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Fig. 1.

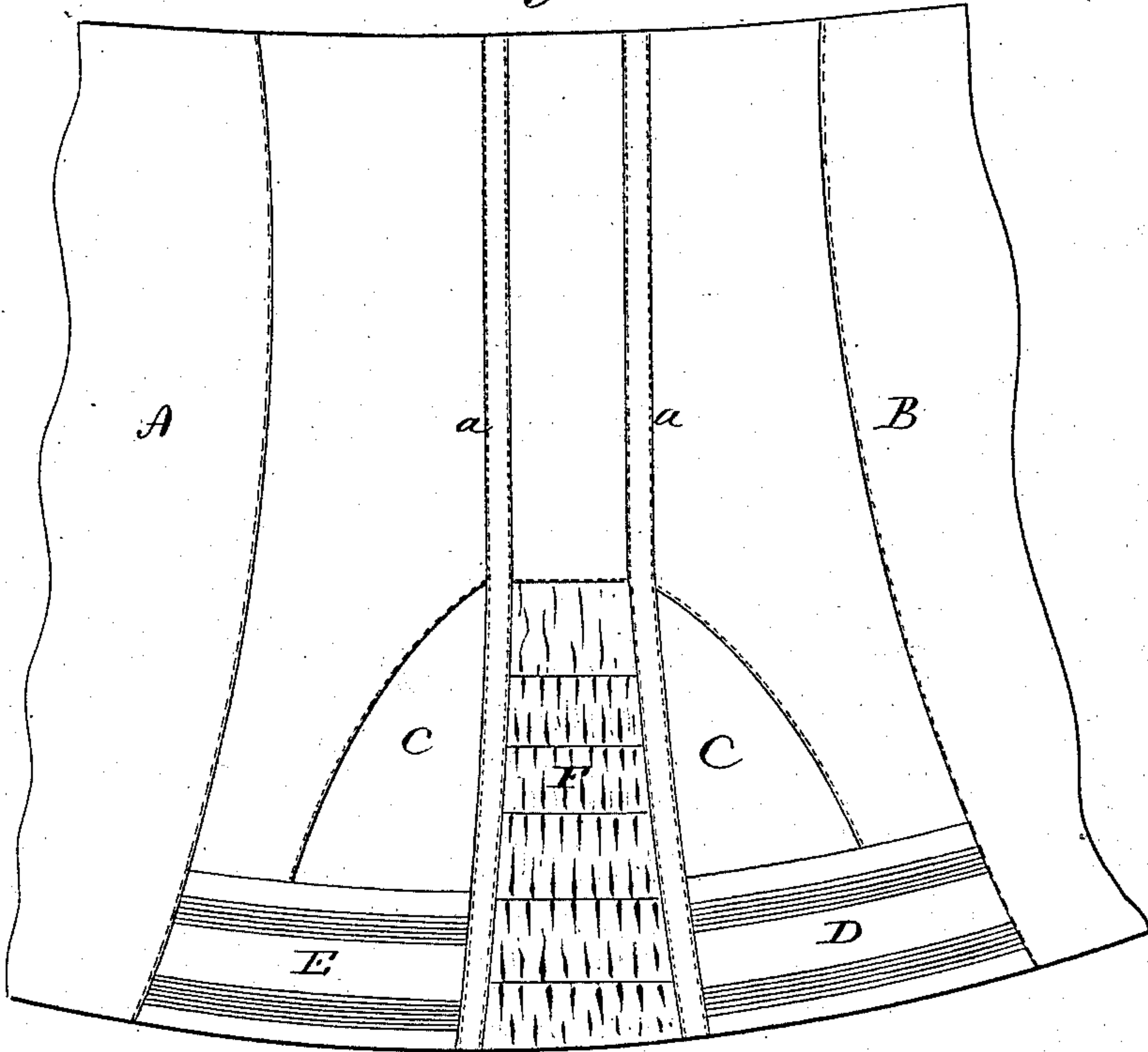


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS S. GILBERT, 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 side view of the corset; Fig. 2, a transverse section through the bands or connections E D.

15 This invention relates to an improvement in the construction of corsets, with special reference to the hip-section, and to that class of hip-sections in which an opening is cut through the corset over the hips, the object
20 being to attain the advantages of an open, a close, and an elastic hip-section; and it consists in the construction, as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claim.

25 A represents the front section of the corset, and B the rear section, the intermediate portion being the hip-section. The lower part of the section is cut away over the hips, leaving openings C.

30 From the upper edge of the corset downward each side of the vertical central line a bone or stay pocket, *a*, is introduced. These stays extend over the opening to the lower edge of the corset. The one stay at one side
35 is connected by an inelastic band, D, across the opening on that side, and the other stay connected to its side across the opening by a like band, E. Between the two said pockets *a* an elastic gore, F, is introduced, extending

from the bottom to about the height of the 40 opening, and as shown. The said pockets *a* are narrow, but so that the bands may be introduced in one edge and the elastic gore in the other edge between the thicknesses which form the stays, as seen in Fig. 2. By this 45 construction the corset is cut so as to leave ample openings over the hip. A connection is provided across that opening, elastic so as to yield to the movement of the hip. The stays, which extend down over the openings, conform 50 to the shape of the hip to give the requisite set to the dress and prevent the garment working out through the opening over the connections below. The stays yield with the elastic gore, so that as the lower edge extends over 55 the hip the central or stayed portion correspondingly extends, the openings always remaining the same.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, an open-hip corset, or an open-hip 60 corset with a connection across the lower edge of the opening, or an elastic connection across such opening, or an elastic hip-section, all of which, I am aware, are not new; but

What I do claim is—

65 A corset the hip-section of which is cut away to form openings C C at the bottom, vertical stay-pockets *a*, extending from the upper edge of the corset down between said openings, the elastic gore F between and connect- 70 ing said stay-pockets, and the inelastic connections E D between said stays across the openings, substantially as described.

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