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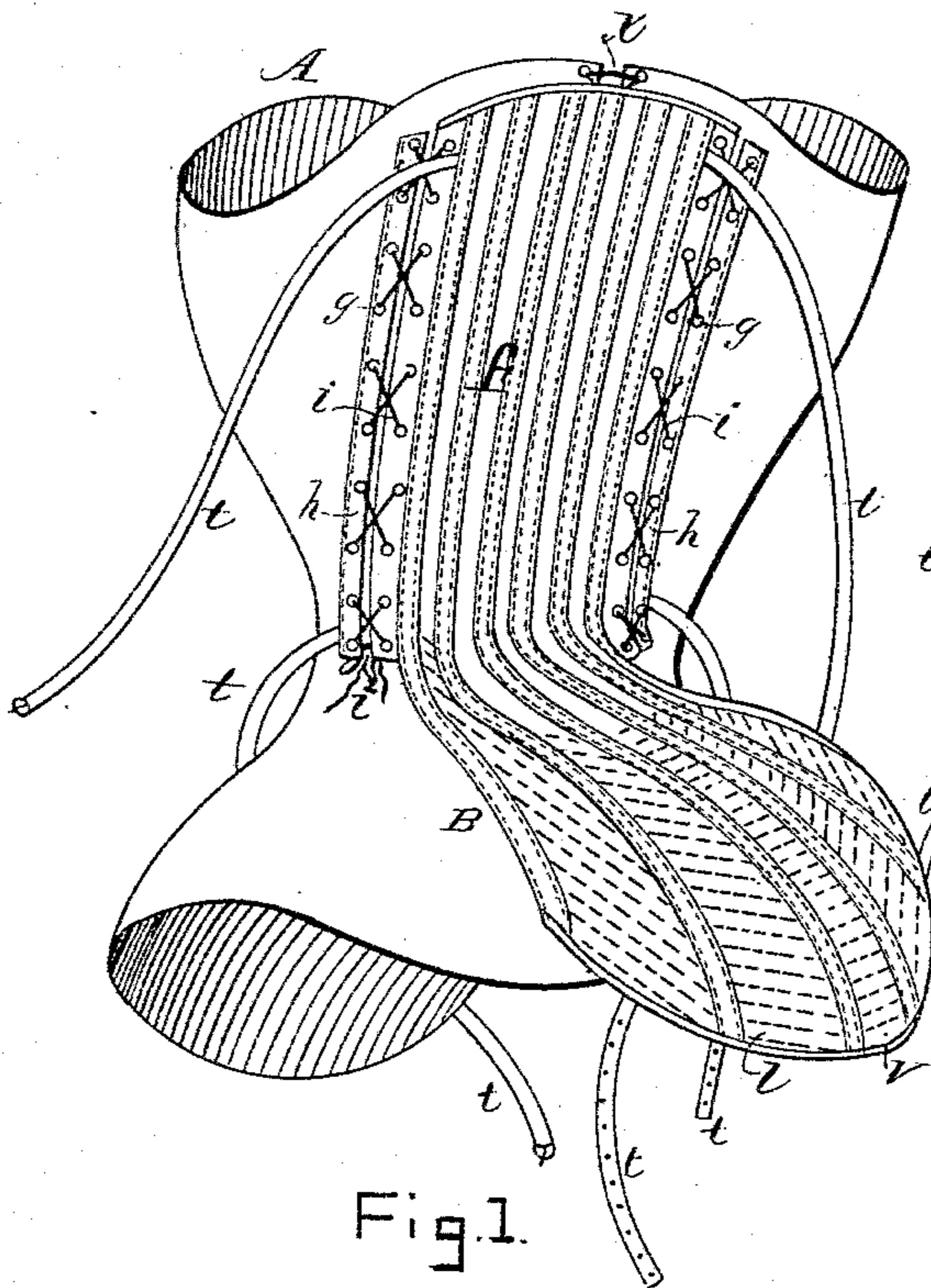


Fig. 1.

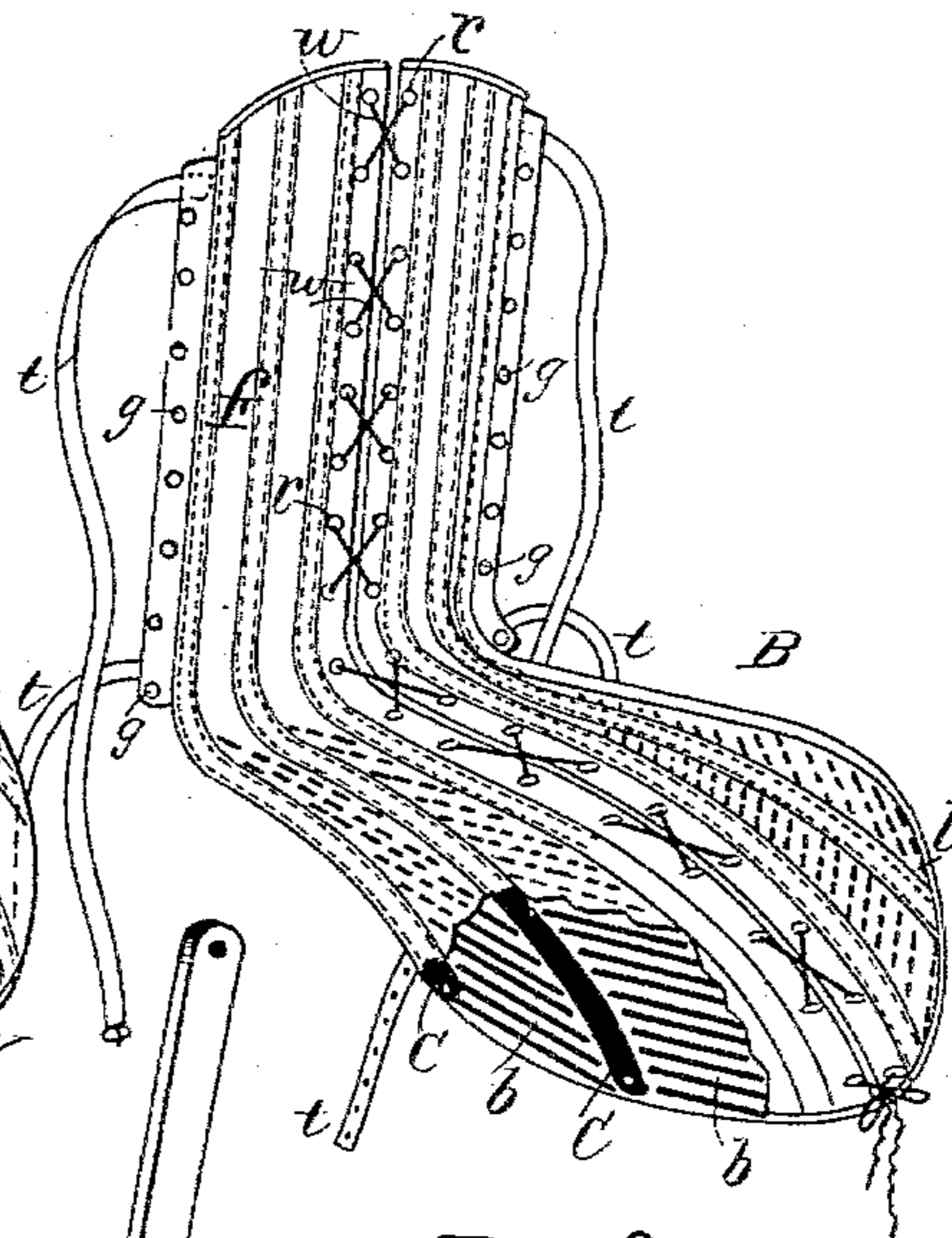


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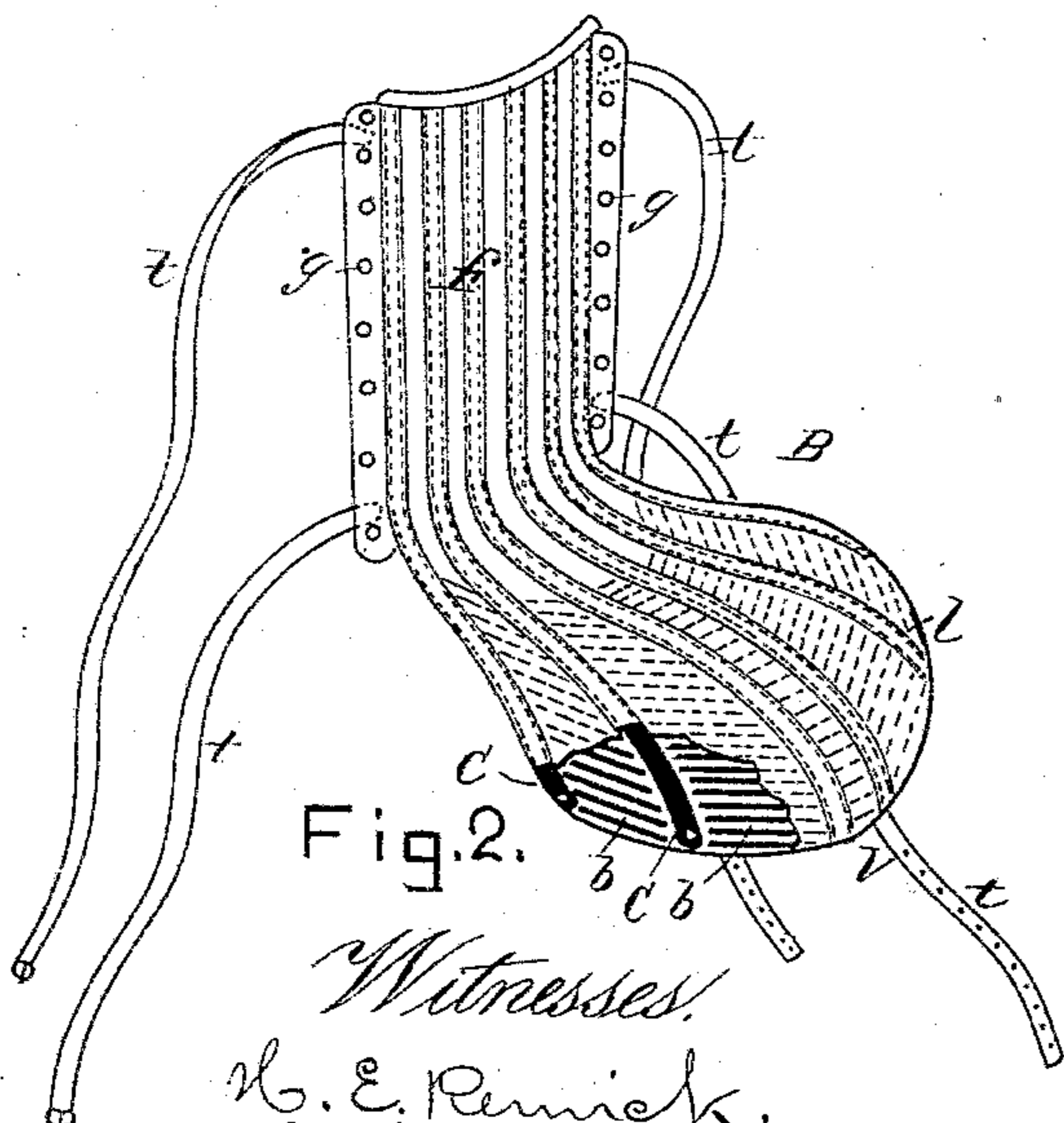


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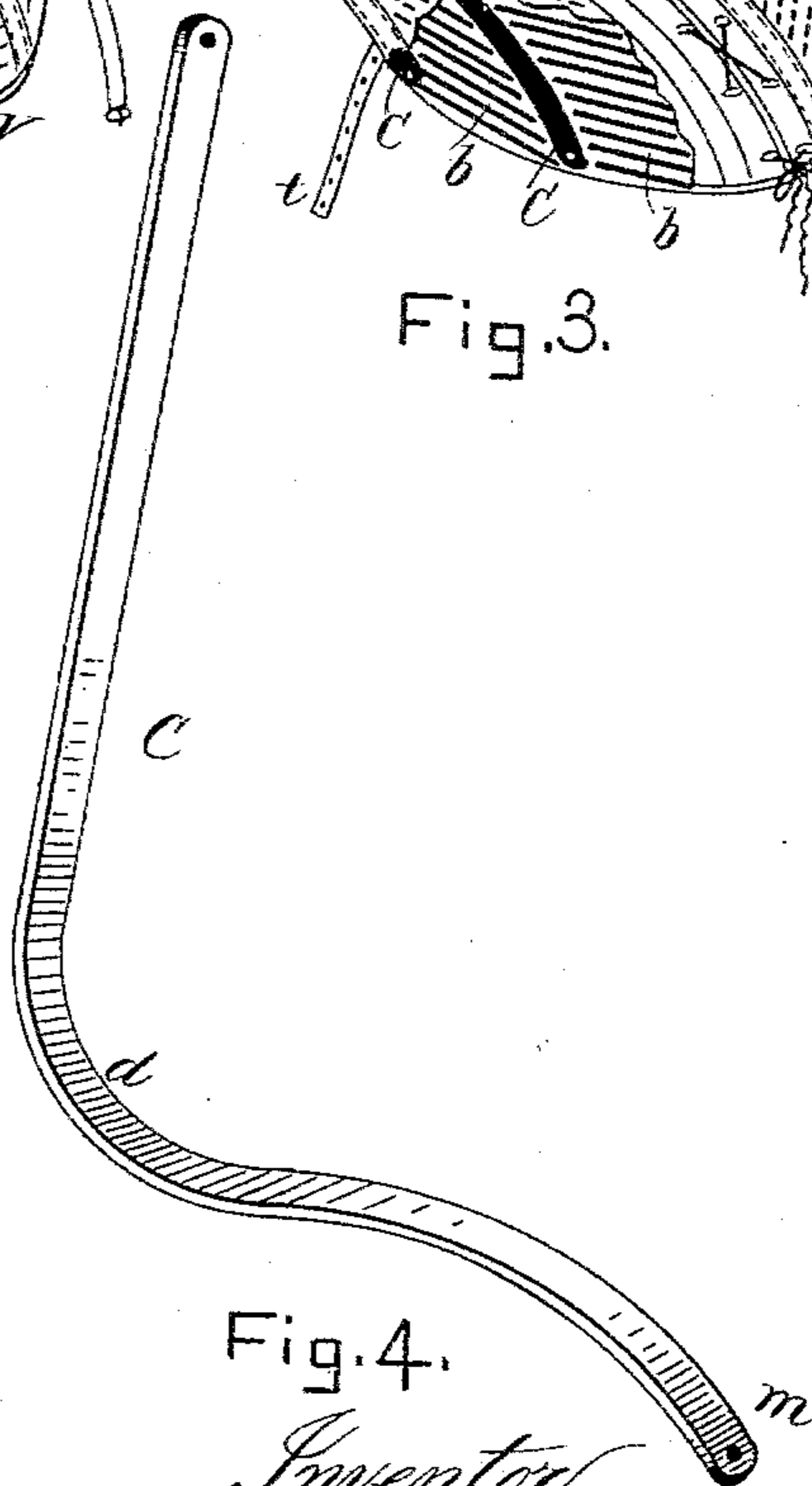


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARK A. WATERHOUSE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Bustle Attachments for Corsets, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometrical perspective view representing a corset with my improved bustle attachment secured thereto and in position for use; Fig. 2, a like view representing the bustle attachment detached; Fig. 3, a perspective view showing a modification of the bustle attachment, and Fig. 4 an enlarged view of one of the bustle attachment springs detached.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to that class of corsets which are provided with bustles; and it consists in a novel construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, by which a more desirable and effective article of this character is produced than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation, its extreme simplicity rendering an elaborate description unnecessary.

In the drawings, A represents the corset, and B the bustle attachment.

The corset is of the ordinary form and construction, except as hereinafter specified, and is provided with eyelets and lacings *x* at the back, in the usual manner. It may, however, be provided with any other suitable means for fastening, and may open at the front or sides, and also at the back, if preferred.

The body or outside of the bustle attachment is made of jean, but may be made of silk, sateen, or any other suitable material, and is properly lined and provided with a series of flat metallic springs, C, preferably disposed between the body and lining, the springs

being respectively kept in position by a row or series of stitches at either side, in the usual manner of securing corset-springs; but they may be incased in pockets, and secured to the bustle attachment in a suitable manner, if preferred.

The springs, which extend nearly the entire length of the bustle attachment, are bent outwardly at *d*, and from thence curved downwardly to their lower ends, *m*, which are separated or spread apart to a greater distance than the upper ends thereof, to give the proper contour or shape to the garment at this point.

The bustle attachment consists of two principal sections, formed integral or in one piece—viz., the back piece, *f*, and the projection or bustle proper, *l*—the springs C being longest at the center and gradually decreasing in length to either side of the bustle to give the proper curvature to the lower edge of said projection.

Attached to either side of the back piece or section, *f*, there is a flap, *g*, provided with a series of eyelets, a corresponding flap, *h*, provided with eyelets being attached to either side of the back of the corset. The back piece, *f*, is also provided with straps and buckles *t*, and in securing the bustle attachment to the corset the flaps *g h* are laced together by the cords or lacings *i* and straps *t*, buckled around the front of the corset. The straps *t* may, however, be used without the lacings *i*, or the lacings without the straps, either being omitted; or any other suitable means of attaching the bustle attachment to the corset may be employed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Disposed between the lower ends of the side springs, C, in the projection *l*, and arranged diagonally thereto, are a series of short braces, *b*, composed of bone, metal, or other suitable material, said braces being properly stitched between the body and lining. These braces serve to keep the lower ends of the springs properly separated, or the projection *l* distended, and by being inclined to the same, or arranged diagonally, the bustle proper may be compressed laterally, and when the pressure is removed will immediately assume its normal shape, whereas if the braces were

arranged at right angles to the springs this could not be accomplished as perfectly. The braces between the central springs are, however, arranged at right angles thereto, and are shorter than the inclined braces, as seen at *v* in Figs. 1 and 2; but the latter braces may be omitted entirely, and the diagonal braces *b* arranged at right angles to the spring, if desired.

10 In Fig. 3 a modification of the bustle attachment is shown, which consists in making it in two parts, or dividing it longitudinally in the center, each part being provided at its inner edge with a series of eyelets, *r*, and connected
15 to the opposite part by means of the lacings *w*; but straps and buckles or any other suitable device may be employed instead of the eyelets *r* and lacings *w*, if desired.

The object of dividing the bustle attachment in the center, as shown in Fig. 3, is to enable it to be enlarged to fit corsets of different sizes, and also to adapt it for use with corsets which lace or open behind when it is not convenient or desirable to detach the bustle by unfastening its side lacings, *i*, or the straps *t*.

The section *f* acts as a back-supporter to the wearer, and thereby performs an important function in addition to its other apparent functions.

30 It will be obvious that the springs *C* may be bent to give the projection *l* any desired form, and, being strong and elastic, will support the skirts and keep the bustle in proper shape while being worn. It will also be obvious that
35 the flaps *g* may be omitted and their eyelets inserted directly into the back piece, *f*; also, that the flaps *h* may be omitted and their eyelets inserted directly into the body of the corset, if preferred.

40 Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

1. A bustle attachment for corsets, consisting of a back piece or shank extending between the waist and shoulders, and a curved projection or bustle proper integral with said back
45 piece, extending from the waist downward, said attachment being provided with longitudinal

springs which are straight from the upper part thereof to the waist, and curved from the waist to the lower end of said attachment, substantially as described. 50

2. A bustle attachment for corsets, consisting of a back piece or shank extending between the waist and shoulders, and a curved projection or bustle proper integral with said back
55 piece extending from the waist downward, said attachment being provided with longitudinal springs which are straight from the upper part thereof to the waist and curved from the waist to the lower end of said attachment, said attachment being divided centrally
60 throughout its length, and the parts being laced together, substantially as described.

3. A bustle attachment for corsets, consisting of a back piece or shank extending between
65 the waist and shoulders, and a curved projection or bustle proper integral with said back piece, extending from the waist downward, said attachment being provided with longitudinal springs which are straight from the
70 upper part thereof to the waist and curved from the waist to the lower end of said attachment, the sides of said back piece or shank being provided with lacing-holes adapted for connection with the corset, substantially as
75 described.

4. The combination of a corset provided at its back with vertical flaps extending between the waist and shoulders and provided with lacing holes, and a bustle attachment consisting of a back piece or shank extending between
80 the waist and shoulders and provided on its sides with lacing-flaps, and a curved projection or bustle proper integral with said back piece, extending from the waist downward, said attachment being provided with
85 longitudinal springs, which are straight from the upper part thereof to the waist and curved from the waist to the lower end of said attachment, substantially as described.

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