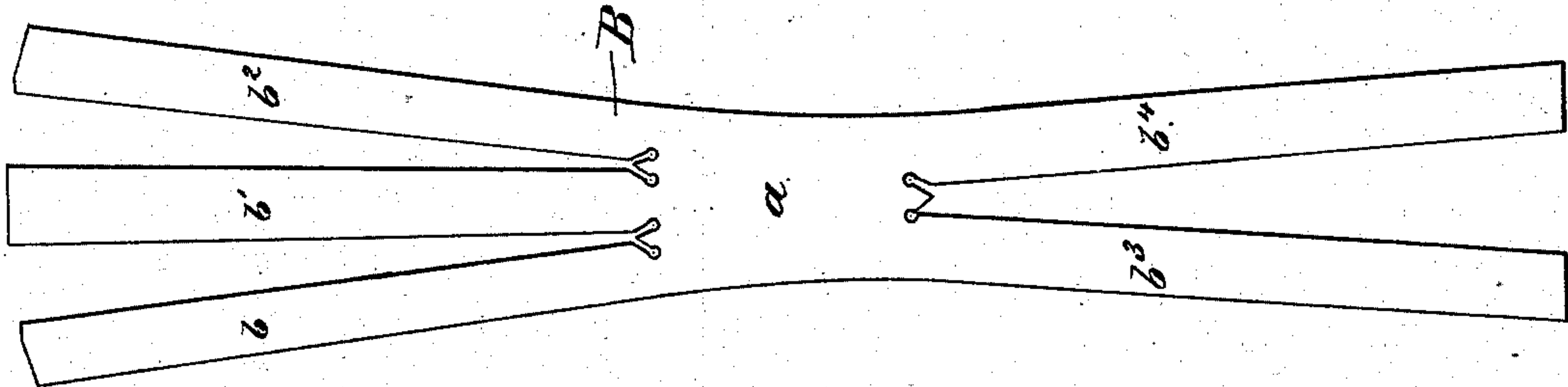


Fig. 2.

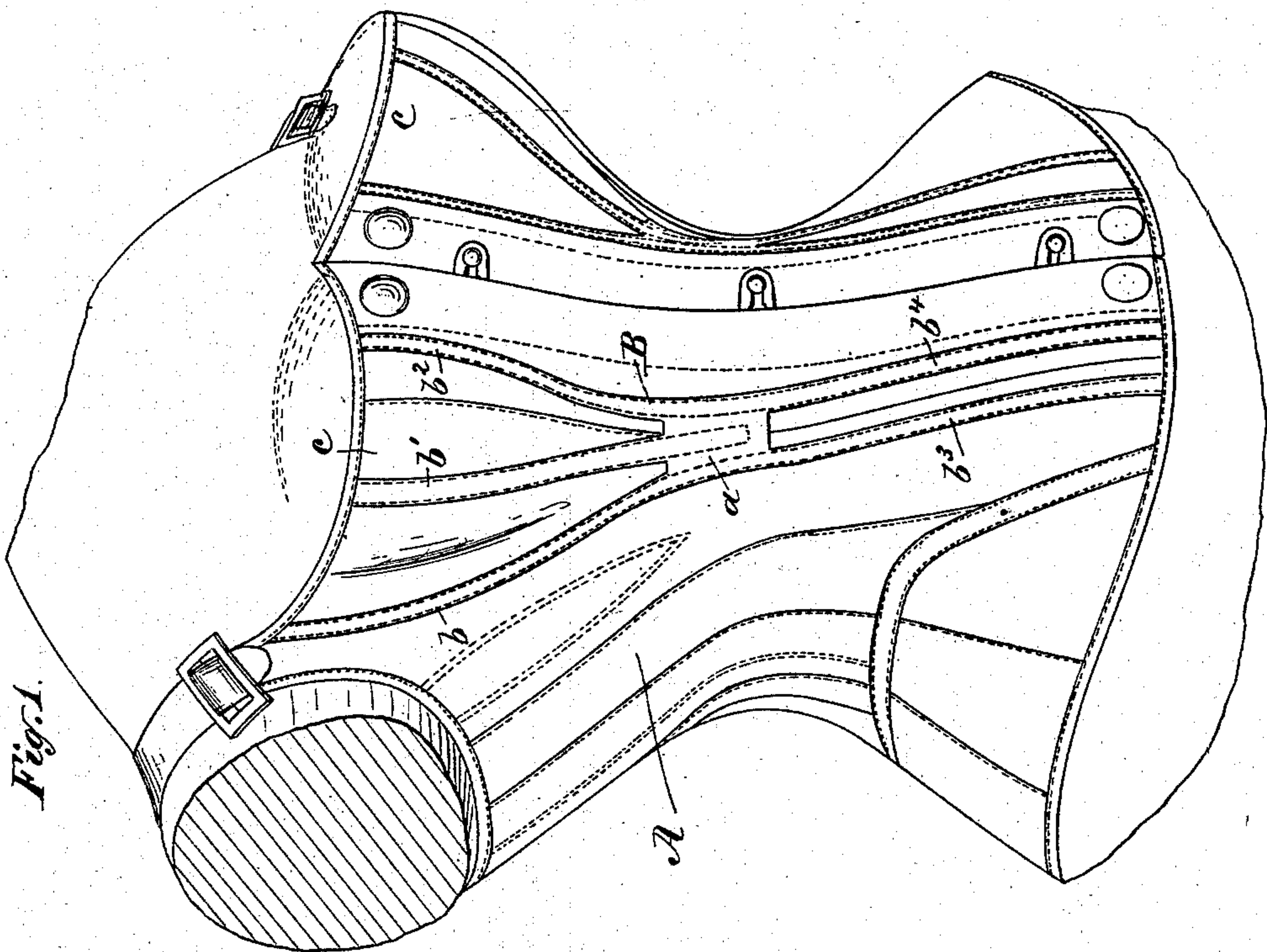


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CATHARINE A. GRISWOLD, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of the same, in which—

Figure 1 is partly a front and partly a side view of a corset containing my invention; and Fig. 2 is a face view of the pocket and side stay-piece, which is to be combined with the body of the corset, as shown in Fig. 1.

My invention consists in the combination, with the body of the corset, of a separate stay-piece having the peculiar form and adapted to perform the office herein described.

A represents the body of the corset, and B the said stay-piece, secured to the body by sewing. This stay-piece has the peculiar form shown in Fig. 2, the same consisting of a central undivided body, *a*, from which extends several, and preferably three, upper branches, *b b' b²*, and preferably two lower branches, *b³ b⁴*, although, if preferred, there may be more than two lower branches. It is applied to the body of the corset—one on each side—so that the body of it, *a*, is immediately under the breast swell or puff *c*, and the upper branches lay upon the said swell, one upon each side, and one or more intermediate, the lower branches extending directly downward to the lower edge of the corset, as represented in Fig. 1. The said several branches are stitched along their edges to the body of the corset, so as to form pockets in which to insert the steels or bones, the stitching along the edges of the said branches being continued across the body *a*, so as to form continuous pockets from the top to the bottom of the corset for long steels or bones extending from end to end of said pockets. The said stitching in the branch *b'*, however, when there are only two lower branches, is continued into the body *a*, terminating therein, so as to form a pocket extend-

ing from the top of the corset to the said body *a*. The stay-piece thus formed contributes to give shape and strength to the corset at the waist, and at the same time to form pockets for the steels.

It is customary to form the pockets by sewing on separate strips of cloth, if the corset is a single fabric, and by sewing seams through the double fabric if the corset is double. In either case there is no increase of strength to resist strain or tendency to breakage of the steels or bones at the waist-line, (where such tendency is greatest,) because of the formation of the pockets; but by providing the described stay-piece B, the central body of which is integral, and the pockets in the region of the waist being formed in this integral piece of fabric, strength is imparted to the corset at this point, and I find that the steels or bones are much less liable to break than when held in pockets formed by strips of fabric that are separated throughout their entire length, or in pockets formed between the two thicknesses of a double fabric. There is thus given at the waist-line to a single-fabric corset the full strength of a double-fabric corset, and to a double-fabric corset the strength of a triple-fabric corset.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a corset, A, of the described stay-piece B, composed of the integral body *a* and the several described branches, and attached to the corset so that said body *a* is at the waist-line immediately below the breast-swell *c*, and so as to form pockets for steels or bones extending continuously from the top of the corset across the said integral body *a*, under said branches, for the purpose described.

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