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Fig. 1

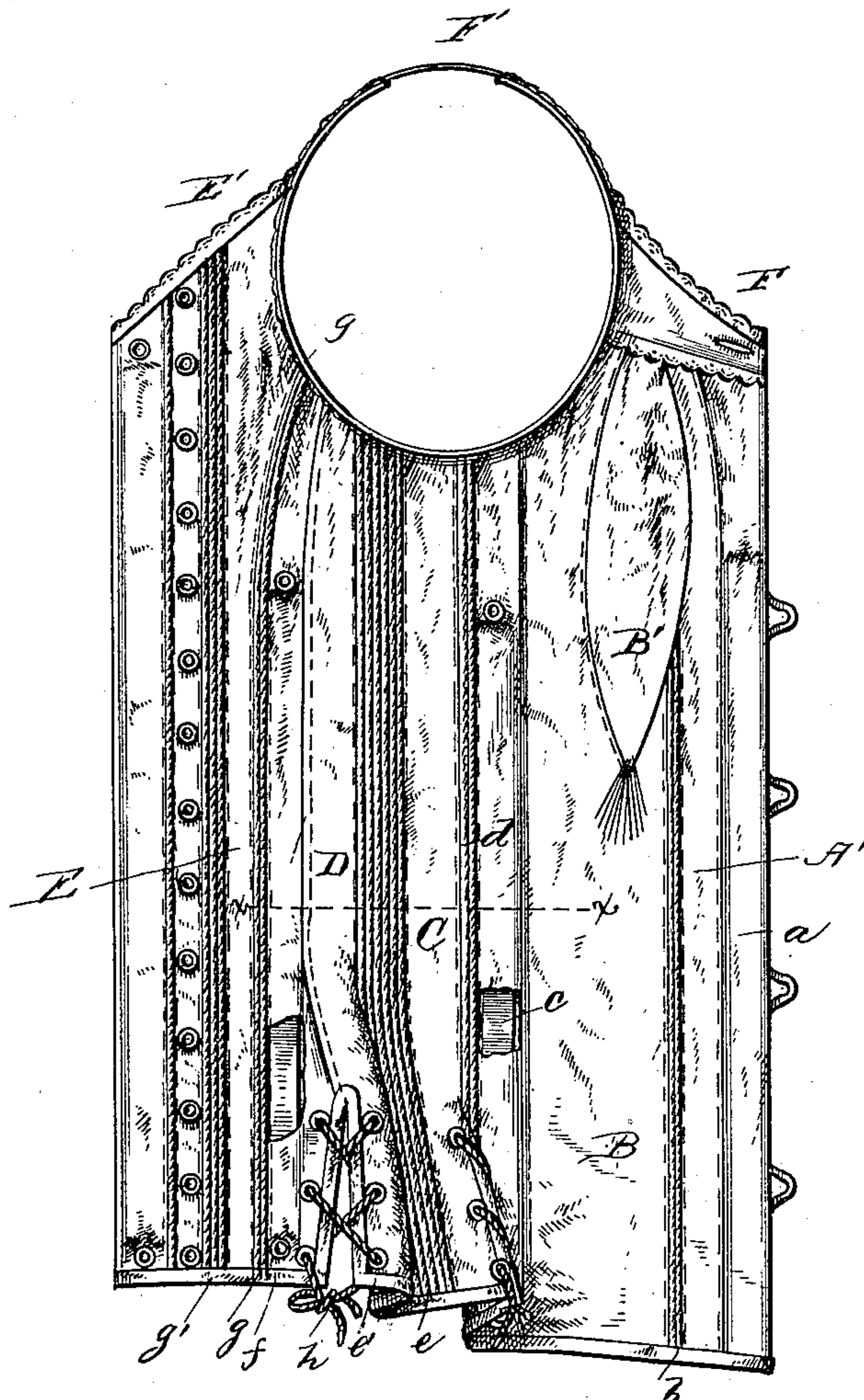


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY M. JONES, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Menomonee, in the county of Dunn and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in corsets; and it consists in the improved construction, as will be hereinafter fully set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claim, whereby a large number of the usual stiffening-bones are dispensed with, and an easier and more comfortable article of wear is provided.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a side view of a section of a corset embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view through the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

A' represents the front portion of a corset, which is provided at its edge with a pocket for the reception of a steel having eyes formed thereon, which eyes project through the pockets in the usual manner. To one side of this pocket *a*, and adjacent to the portion *A'*, is secured, by stitching, a section, *B*, which is provided with a gore, *B'*. The front edge of this section is stiffened by a series of cords, *b*, which are secured between the outer and inner fabrics. A third section, *C*, is secured to the section *B*, and the front edge of this section is provided with a steel or bone, *c*, which is secured within a pocket provided for the reception of the same, vertical displacement of said bone being prevented by eyelets, which are secured to the central portion of the pocket and unite the inner and outer fabrics to each other. This section *C* is also provided with stiffening-cords *d*, which extend from under the arm portion to the lower portion of the corset. Attached to the section *C* is another section *D*, the edges of the upper portions of both sections being parallel, and the lower portions below the waist

being flared. The lower portion of section *C* is slit vertically and provided with a series of eyelets, *e'*, and a series of stiffening-cords, *e*, extend from top to bottom of the section, as shown.

The section *E*, or back of the corset, is made of a single piece and is provided with a pocket, *f*, in which is secured a steel in the manner hereinbefore described, and with stiffening-cords *g g'*, the upper portion of the cords *g* diverging from those indicated by the letter *g'*, which are parallel with the back portion. A steel or bone is secured within the edge of the back-section *E*, and adjacent to the pocket, for the reception of the same, are eyelet-holes for the lacing-cord.

The lower portions of the sections *D E* may be adjusted to and from each other by a cord, *h*, which passes through the eyelets *e'* in the adjacent section.

The upper portion of the back-section *E* is provided or cut so as to form a portion, *E'*, which will extend above the shoulder of the wearer, the front portion of the corset having attached to the upper end of the sections *A' B* a section, *F*, which is of such a shape as to extend partially above these sections and partially over the shoulder of the wearer.

The upper ends of the sections *E' F* are united to each other by an elastic band, *F'*.

By the construction hereinbefore described I provide a corset which is cheap in construction, and is provided with but few stiffening-pieces, and which is supported upon the body of the wearer upon the shoulders.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, the combination of stiffening-cords with the corset, but the arrangement of sections which are properly stiffened by the steels and cords, the disposition of the rear section being such that it is capable of hip-adjustment at the bottom, whereas the sections *E E'* and their steels and stiffening-cords are so disposed as to provide for the proper arrangement of shoulder portions at the top.

I claim—

The combination, in a corset, of the front portion, *A'*, and section *B*, provided at their upper ends with the shoulder-section *F*, the front portion being provided at its front edge with a pocket containing a steel, and at its inner edge with a series of stiffening-cords,

the intermediate sections provided with pockets containing steels retained in position by rivets, as described, and with stiffening-cords flared at their lower parts and slit, eyelets and
5 lacing-cord to adjust said hip portion, and a rear section provided with a pocket containing a steel riveted therein, and extended up, as specified, to form the other shoulder portion,

both shoulder portions being connected by an elastic band, substantially as set forth. 10

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

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