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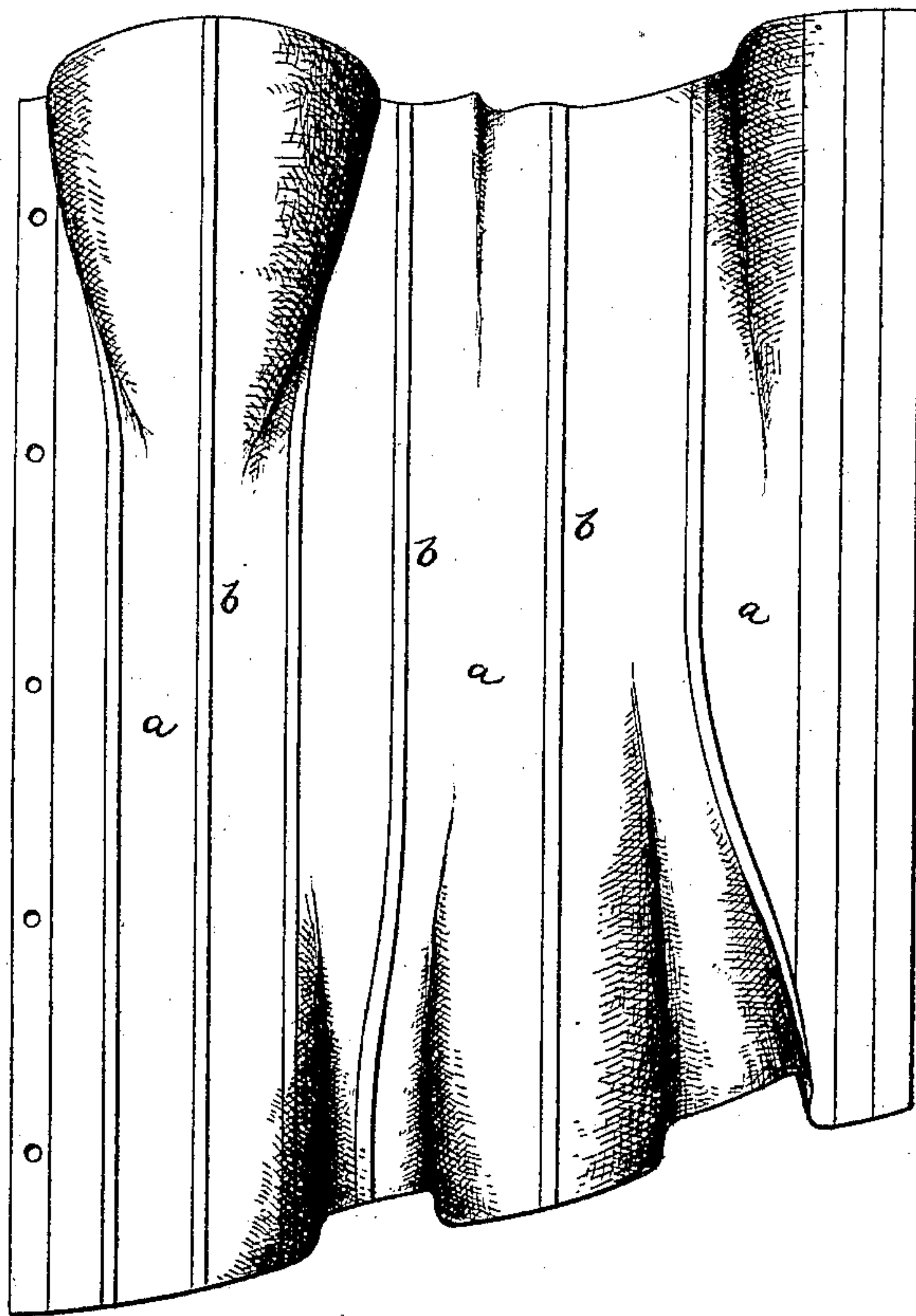


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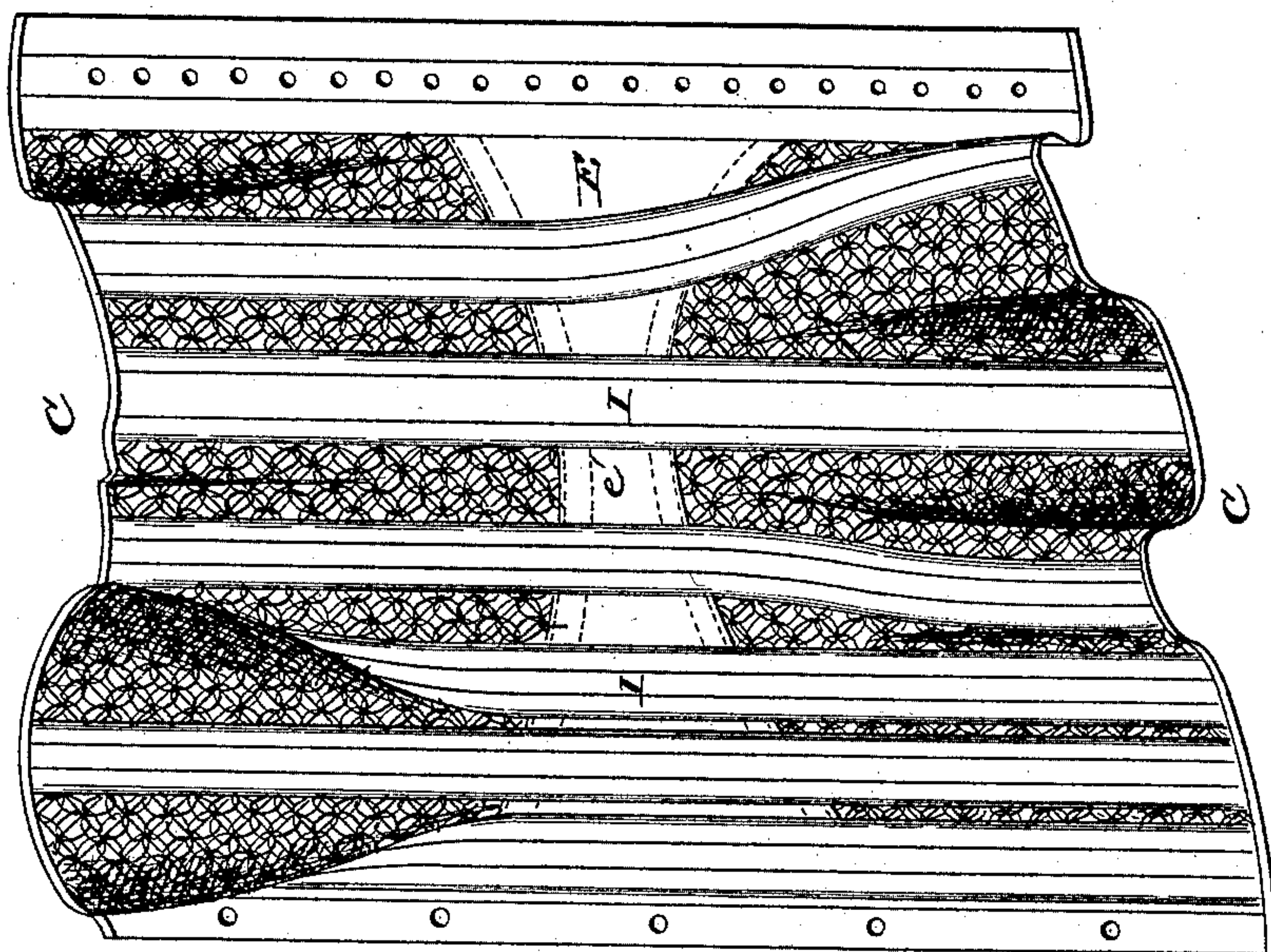
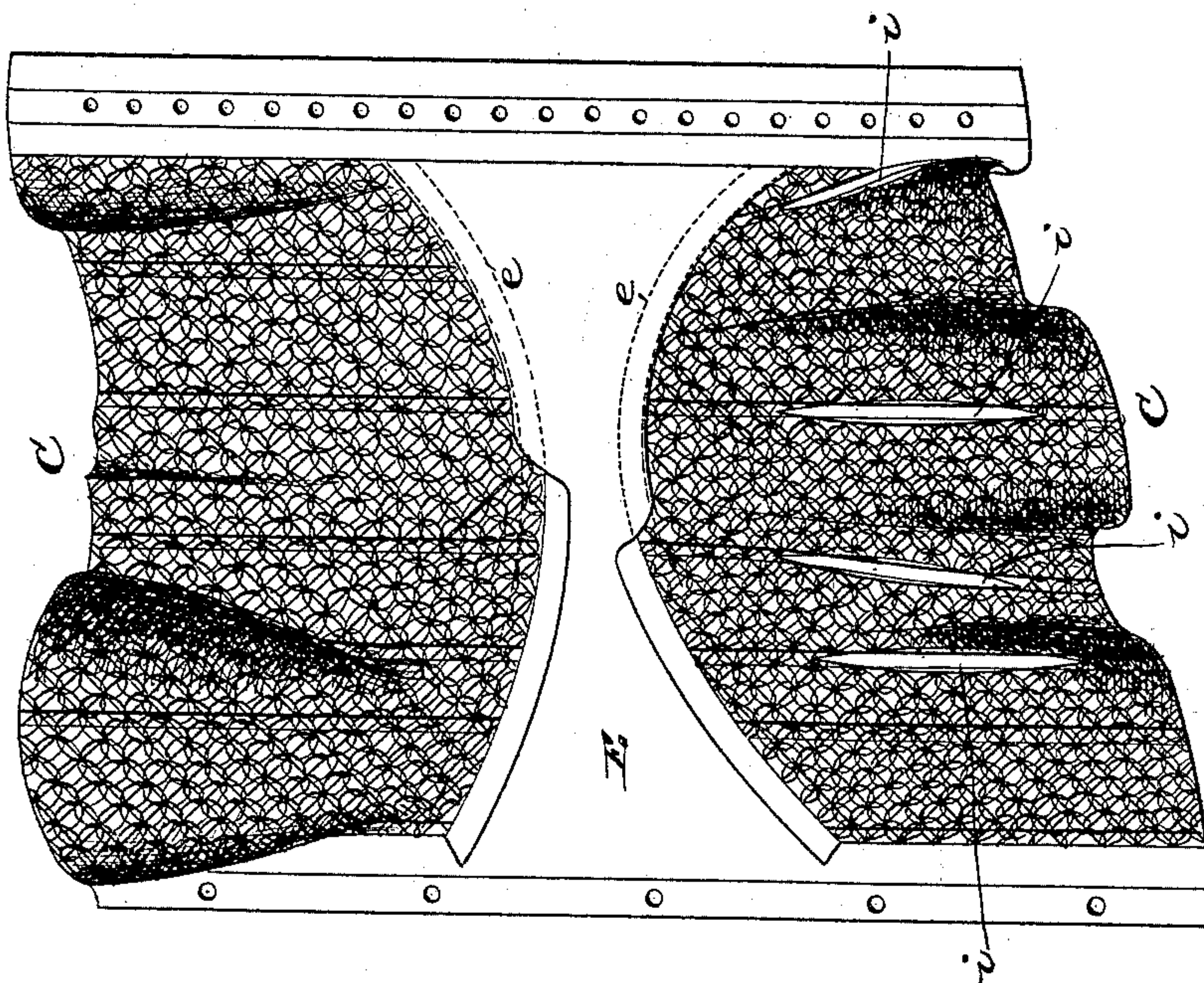


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEOPOLD KRAUS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Birmingham, New Haven county, Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in the Manufacture of Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a class of corsets to be ornamented by means of overlying open-work material, as lace, net, &c.; and my invention consists in constructing the corset, as fully set forth hereinafter, so as to present the ornamental material at intervals upon the surface without the expense incident to connecting separate irregular pieces of lace, or its equivalent, at such intervals upon the surface.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view showing the body or lining sections of the corset stitched together. Fig. 2 is an edge view illustrating the positions of the seams. Fig. 3 shows the band or zone applied to secure the lace-sections to the underlying portions. Fig. 4 illustrates a completed half of the corset.

The body of each half-section of the corset consists of a suitable number of sections, *a*, of suitable form, and these sections are connected edge to edge, forming seams *b*.

In the class of corsets to which this improvement especially relates it is desired to ornament the corset by means of lace, net, or other open-work fabric overlying exposed portions of the corset at separate points. As the application of separate strips of lace at different points will in some cases increase the difficulty of manufacture and consequently the cost of making the corset, I use large pieces or sections *C C*, Fig. 3, of lace, or other like fabric, extending across the body of the corset; and as the corset is irregular in shape, to correspond to the contour of the body of the wearer I secure the desired conformity of the lace-sections to the underlying portion by slitting the lace-sections at intervals, the slits *i* being preferably in line with the seams *b*. By these means I avoid the difficult manipulation and

expense required to apply and secure numerous small sections of lace at intervals over the surface of the corset. The band or zone piece *E*, if one is used, is then applied to cover the lace-section, as shown in Fig. 3.

The sections *C C* are not independently connected to the body of the corset, but are properly placed thereon, as shown in Fig. 3, and the zone *E* is then applied and sewed along the edges by lines of stitching *e*, which serve to secure both the zone *E* and sections *C C* in place, as shown. Strips *I* of any suitable shape are now applied to the surface of the corset-sections in positions to cover the seams and the slits *i*, and are secured thereto by lines of stitches at the edges, so that the open-work fabric appears only at intervals between the strips *I*, as shown in Fig. 4. The strips *I* are constructed to receive the bones, stays, or other stiffening materials desired. The corset is then bound, eyeleted, and otherwise finished, as usual.

Although I have shown my invention in connection with a band or zone piece, the same method of manufacture may be employed in connection with corsets of other construction. Without limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement of parts shown, I claim—

The within-described improvement in the manufacture of ornamental corsets, the same consisting in applying to irregular-shaped body-sections of a corset sections of open-work fabric, slitting said open-work section to permit the same to conform to the shape of the body portions, and then covering the parts by overlying strips *I*, securing the strips to the body portion upon the intermediate ornamental fabric, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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