

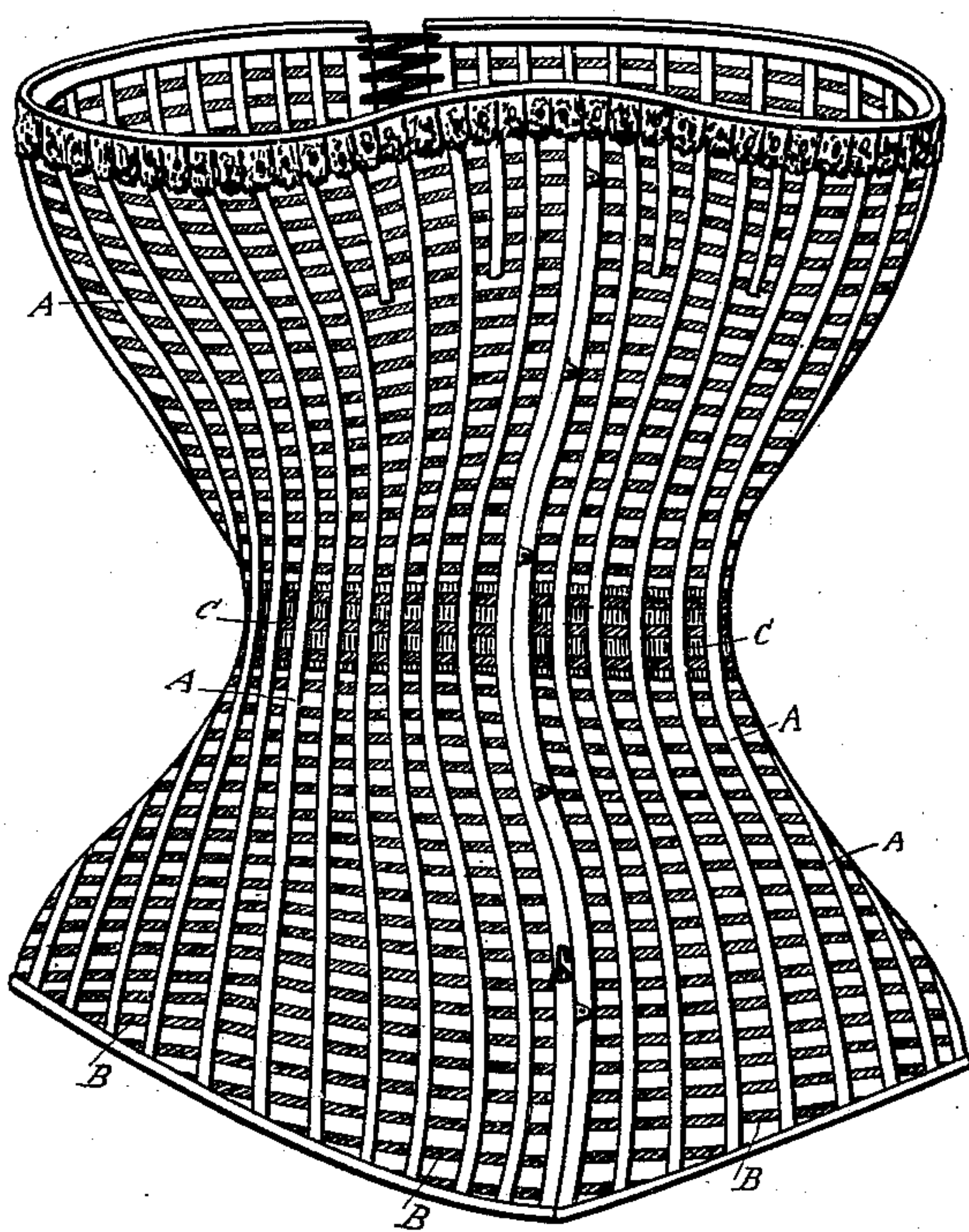
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIA PEETERS DE JONGE, of Brussels, in the Kingdom of Belgium, stay-maker, have invented new and useful Improvements in Elastic Stays, for which no patent has been obtained in any country, and of which the following is a specification.

The elastic stays hereinafter described distinguish themselves from all others hitherto known by the following points, viz: First, they apply themselves exactly to the body, supporting this latter without compressing it; second, composed of an open-worked texture, they permit the circulation of air without heating the body; third, they permit all movements without any uneasiness.

In order that the invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawing, which represents a perspective view of my improved corset or elastic stays. These stays are composed of a series of whalebones, A, as ordinary stays; but instead of these whalebones being confined in sheaths formed in ordinary compact cloth, and little or not extensible, I confine them in sheaths separated from one another and connected by elastic straps B, disposed at right angles with the sheaths, and leaving a certain space between them, so as to constitute a regular frame-work. These stays are

made as ordinary stays, laced behind. They are hooked before, in the well-known manner. The whalebones are disposed at will. At the height of the waist is a non elastic belt, C, intended to press the waist, and hooked in any convenient manner.

A simple inspection of the annexed drawing shows clearly the nature of the invention; and it is easily understood that the stays, which, besides the belt, are quite elastic in all their parts, must apply themselves exactly to the body and support it without compressing it, as is generally the case with ordinary stays.

Having thus fully described my said invention and in what manner the same has to be performed, what I claim is—

A skeleton corset consisting of series of vertical separated sheaths A, surrounding the body, having whalebones confined therein, a broad non-elastic waistband, C, surrounding the body, and series of horizontal separated elastic bands, B, surrounding the body beneath and above the waistband, substantially as described and shown.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of June, 1887.

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