

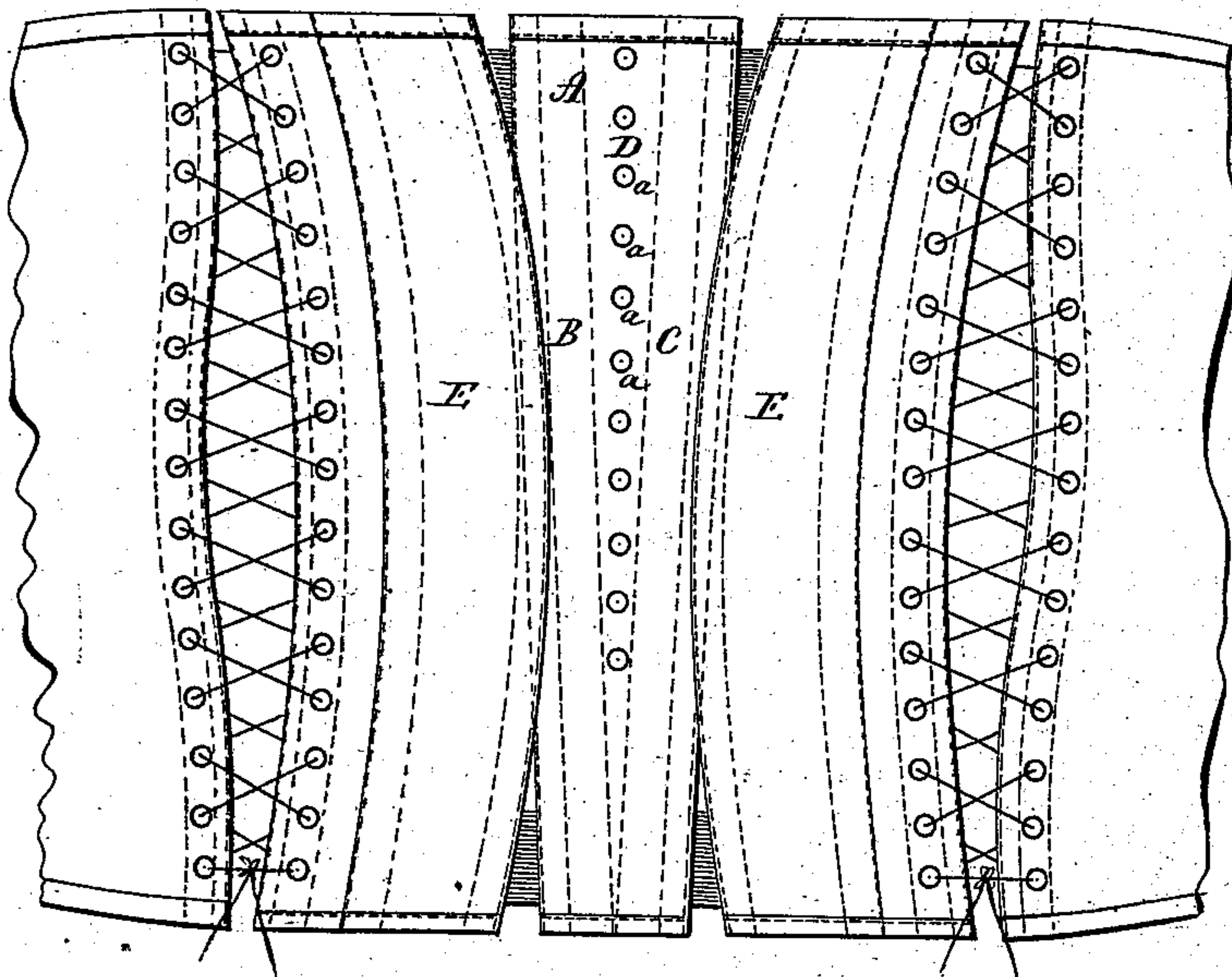
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH KOON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a view of back of corset with a portion of the two sides laced thereto.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of corsets in which the back is made close—that is to say, the usual lacings at the center are transferred to the sides, and the back between the two is made close and so as to give a firm support to the back; and the invention is an improvement upon the corset for which Letters Patent No. 274,405 were granted March 20, 1883. In that patent the close back consists of two curved broad stays each side of the center, with an intermediate or center stay which gradually widens from the bottom to the top of the corset, these broad stays giving a firm support to the back. The broad central stay necessarily lies directly upon the back, and because of its great width more or less heat must necessarily arise from the close fit of this central portion of the back of the corset.

The object of my invention is to preserve substantially the expanding central or spinal stay, but yet give to it a certain amount of flexibility and ventilation to make the corset more easy to the wearer, and at the same time ventilate the back to avoid the excess of heat; and the invention consists in making the central portion of gradually-increasing width from the bottom toward the top, with two pockets and stays extending from the bottom to the top of this central portion, the two stays diverging from the bottom upward, so as to leave a flexible space between them, and this space pierced for ventilation.

In representing the corset I show the whole back, but a portion only of the two sides.

The central portion, A, increases gradually in width from the bottom to the top, and in this portion A two pockets, B C, are formed adapted to receive steel stays, the pockets diverging from the bottom to the top of the corset, so as to give an increased width of stay-support at the top, as in the patent before referred to; but in that patent this increased width is produced by a single stay made of such gradually-expanding shape. Between the two pockets B C the material forms a flexible space, D, and through this space numerous perforations, *a*, are made, preferably bushed with eyelets, as shown. At each side of this central portion a section is attached, each having a pocket, E, of curved shape and adapted to receive a correspondingly-curved broad steel stay, the curve being from the waist-line upward and to the right and left, and from the waist-line downward to the right and left, as in the patent before referred to. At the edges of this back section of the corset eyelets are introduced and corresponding eyelets introduced into the adjacent edges of the side sections, which are laced, as illustrated in the drawing, and as in the patent before referred to.

From the foregoing it will be understood that I claim nothing shown or described in the before-mentioned patent, except in the combination hereinafter described.

I claim—

A corset having a back section laced to the adjacent sections, the said back section provided with two stays at the center extending from top to bottom and gradually diverging from the bottom to the top, the space between the said two stays perforated, combined with the two stays E E, arranged, respectively, in the back at the right and left of the central or back stays, the said stays E E curved from the waist-line upward and forward and downward and forward, substantially as described.

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