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Fig. 1.

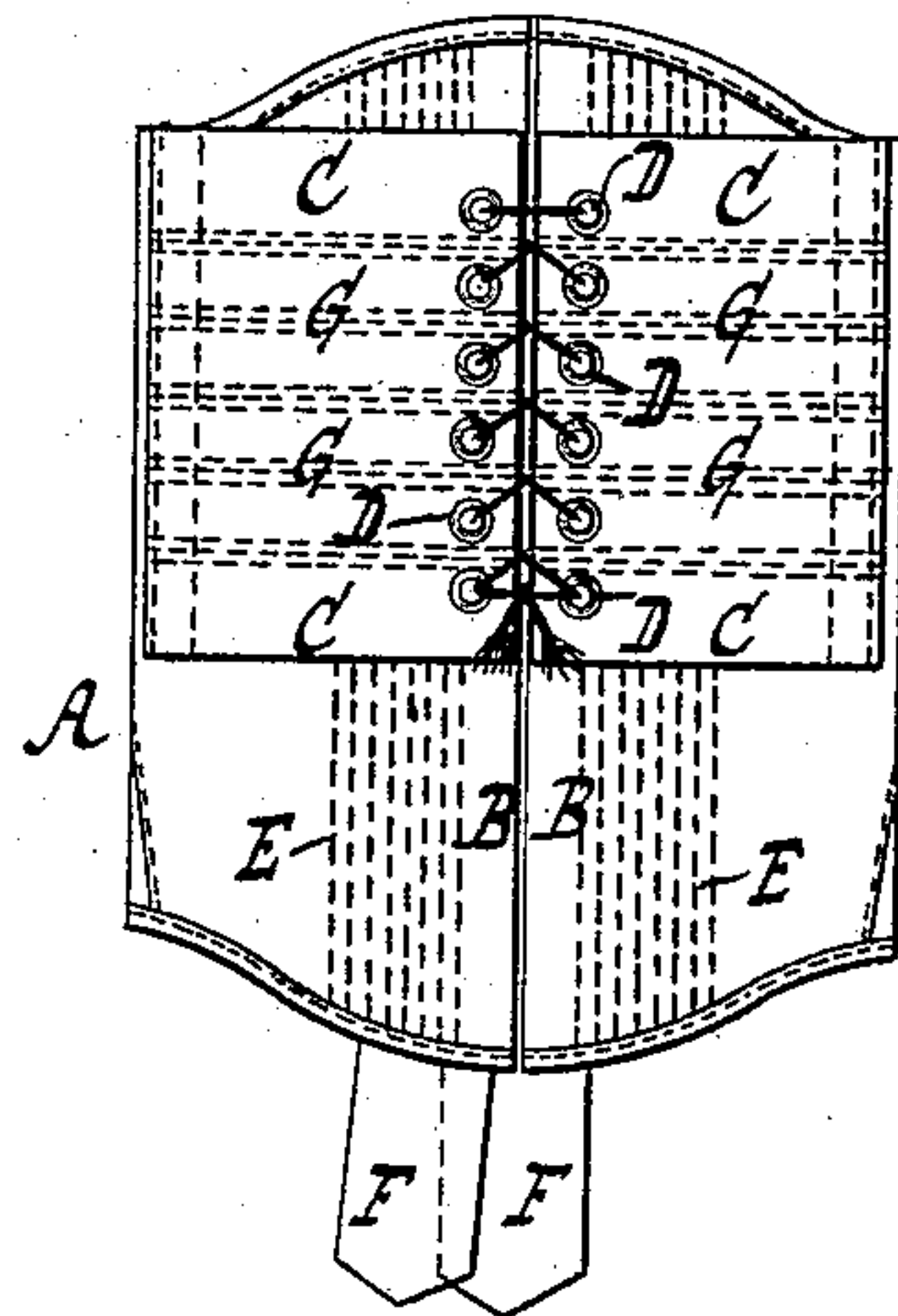
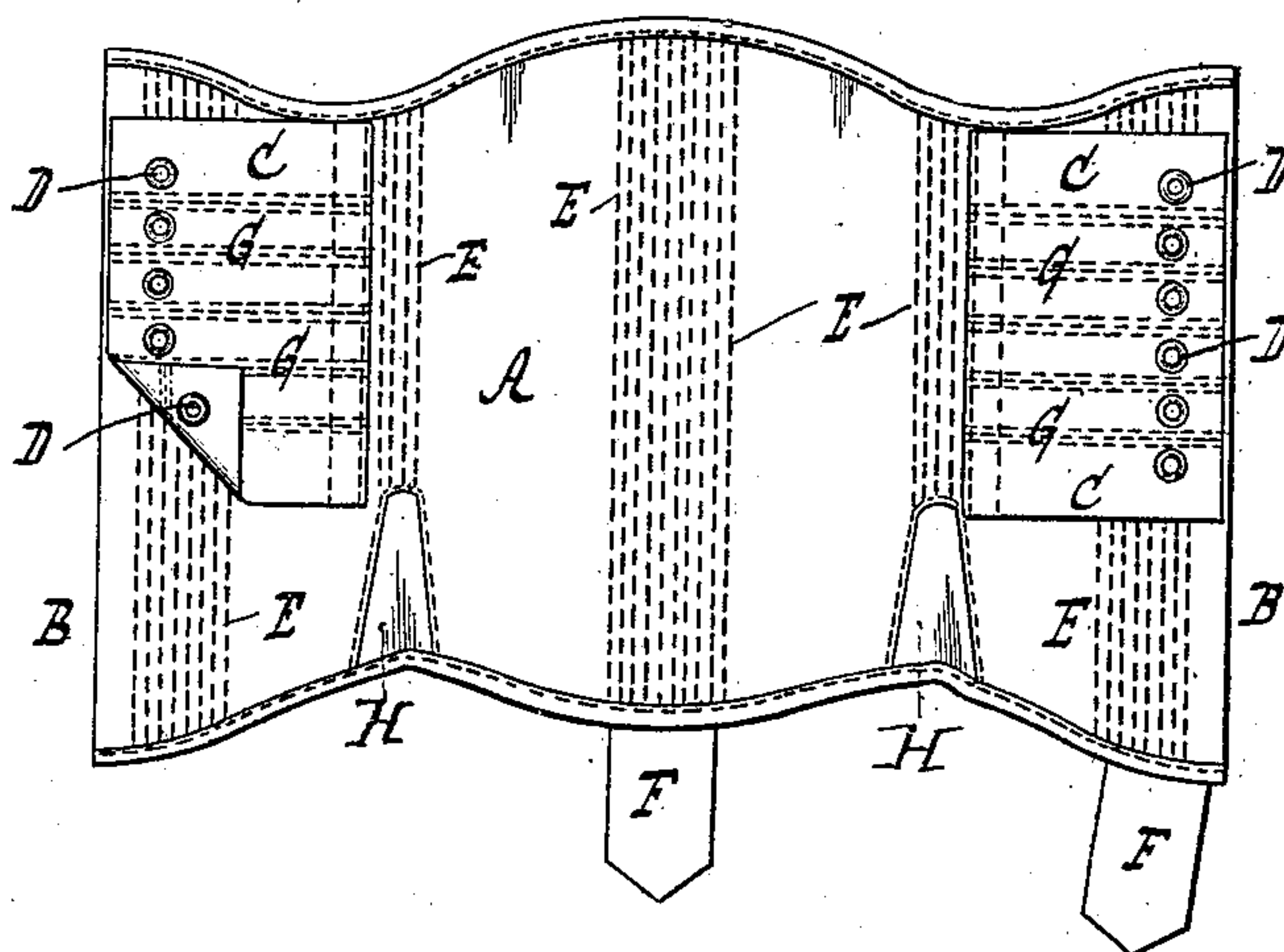


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA NAGLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have
5 invented new and useful Improvements in Underwaists or Strengthening-Corsets for Children, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to underwaists or strengthening-corsets for children, but is applicable also for older persons in cases where
10 the body requires support.

It consists in an underwaist of proper form to go around the body, having suitable gores at the proper places, as at H, for that purpose, the ends of the underwaist being left
15 plain, so that they can overlap each other when the underwaist exceeds the circumference of the body of the wearer. The underwaist is corded at the parts which come opposite such parts of the person as require
20 special support, the cords being arranged to run up and down the underwaist. The corded parts by their stiffness are adapted to support the frame of the wearer and to aid the weaker
25 parts of the body, and to preserve the symmetry and true relations of the parts.

The underwaist is secured to the body by means of lacing-flaps, which extend from the outside of the underwaist at suitable points
30 back of the ends of the underwaist. The lacing-flaps are corded in the direction of their length. From the lower edge of the underwaist extend two flaps or straps, which are adapted to be fastened to the loin-cloth or
35 diaper of the infant—one at the front and the other at the back of the wearer—so as to aid in supporting the diaper and keeping it in place.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is
40 a front elevation of my improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan view showing the underwaist extended.

Similar letters indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the underwaist. It
45 is suitably gored at the proper places, as at H, so as to be adapted to the general form of the human frame. Its length up and down is such as to extend from the armpits to the hips, and its extent in the other direction is such
50 that it surrounds the body of the wearer, its ends overlapping each other when its extent

in that direction exceeds the circumference of the body. The ends B B are left plain.

The underwaist is secured around the body of the wearer by lacing-flaps C C, which spring
55 from the outside of the underwaist behind its ends B, and which in height are about or nearly equal to the length of the underwaist up and down. The ends of the flaps C are provided with eyelets D, to receive lacing-strings with
60 which the underwaist is laced and secured to the body. The flaps C are corded, as shown, so as to strengthen them, and also to give firmness to the parts of the underwaist over which they come.

The underwaist proper is corded at E E E
65 from top to bottom, as shown, for the purpose of stiffening the underwaist at the parts which come opposite or against those parts of the body of the wearer that chiefly need in ordinary
70 cases to be braced or supported by the underwaist—as the spinal column, the sides of the body, and the front of the body. The length of the underwaist is made greater at the back and front parts than at the parts that come
75 under the arms, so that the underwaist may support the body of the infant at the back and front as much as possible. From the lower edge of the underwaist, both at the back and front, extend straps F F, which I arrange in
80 such a manner that they can be fastened by pins or any convenient detachable fastening to the loin-cloth or diaper in front and behind, whereby the latter is kept snugly in place and
85 is properly supported without discomfort to the infant.

The advantages of my improvement will be apparent to all who have the care of infants, especially in the case of infants having a weak
90 body or whose body is not symmetrical through accident or other cause. The lacing-flaps C provide the means for securing the underwaist in place, and the height thereof is such as to make them apply over the whole height of the underwaist from a point about level with the
95 armpits down to a point about level with the hips, so that the body of the infant will be firmly braced and supported thereby. The flaps C are corded in horizontal lines, as at G, in order to stiffen and strengthen them and in-
100 crease the measure of support to the body of the wearer.

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

As a new article of manufacture, an under-
waist or strengthening-corset for children, con-
sisting of a gored body, A, having plain ends
5 B B, the free lacing-flaps C C, having eyelets
and secured to the upper part of said body re-
mote from the outer edges of the latter and
corded in the direction of their length, the
10 lacing-cords for the eyelets, a series of stiffen-
ing-cords, E E E, extending vertically along the

center of the underwaist and along the plain
ends thereof, and flaps F, attached to and de-
pending from the lower edge of the under-
waist, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal in the presence of two subscrib-
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