

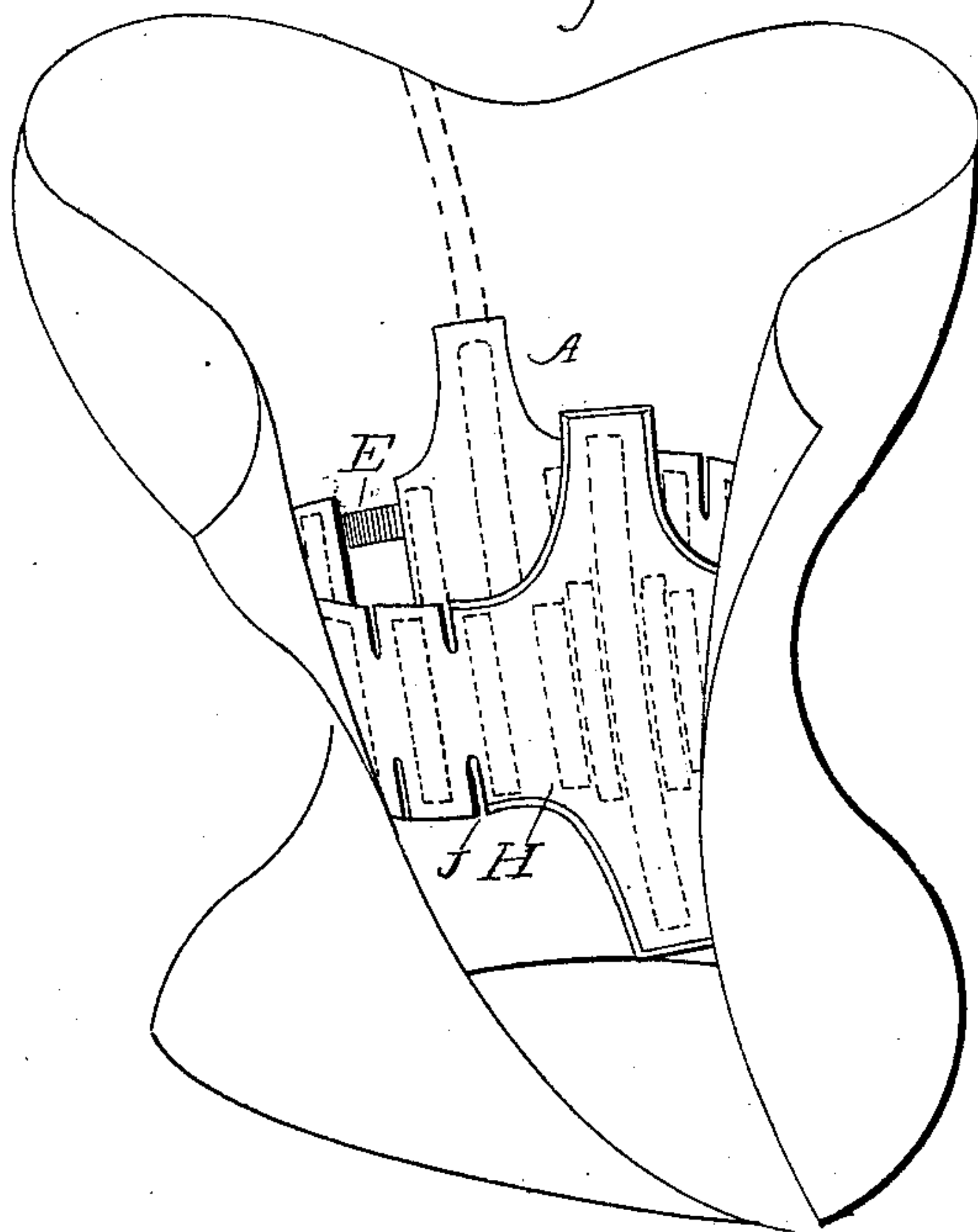
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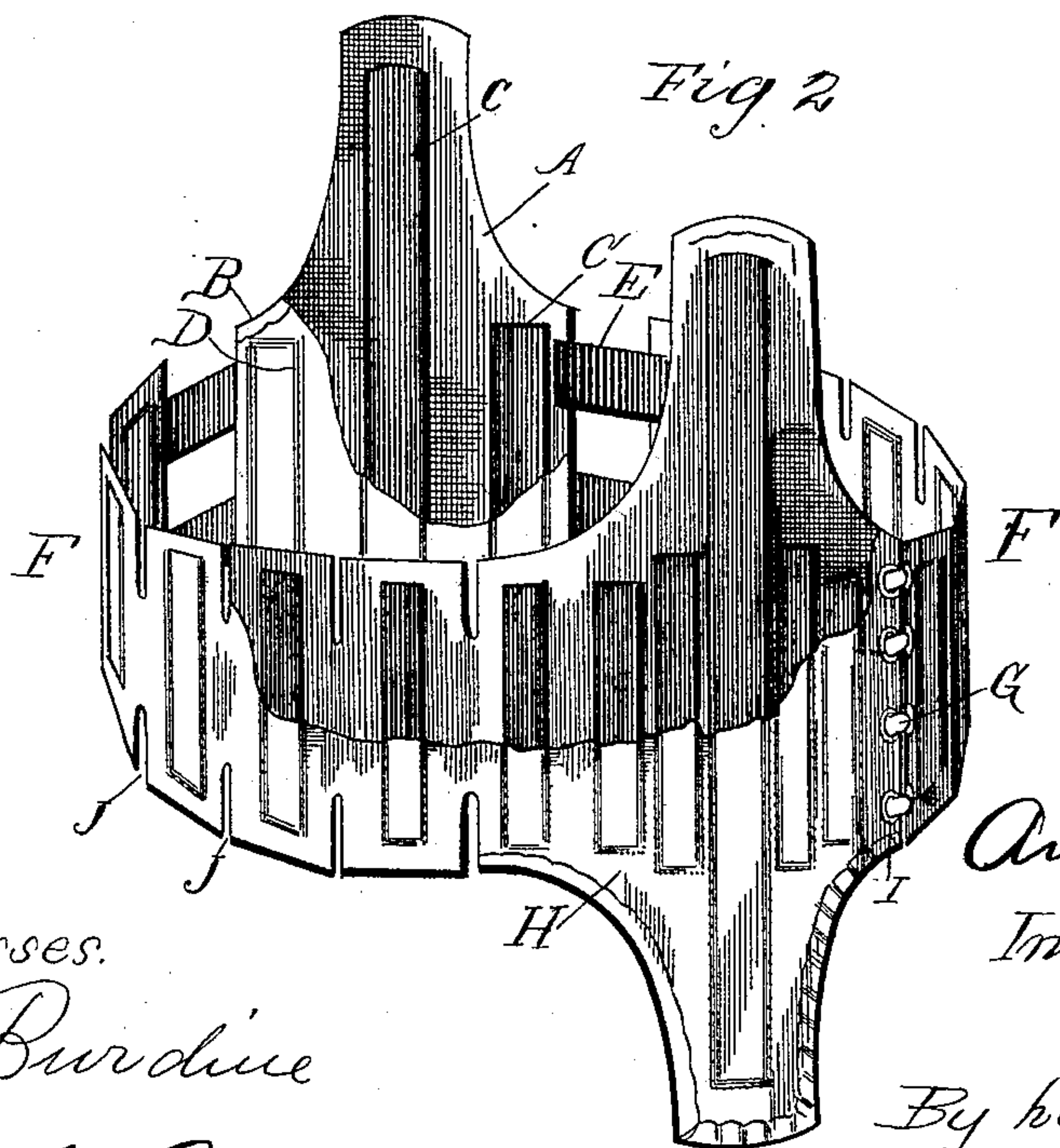
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*Fig 1*



*Fig 2*



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## CORSET-PROTECTOR.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNIE LEATHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Protectors; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is an improved corset-protector; and it consists in certain novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap and simple device by which the corset will be effectually prevented from breaking around the waist or in front.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device, illustrating the manner of using the same. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the protector removed, with parts broken away to more clearly show the construction.

In constructing my improved device I employ a back portion A, which is composed of two pieces of silk, cotton, or other fabric tapered or reduced at their upper and lower ends, as shown, and having their edges sewed together and bound with a strip B of tape, ribbon, or similar material.

A number of light and thin springs C are placed between the pieces composing the back, and are secured therein by running lines of stitches D along their edges, as clearly shown. These springs give more or less rigidity to the back and at the same time allow it to yield freely to the movements of the body.

To the side edges of the back I secure the elastic strips E, which project forward from the back, and to the forward ends of these strips I secure the belt or waist sections F, one of which is provided at its front edge with a series of hooks G, and the other one of which is formed integral with or secured to the front H of the protector. The front portion H is of the same construction as the back, and is provided in one side edge with a series of openings or eyes I, which are engaged by the hooks G on the belt to fasten the device. The waist or belt sections are also composed of two pieces of fabric material and short vertical springs secured between the same, and they are provided in their upper and

lower edges with the notches J between the springs, so that they may readily fold or double on themselves and thus permit free movement of the body.

My device is intended to be worn beneath the corset, and it will be readily seen that by its use I re-enforce and strengthen the corset around the waist and in the front and back, so that the liability of the same to break is obviated and the durability thereof consequently increased. The elastic straps in the sides of the device prevent its binding uncomfortably around the body, while at the same time they serve to hold it firmly in place. The device is very cheap and simple, and its advantages are thought to be obvious. It will be observed that the front and back portions or sections are elongated vertically, so as to effectually re-enforce the corset in the front and back, where the greatest strain is, and that the waist-sections are somewhat narrow, so that the action of breathing is not interfered with or the wearer inconvenienced.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A corset-protector to be worn under the corset and not attached thereto, consisting of front and back portions and yielding waist-sections connecting the same, the upper and lower ends of the front and back portions being extended above and below the waist-sections, as set forth.

2. The improved corset-protector herein described and shown, consisting of the back section provided with a series of vertically-disposed springs, the elastic straps secured to the side edges of the back sections, the waist-sections secured to said straps provided with a number of springs and having notches in their upper and lower edges between the springs, one of the waist-sections having a series of hooks at its front end, and the front section secured at one side to the opposite waist-section and having a series of eyes at its other side adapted to engage said hooks, as specified.

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

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