

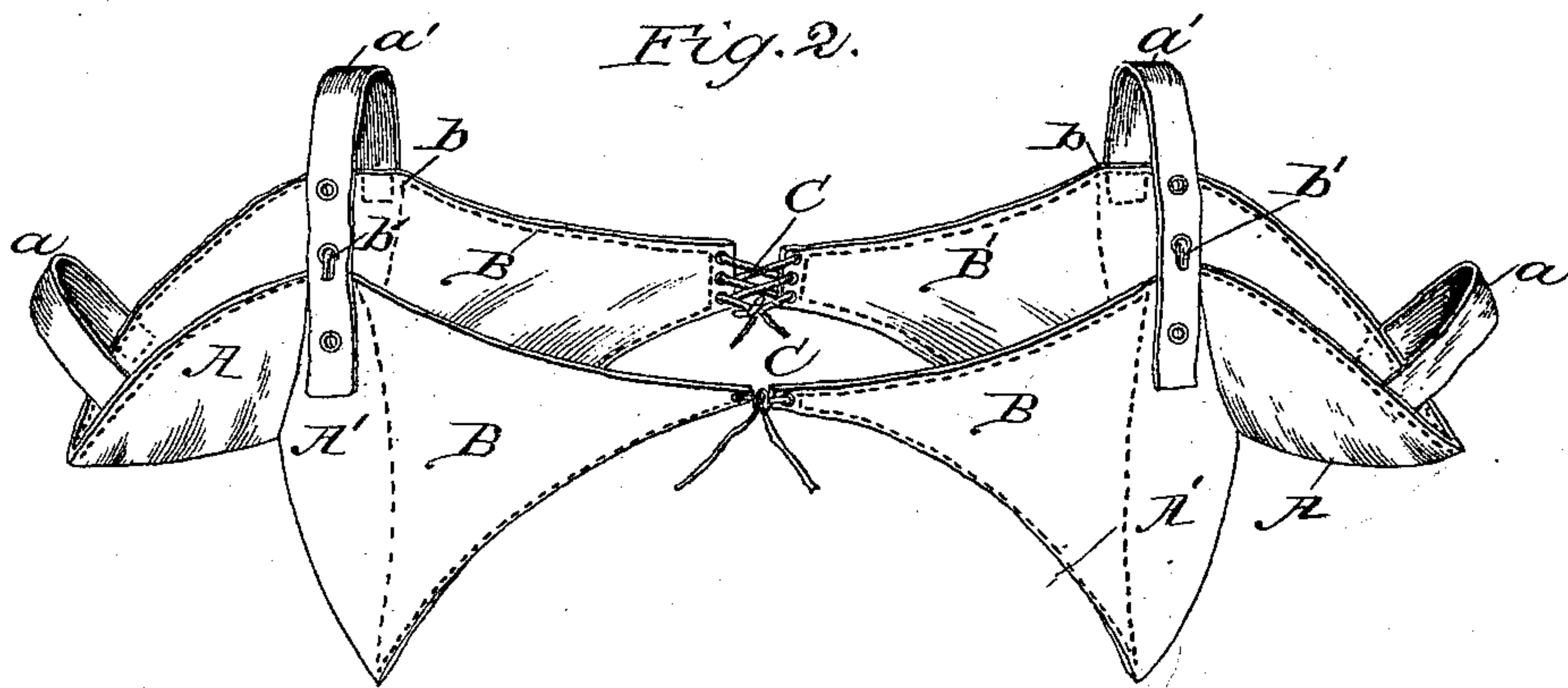
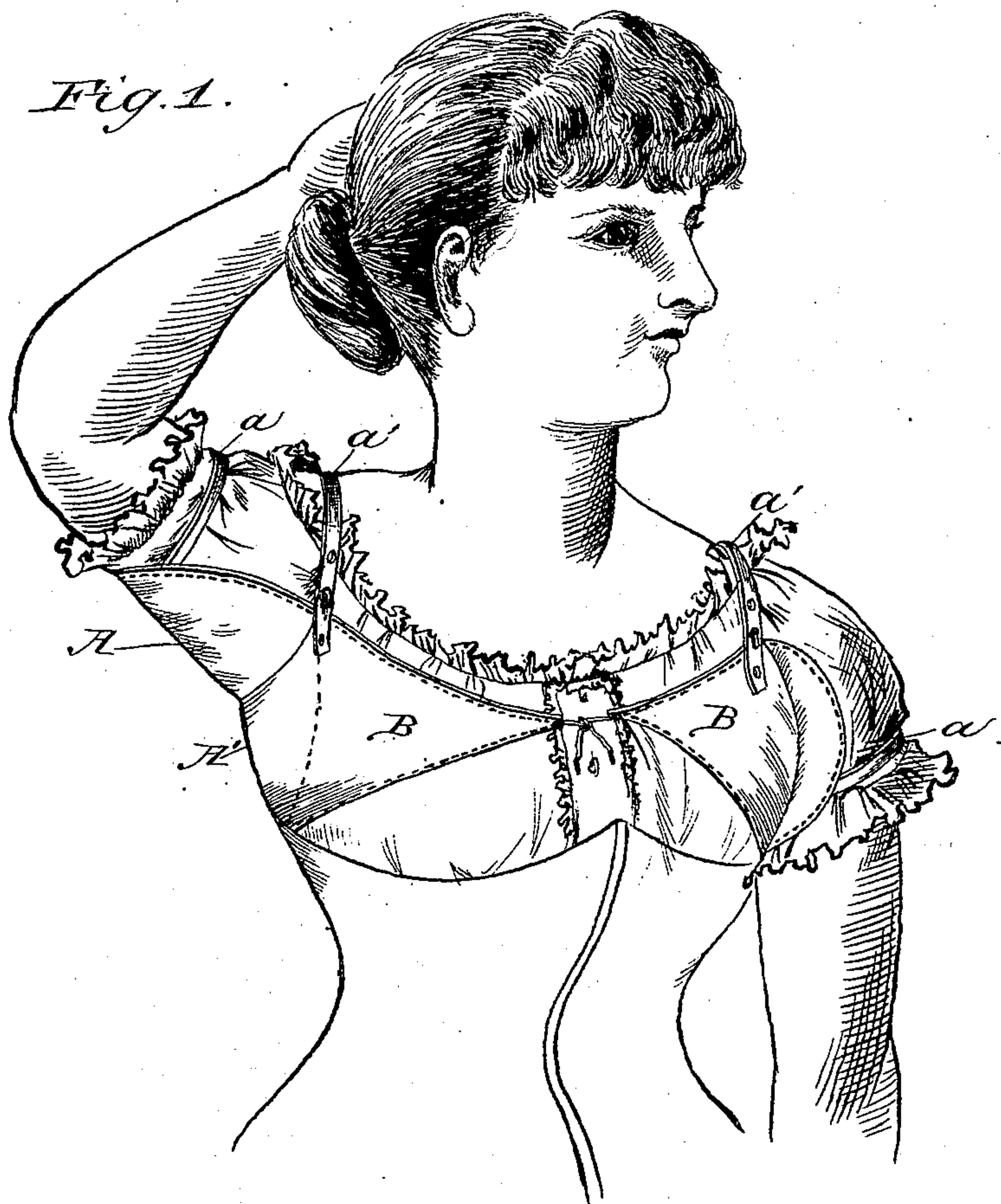
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY DEWEY, of Chicago, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset and Dress Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in protectors which are provided with means, independent of the clothing, for keeping them in place while being worn; and the objects of my improvements are, first, to provide a light simple device which can be worn as a separate garment to protect the corset, dress, and sleeves of the dress or outer garment from being soiled by perspiration from the armpits, or laid off at pleasure; and, second, to make the same so that it will fit any person and not be liable to displacement by the movements of the wearer or materially add to or take the place of the other clothing.

I attain these objects in the device constructed as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the improved device in position as worn; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view.

The body parts A and arm parts A' on each side are made of double layers of silesia or other similar cloth. They are cut in the form of a crescent, and the upper layer of the part A and the upper layer of A' are joined by a seam at the top or inner curved edge of the crescent, so that they are separate from the under layers at this point, which under layers are also joined to each other at their corresponding edge in a similar manner; but the upper and under layers are sewed together at the outer edge or curve of the crescent, so that a piece of water-proof material placed between the layers and extended over the central seam will be retained in place between the layers and make the same moisture-proof throughout, including the point at the central seam.

To the front and back edges of the parts A are attached cross-pieces B B', extending from the top near the central seam, where the inner curved edges are joined, down to the lower edge, and tapering thence to a point at the center, to which strings or tapes C are attached, by which the cross-pieces may be tied together

in front and at the back to hold the protectors against the body.

The strings and parts B B in front are adapted to be tied up over the bust to bring the protectors up against the body at their lower edges and keep them in their proper places.

Non-elastic shoulder-straps a' are attached permanently to the back at b, the point of the junction of the parts A A' of the protector, and provided with eyelets to engage with hooks attached to the front at b', by which the protector is adjusted upwardly under the arm and adapted to fit different persons. It is essential that the shoulder-straps should be attached at this point, to properly hold the protector up, and they should fit close, in order to prevent them working off the shoulders; and for this reason they must be loose at one end, in order to be properly fitted and fastened in putting the protector on and to be loosened in taking it off.

Elastic arm-straps a are attached permanently at both ends to the parts A, to hold the edges up to the arm. It is not essential that there shall be so close a fit on the arm at this point as at the shoulder, and for this reason a strap permanently attached is used, and made elastic to better adapt it to different sizes of arms.

I am aware of patent to Williams, No. 223,621, of January 13, 1880, which shows a different form of body and arm parts, and has the shoulder-strap made elastic and permanently connected at both ends, and at a different point from mine; is without the parts B B' of my device, but has simple straps in lieu thereof, which do not have the effect of holding the bottom edges in place; also of the patent of Turner, No. 246,573, of August 3, 1881, which shows a waist completely enveloping a considerable portion of the body of the wearer; also of patent to Hervey, No. 267,202, of November 7, 1882, which shows a different form of body and arm parts, and has the shoulder-straps likewise permanently attached at both ends, and is without means, other than the elasticity of the strap, for adjusting. The body parts extend down to the waist and are provided with a separate fastening at this point;

but my protector is different from these in its several parts, and as a whole, and affords means for effecting a positive adjustment at the shoulders, which none of these does.

5 Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the crescent-shaped body and arm parts A A', the tapering cross-pieces  
10 B B' in the front and rear, provided with string

CC, non-elastic shoulder straps *a'*, permanently connected to the back at *b* and detachably connected to the front at *b'* by hooks and eyes, and elastic arm-straps *a*, permanently connected at both ends to the parts A, all arranged as specified.

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