

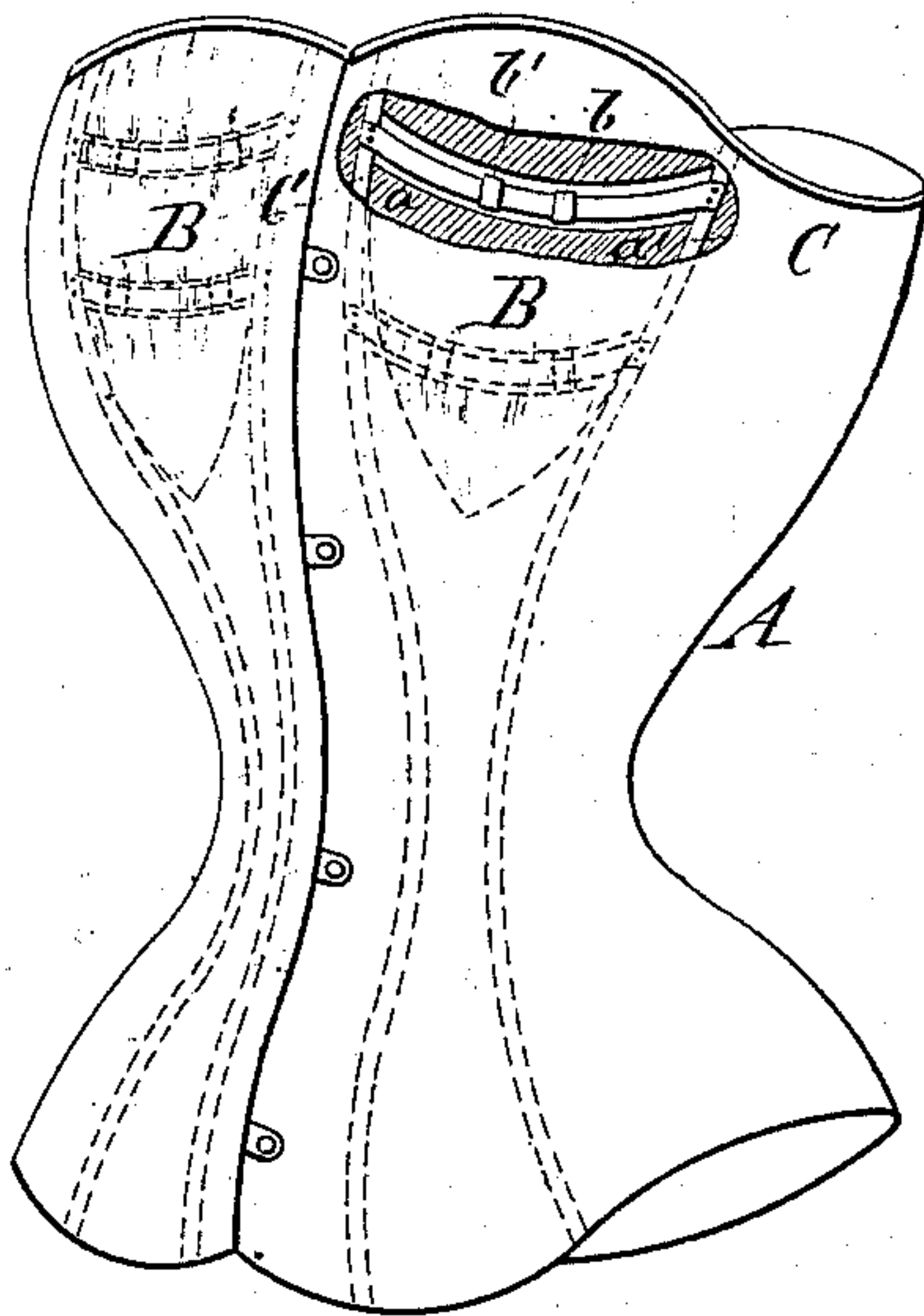
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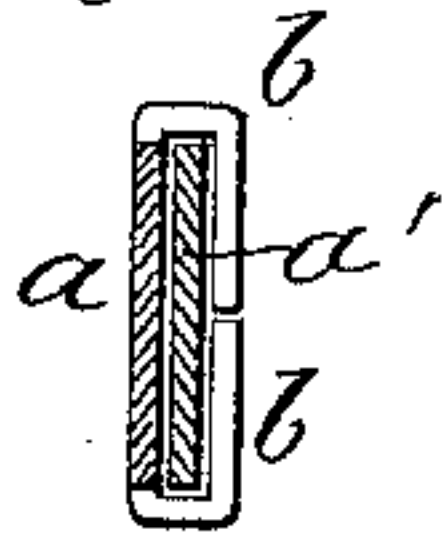
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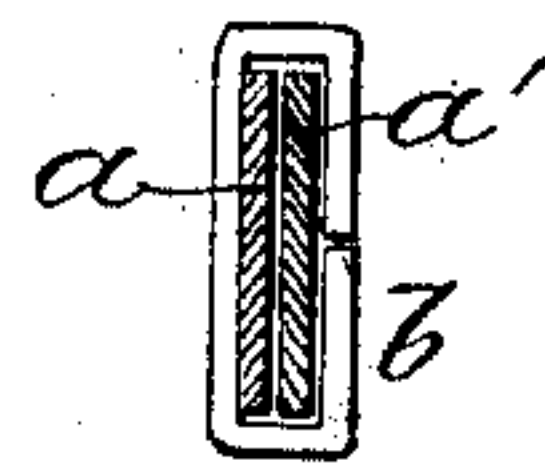
*Fig. 1.*



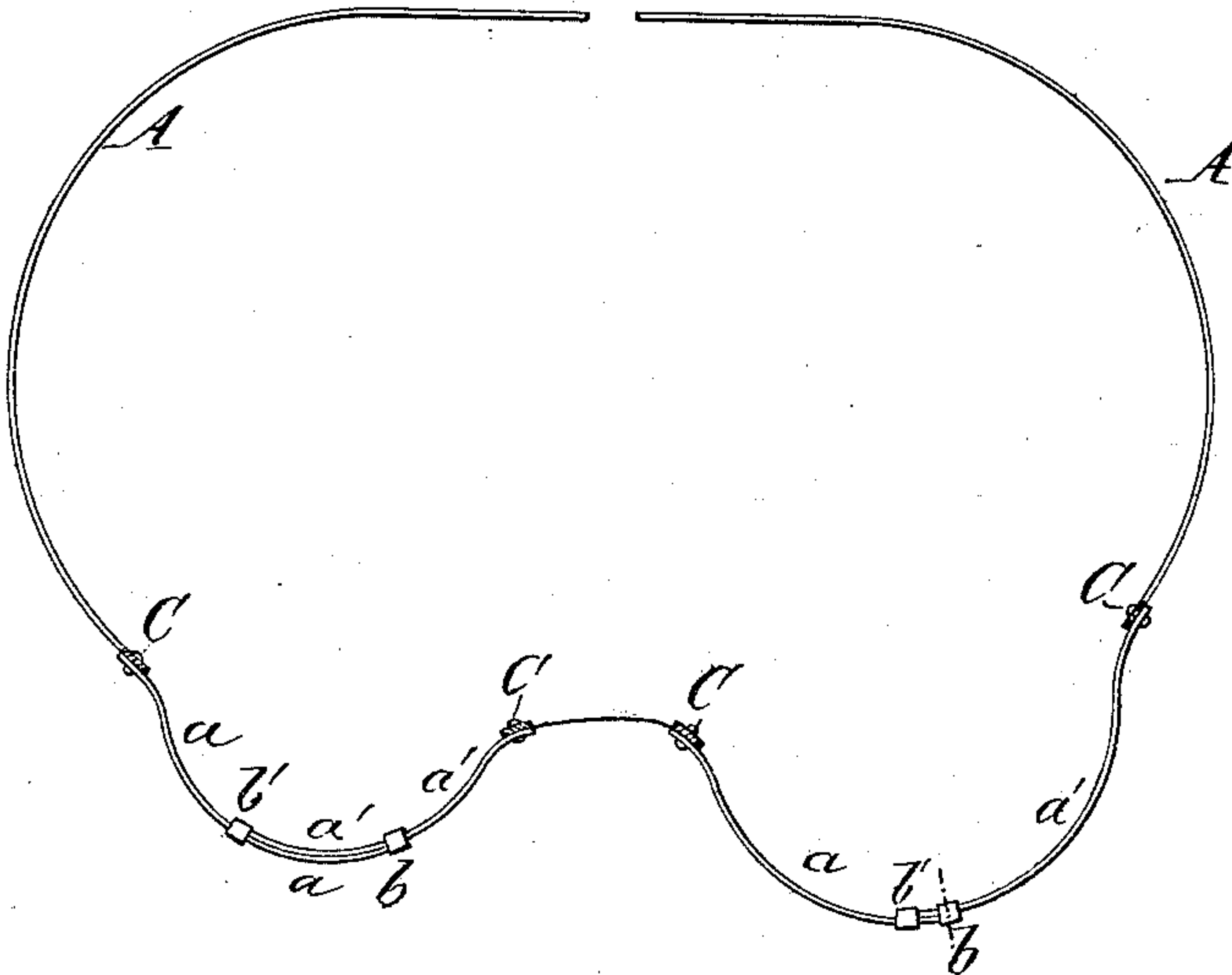
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## CORSET.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 336,413, dated February 16, 1886.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IDA KARP, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cor-  
5 sets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved cor-  
set, in which the breast swells are capable of  
being adjusted to larger or smaller size; and  
the invention consists of a corset the breast-  
10 swells of which are provided with one or more  
springs, each spring consisting of two portions  
adapted to slide one on the other, so as to  
thereby enlarge or contract the swells.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1  
15 represents a front view of my improved cor-  
set, with part broken off. Fig. 2 is a hori-  
zontal section of the same on a larger scale;  
and Figs. 3 and 4 are vertical transverse sec-  
tions of different forms of the connecting-  
20 loops of the springs.

Similar letters of reference indicate corre-  
sponding parts.

A in the drawings represents a corset of any  
approved construction, and B B are the breast-  
25 swells of the same. The breast-swells B are  
provided with one or more transverse springs,  
which consist of two portions, *a a'*, that are  
riveted, soldered, or otherwise attached at one  
end to the stays C C, as shown in Figs. 1 and  
30 2, or to the fabric of the corset. The opposite  
ends of the springs are provided with loops *b b'*,  
which may be constructed in any suitable  
manner, although I prefer to use the construc-  
tions shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

35 In Fig. 3 the loop is formed integral with  
the spring by making the spring with T-shaped

ends and bending the ends over, while in Fig.  
4 the loop is made separately and soldered or  
riveted to the spring.

When it is desired to increase the size of the  
40 breast-swell, the springs *a a'* are extended by  
sliding in the loops *b b'*, so that the latter ap-  
proach each other, while for reducing the size  
of the swell the springs are contracted by slid-  
ing the springs in the loops away from each  
45 other. The breast-swells will remain in the  
position given by the springs, as the strength  
of the springs is sufficient to counteract any  
pressure exerted on the same.

The advantages of my improved corset are  
50 that the breast-swells can be easily adjusted  
to any size and retained in the desired shape,  
so that a better shape is imparted to the bust.

Having thus described my invention, I claim  
as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—  
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1. A corset the breast-swells of which are  
provided with one or more transverse exten-  
sible springs, substantially as set forth.

2. In a corset, the combination, with the  
breast-swells and stays adjoining said breast-  
60 swells, of one or more transverse extensible  
springs made of two sections attached to said  
stays and guided along each other by loops at  
the overlapping ends, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as  
65 my invention I have signed my name in the  
presence of two subscribing witnesses.

IDA KARP.

Witnesses:

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SIDNEY MANN.