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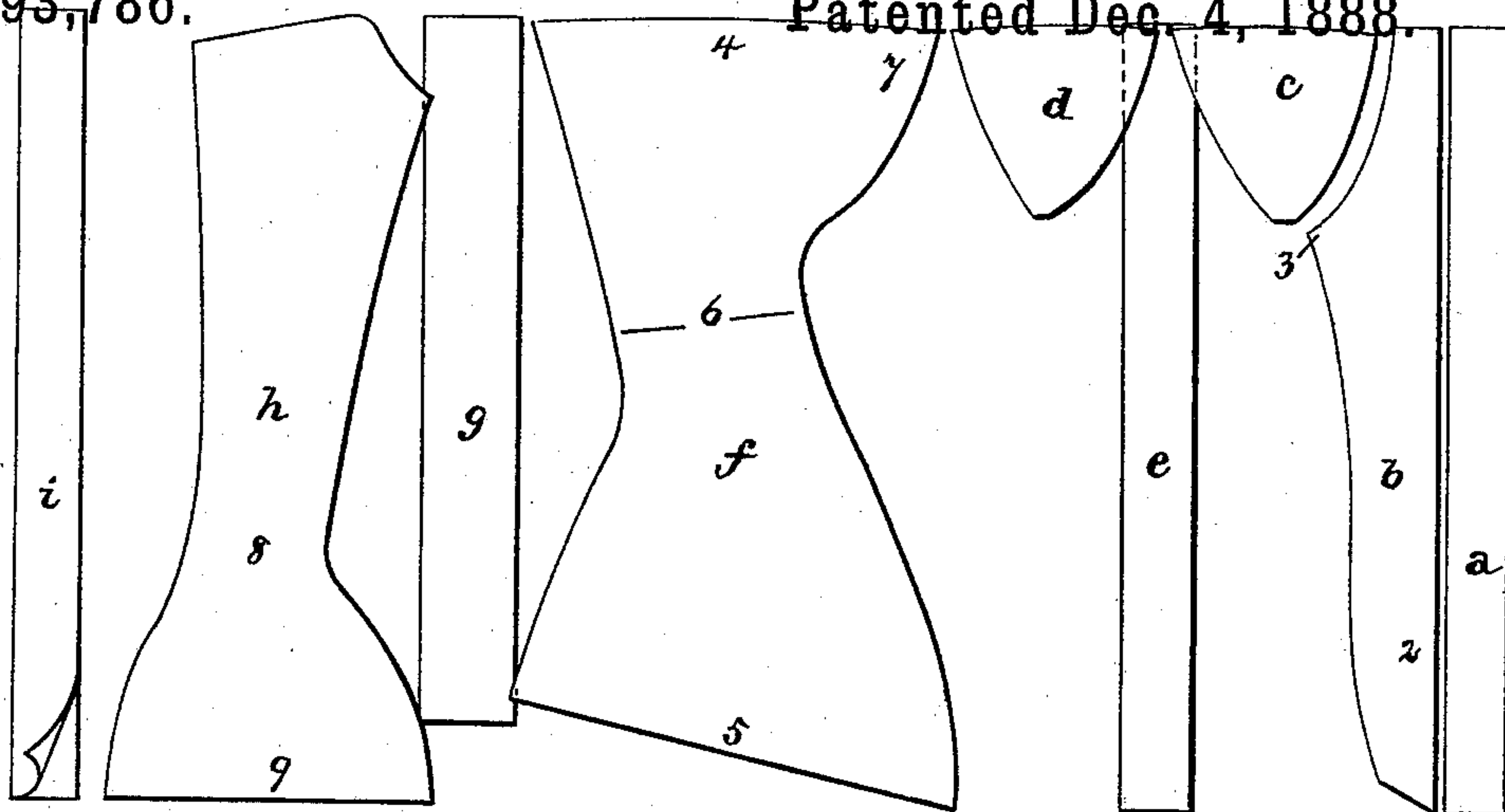


Fig. 1.

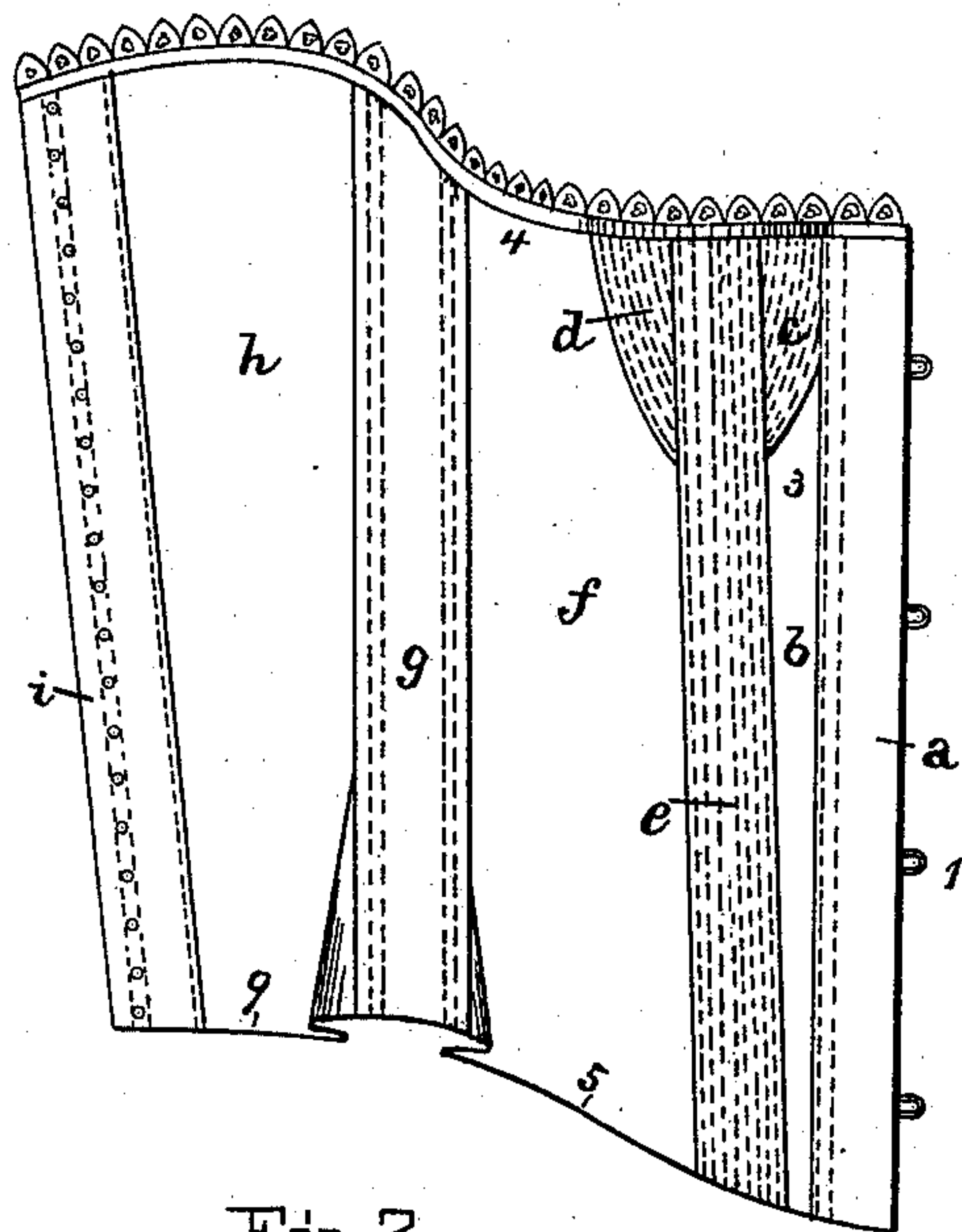


Fig. 2.

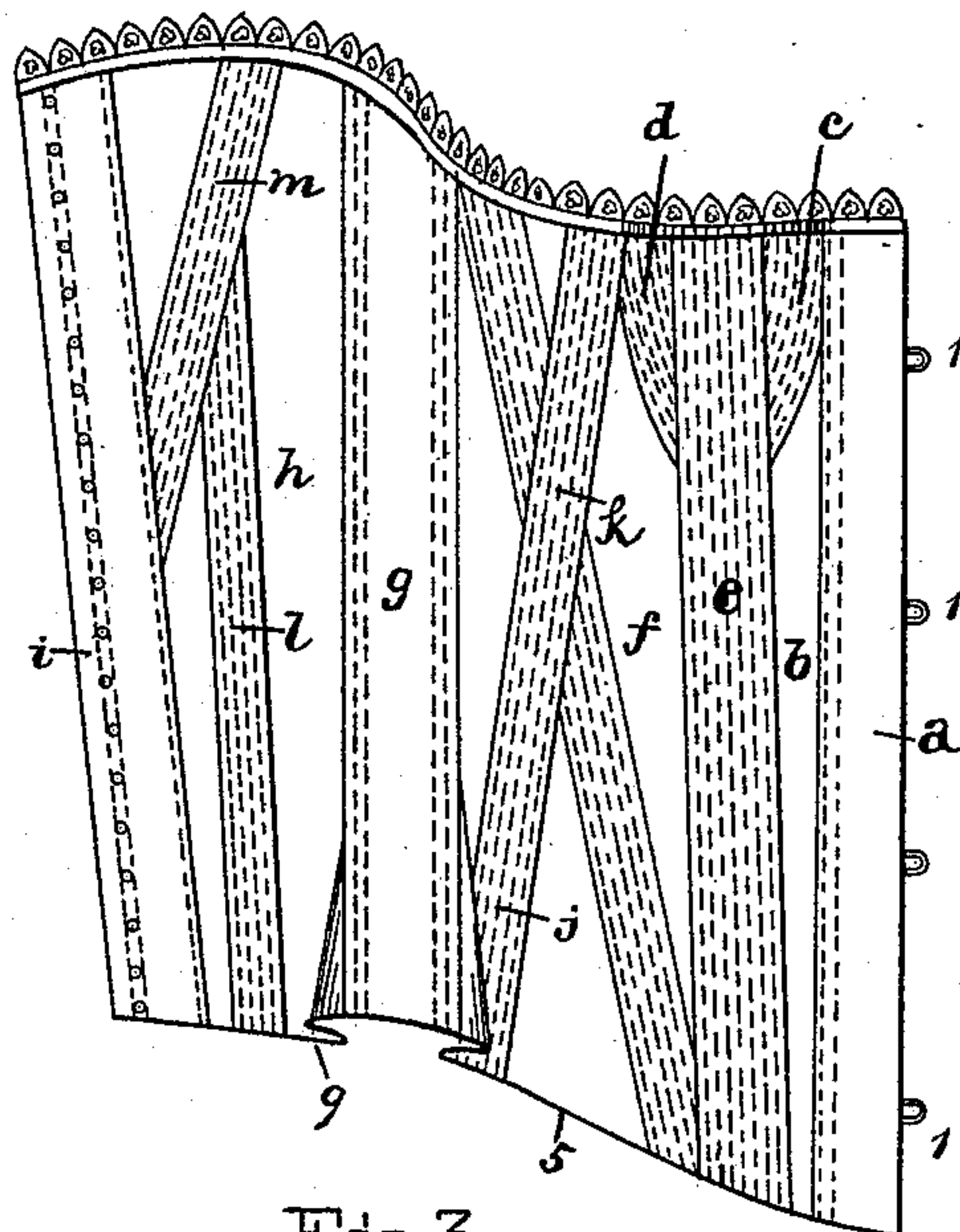


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMILIE POHL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows the various pieces which are used to make up one side or one half of a corset. Fig. 2 shows the one half of the corset, and embraces the united pieces seen in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 shows the one half of the corset finished.

The letter *a* designates the front steel-cover, and 1 the metal fasteners, which are attached to the steel inclosed by said cover. Adjoining the front steel-cover, *a*, is the breast-piece *b*, having a straight edge, 2, and on the opposite edge a broadened point, 3, which comes below the bosom-gore *c*. The two bosom-gores *c d*, which form the pocket, are separated at the front by the first straight overlapping strip, *e*, which extends from top to bottom. This strip *e* is duplicated, one being on the outer and the other on the inner surface. The central front piece, *f*, is broad at its top edge, 4, and bottom edge, 5, and curved inward at both edges, forming a narrow central part, 6, midway between the top and bottom.

One of the bosom-gores, *d*, is on and stitched to the outer surface of one upper corner, 7, of the central front piece, *f*. This piece and the breast-piece *b* are separated by the first overlapping strip, *e*, to the straight edges of which said two pieces *f b* are attached. The second straight overlapping strip, *g*, is in duplicate, like the first one, and separates the central front piece, *f*, and the back hip-piece,

h, the irregular curved edges of these latter pieces being attached to the straight edges of the strip *g*.

The back hip-piece, *h*, from the top slightly tapers to a point, 8, near the bottom, where it is narrowest, and from said point it widens, so as to produce a broad lower end, 9, to give the desired fullness over the hips. The eyelet or back piece, *i*, is straight and folded longitudinally down its center and is attached to back hip-piece, *h*. All of the foregoing described parts are united, as shown in Fig. 2.

Two crossed strips, *jk*, each containing reeds or whalebones, are stitched to the outer surface of the central front piece, *f*, and two similar strips, *lm*, are stitched to the outer surface of the back hip-piece, *h*. This completes one half of the corset, and the other half (not shown) is like it.

Having described my invention, I claim—

A corset consisting of two parts, each of which is composed of the front steel-cover, *a*, having straight edges, the breast-piece *b*, having a straight edge adjacent to the cover *a*, and a broadened point, 3, opposite said straight edge, the bosom-gores *c* and *d*, overlapping strip *e*, extending from top to bottom and between the gores *c d*, the central front piece, *f*, broadened at top and bottom and curved inward at both side edges, forming a narrow central part, the overlapping strip *g*, having straight edges and extending from top to bottom, the back hip-piece, *h*, tapering from top to near the bottom, which latter is broadened, and the folded eyelet or back piece, *i*, said parts being combined substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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