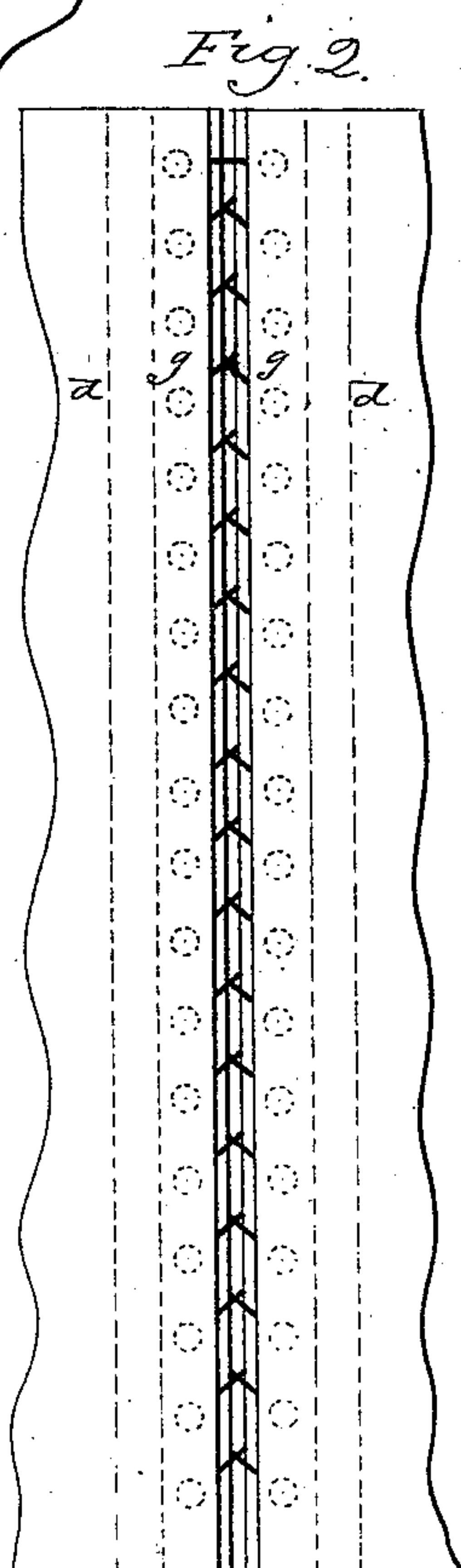
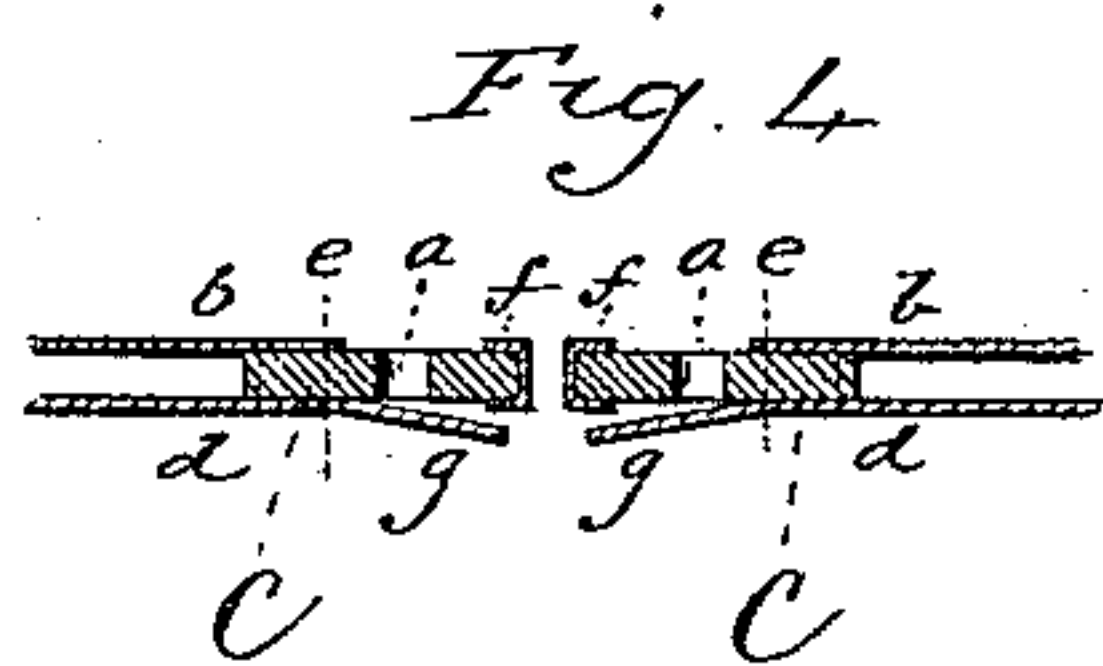
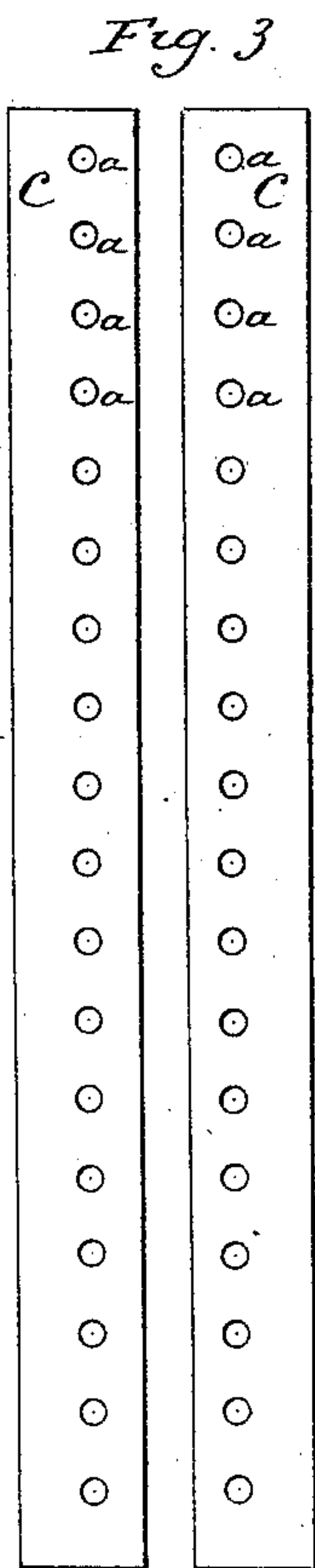
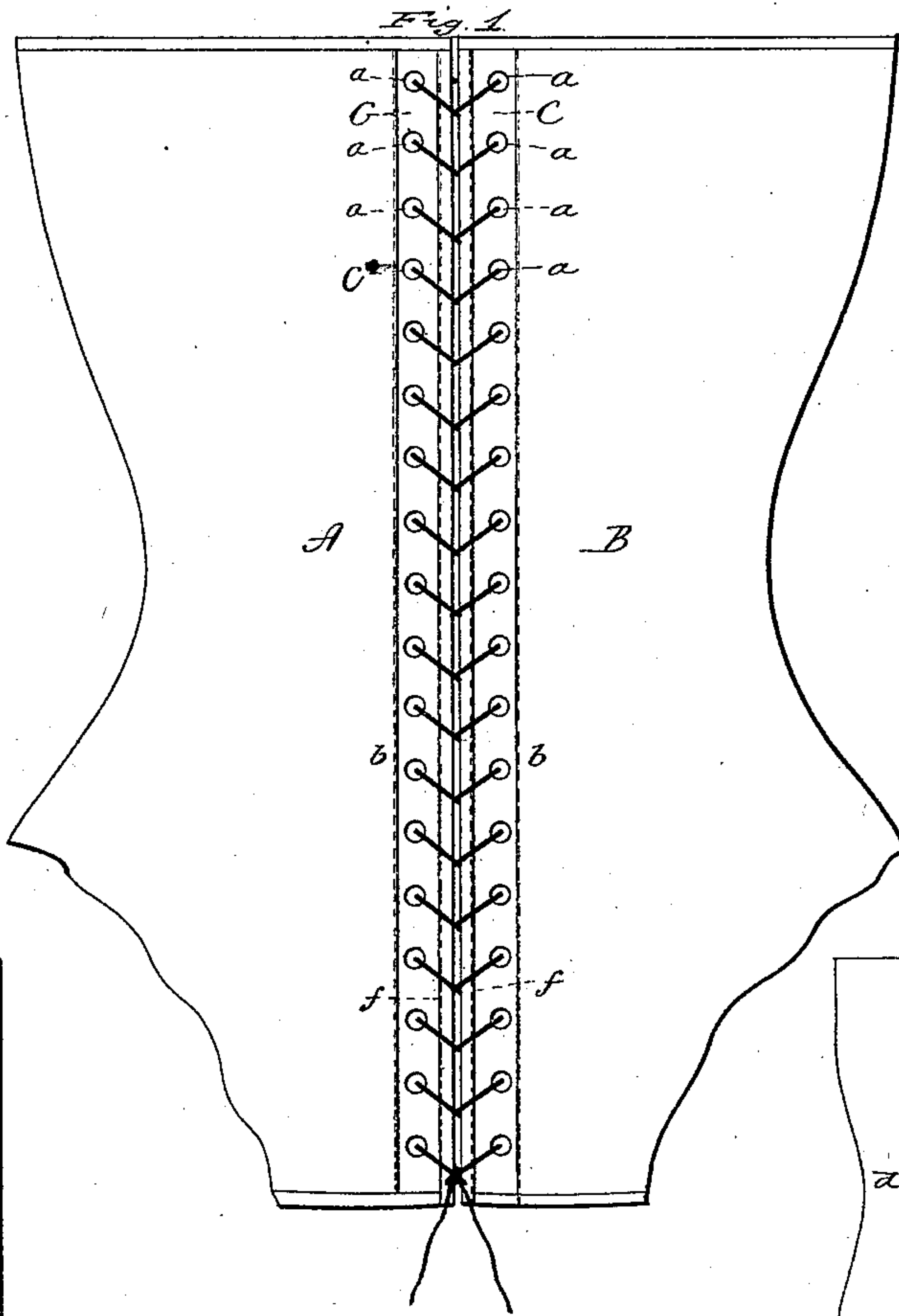


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. BOYLAN, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new
5 Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full,
10 clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a rear view of the corset; Fig. 2, an inside view of the lacing portion of the corset; Fig. 3, the two leather strips as prepared for attachment to the corset; Fig. 4, a
15 transverse section through the rear portion of the corset, cutting through the strips C C.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, having special reference to the lacing devices.
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In the more general construction of corsets the rear edges are provided with a series of eyelets, through which the lacings are introduced. These eyelets are metal and are liable
25 to oxidation, are easily removed, and are a source of considerable annoyance to the wearers. The metal eyelets are necessary in order to prevent the tearing of the fabric by the strain which is brought upon the lacing.

30 The object of my invention is to avoid the employment of eyelets; and it consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

The general cut of the corset is immaterial
35 to the invention.

A represents one side, and B the other side, of the rear portion of the corset, the edges of these two sides forming the rear edges of the corset.

40 I first prepare strips C, of leather, of suitable thickness and width, in length corresponding to the length of the corset, and these strips I pierce with a series of holes *a*, corresponding to the number of holes required
45 for lacing, which may be the same as the number of eyelets usually employed. These strips are secured one to each of the parts A B. This is best done, as seen in Fig. 4, by applying the outer thickness *b* upon one surface and the inner thickness *d* upon the reverse side of the leather strip C and at the
50 edge opposite the holes *a*. Through these two

thicknesses, which lap upon the leather strip C, one or more lines of stitches *e* are run, so as to firmly secure the strip to its part of the
55 corset. A fabric binding *f* may be applied to the other edge of the strip.

I prefer to provide a flap *g* upon the inside of the corset, which will lie upon the inner surface of the leather strip C, and so that the
60 leather strip may not come into contact with the under-garments of the wearer. This flap may be made as an extension of the thickness *d*, as shown in Fig. 4. The strips thus applied are ready for lacing, the lacing being
65 performed in the usual manner. The leather is in itself sufficiently firm to prevent the possibility of the perforations tearing out, and need be no thicker than the common eyelets. The strips are cheaper, or, at most, cost no
70 more than the eyelet-strips. They are far more desirable, and not liable to the many objections which arise from the use of eyelets for this purpose.

The flap *g* may be omitted; but I prefer to
75 employ it for the purpose described.

I am aware that leather has been employed as a substitute for cloth in the construction of corsets. I am also aware that flaps have been employed to extend from the rear of one
80 portion of the corset across the lacings, and do not therefore wish to be understood as claiming, broadly, such as my invention.

I claim—

1. A corset having at the rear edge of the
85 two parts a leather lacing-strip, each leather strip secured by one edge to the respective parts, and the said strips pierced near the other edge with a series of holes for lacing,
90 substantially as described.

2. A corset having at the edge of the two parts at the rear a leather lacing-strip, each leather strip secured by one edge to the respective parts, said strips pierced with a series of holes, combined with a flap extending
95 from the fabric at the rear of each part of the corset inside, and so as to overlap the said leather strip of the respective parts inside of the corset, substantially as described.

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