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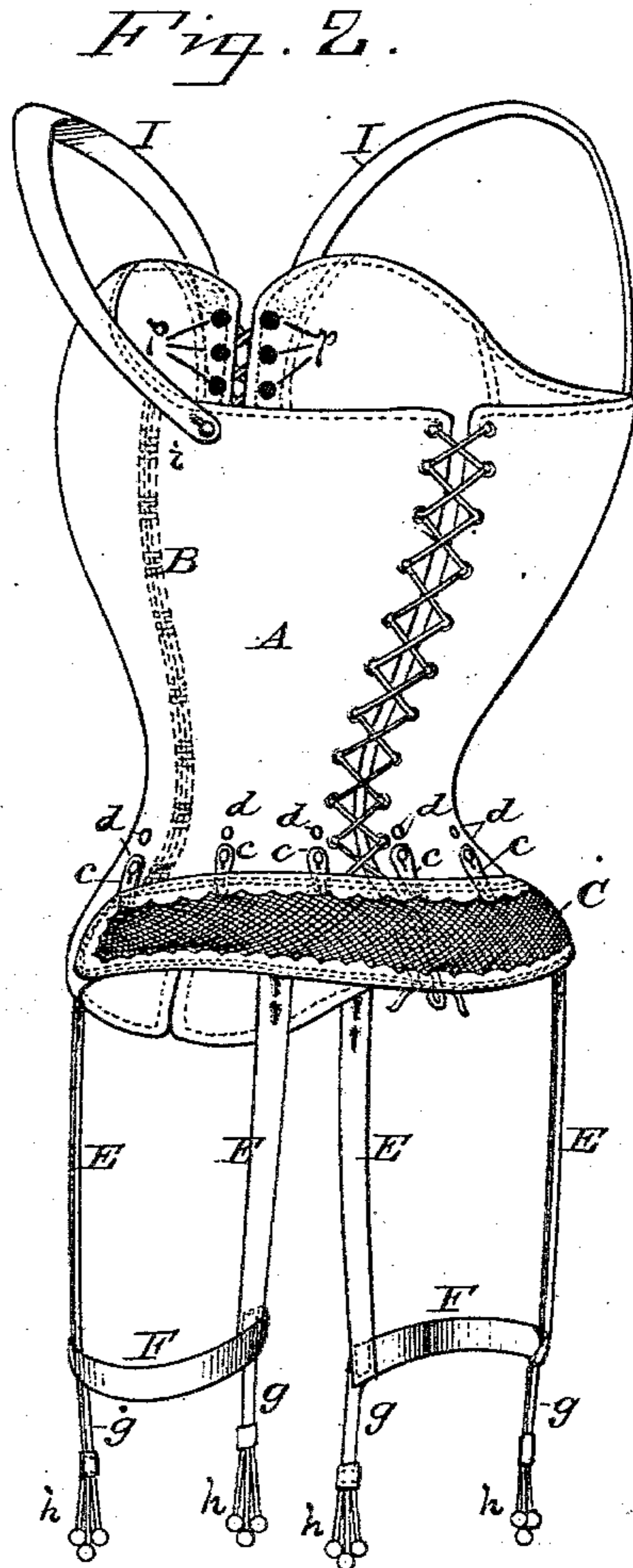
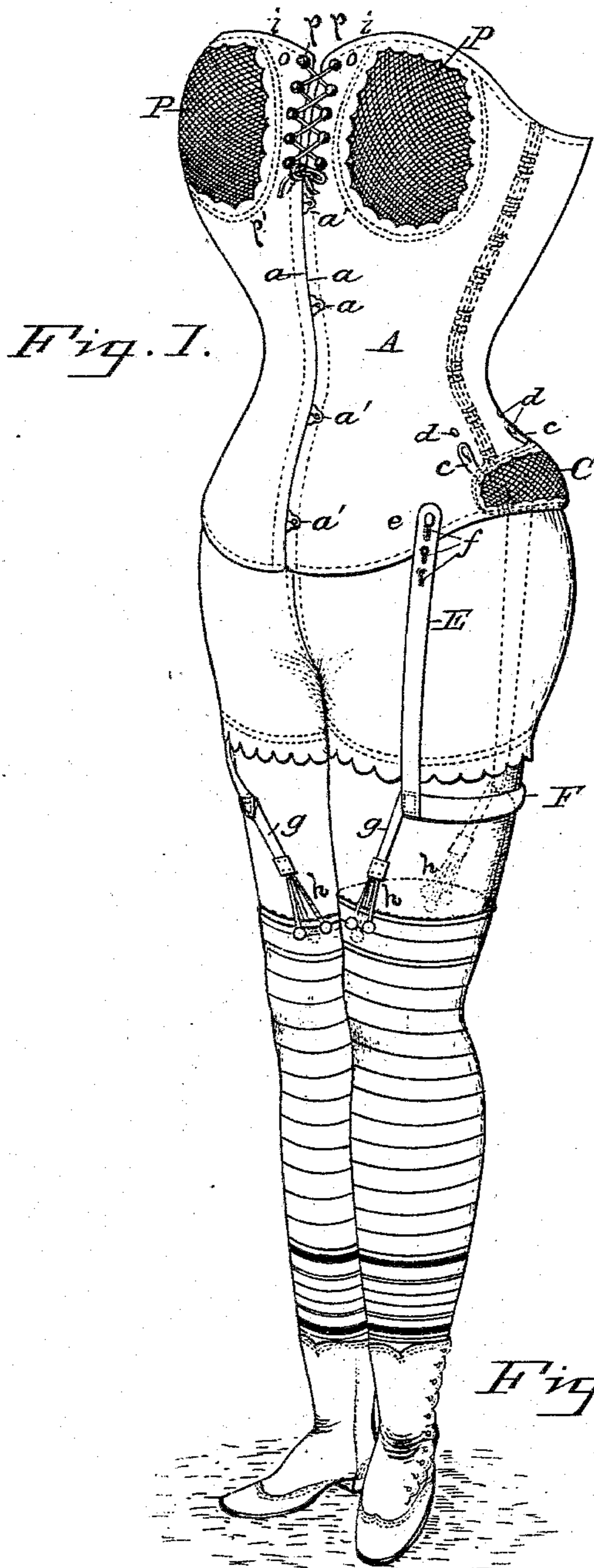
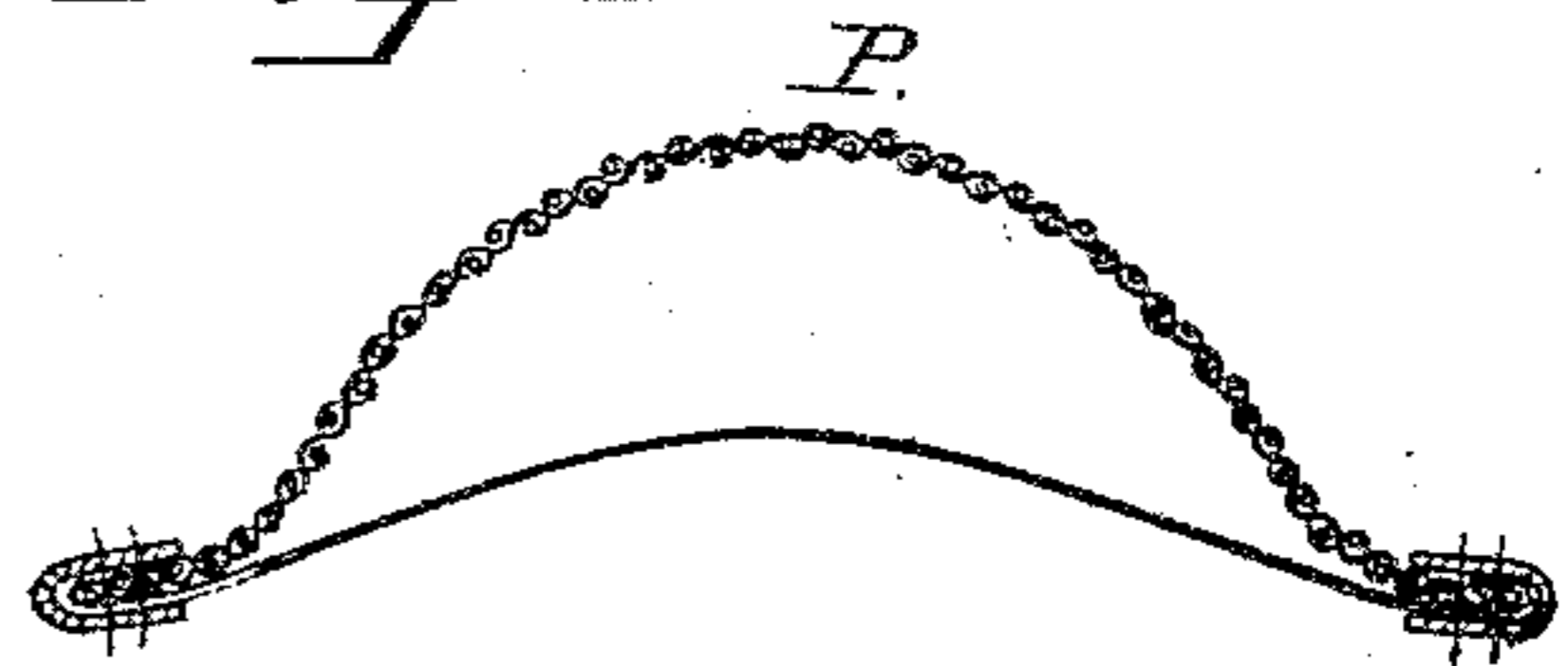


Fig. 4.



Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ZÉNONE DE LEDÓCHOWSKI, a citizen of the United States, residing at La Salle, in the county of La Salle and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets; and it consists in the construction, combination, and arrangement of the several parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed. I attain these objects by means of the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective front view; Fig. 2, a perspective back view; Fig. 3, a section of one of the breast-pads; Fig. 4, a clasp for sustaining the stockings.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents a corset-body made of any suitable material, having elastic strips B inserted in the sides thereof, extending from that part fitting under the arms downward to the lower end of the corset. The body of the corset is joined at the breasts by means of lacing-strips *p* in connection with the buttons *p*, which are fastened to the edges of the corset-body A, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and are fastened from the terminus of the lacing to the lower extremity of the corset by means of the busks *a*, having the clasps *a'* affixed thereto.

My object in using the above-described lacing is on account of its convenience in fastening. However, I do not wish to confine myself entirely to one method of lacing. By securing the lower portion and waist of the corset by clasps, as *a'*, and the upper or breast portion by means of lacing, as described, the corset may be readily fitted to and comfortably worn by persons having the same waist and hip measure, but different measures of bust, as is desirable.

That portion of the corset resting over the breasts is provided with oval-shaped wire-netting breast-pads P, made to conform as nearly as possible to the shape of women's breasts. The edges may be bound with morocco, kid, buckskin, or other suitable material, and are

fastened permanently to the body of the corset by stitching through the binding of the breast-pads and the body of the corset, as designated in Fig. 1. Elastic suspenders I are attached to the upper part of the corset by means of buttons *i*. The suspenders have suitable holes therein for regulating the length thereof, or may be provided with buckles. The suspenders serve the purpose of relieving the weight in part of the weight of the skirts. The back part of the corsets, at the waist, is provided with one or more rows of buttons, *d*, to which is attached a wire bustle, C, by means of short straps *c*, provided with suitable button-holes. The purpose of having several rows of buttons is to adjust the bustle higher or lower on the corset, as desired. The bustle is made of woven-wire cloth, bound around its edges and pressed into a concavo-convex form, and is provided on its upper edge with loops *c*, for securing it to the corset. The concave inner side of the bustle is made to conform to the shape of the corset, and an easy rest for same is thereby provided. The bustle has lacings attached to that part fitting to the body in such a manner as to draw the edges toward each other. In so doing the outer surface is forced outward, by means of which the skirts are carried farther from the body of the wearer.

To the lower part of the corset-body are attached stocking-supporters. I prefer to carry out this feature of my invention as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, where it will be seen that two straps, E E, of elastic material are attached to each side of the corset by means of buttons *e*. These straps are provided with a number of button-holes, *f*, for the purpose of adjusting them to the proper length. The lower ends of the straps E are joined to each other by means of a cross-strap, F. To the lower ends of the straps E, at the point joining to the cross-straps F, are attached elastic straps *g*, having the clasps *h* attached thereto, which are clasped to the upper ends of the stockings, and retain the stockings in proper place, as shown in Fig. 1.

I am aware that wire breast-pads have been used separately. I do not, therefore, claim such as new; but

What I do claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A corset having its busks secured by clasps at the middle and lower portion, and its upper or breast portions secured by lacings, substantially as described and shown, and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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