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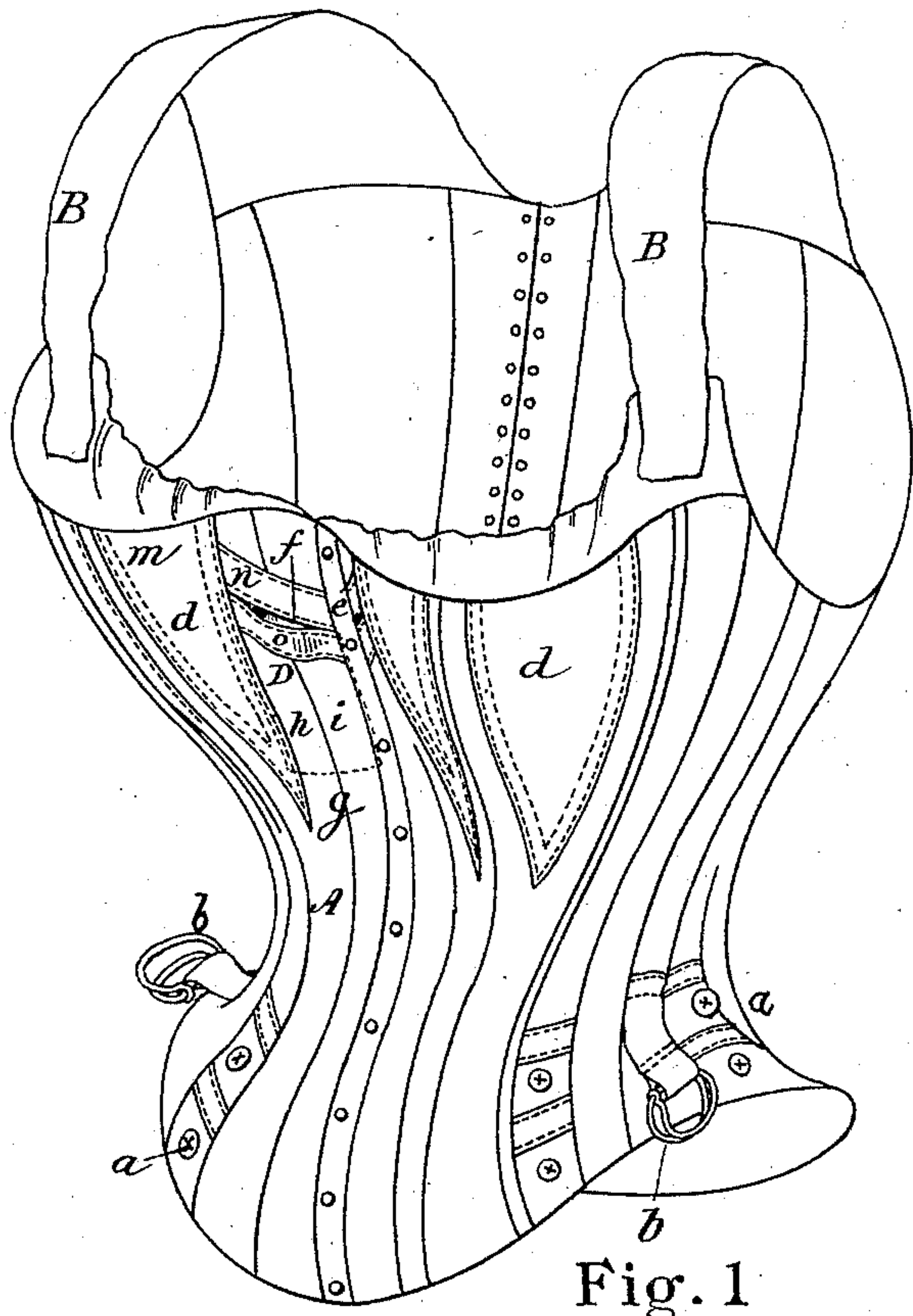


Fig. 1

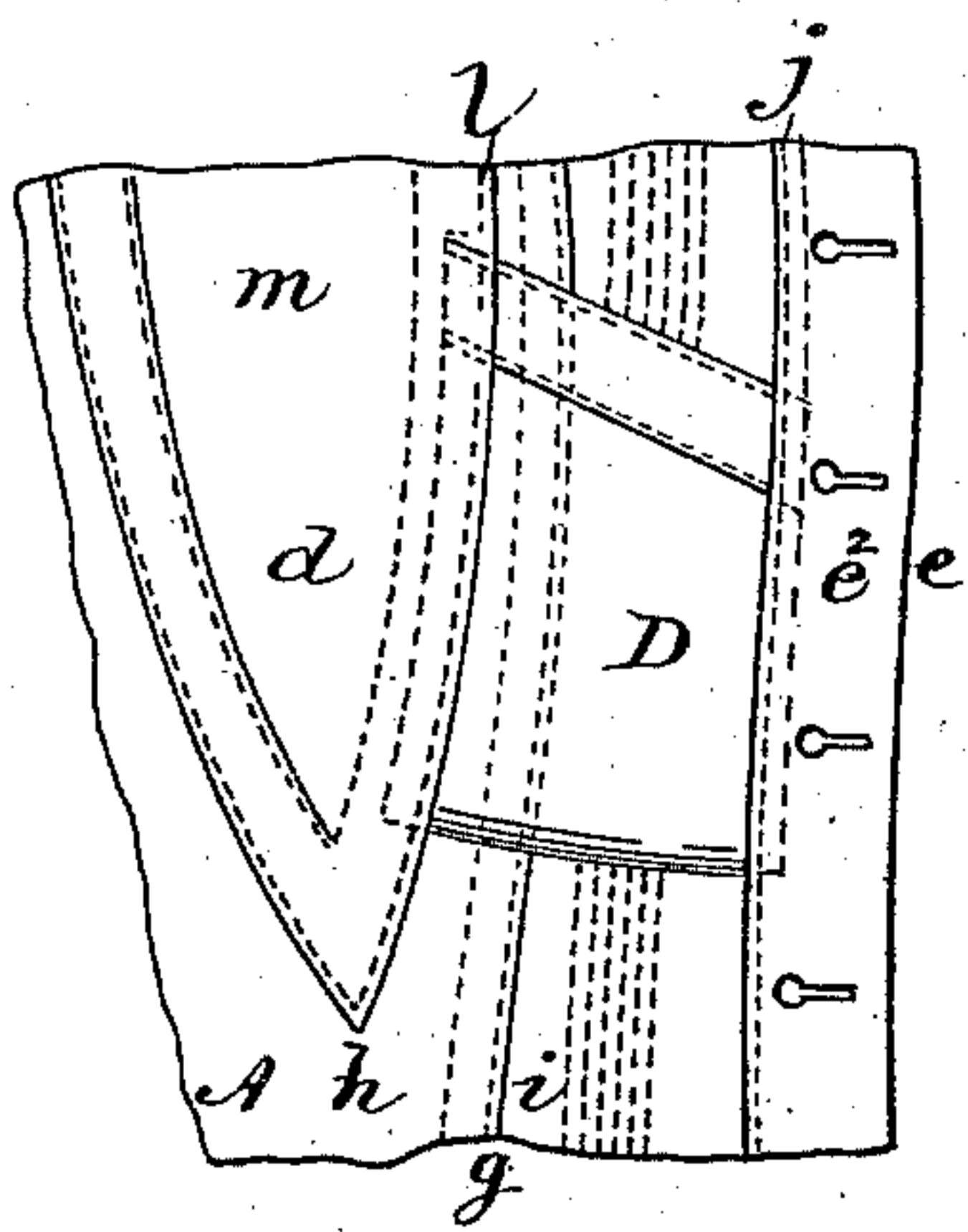


Fig. 2

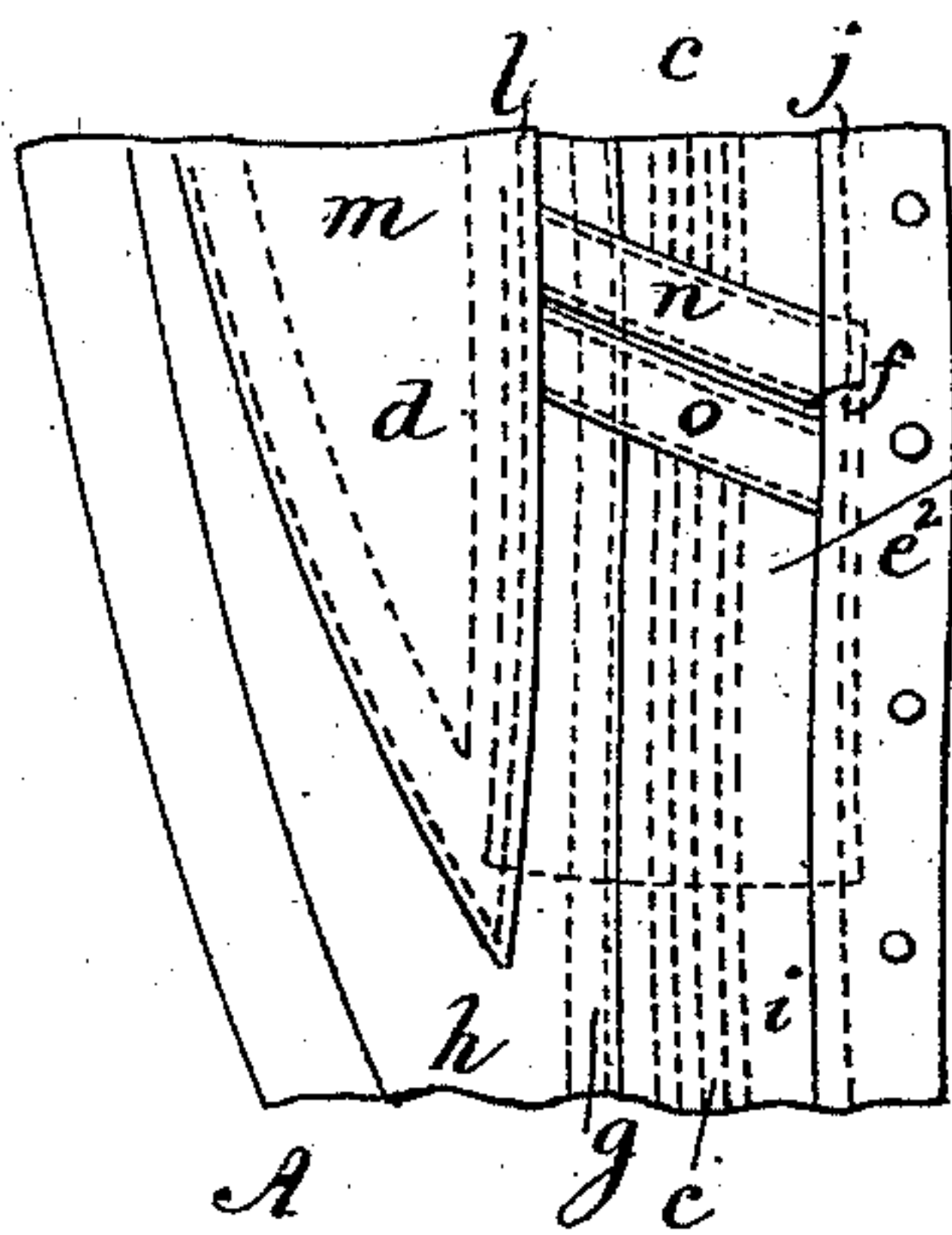


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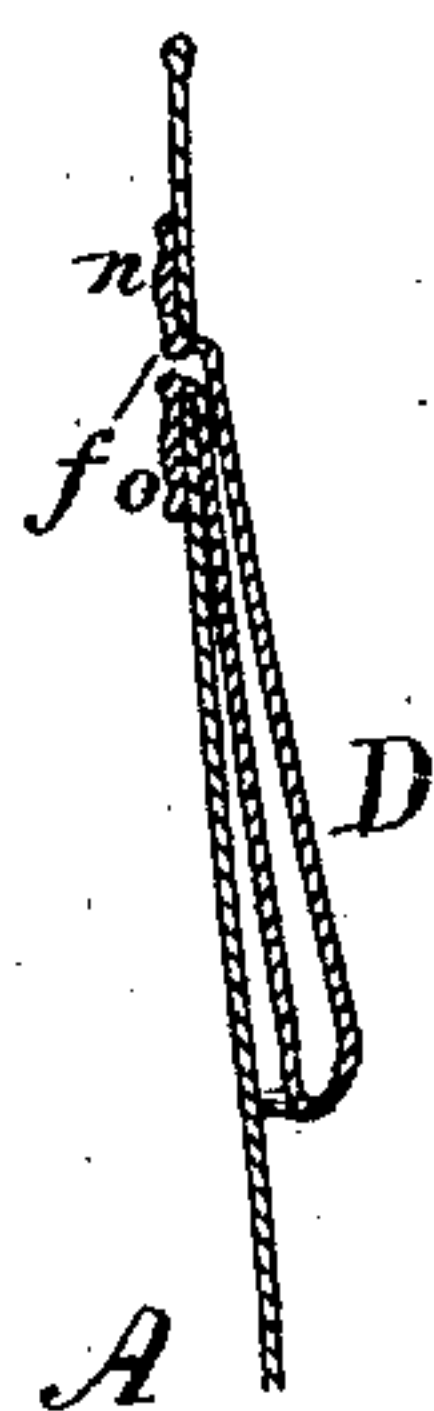


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SHERWOOD B. FERRIS, a resident of Lakewood, Ocean county, New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a corset with a pocket, whereby a watch can be safely carried within the waist and always retained in the desired position.

The invention consists in the novel details of improvement that will be more fully hereinafter set forth, and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset provided with my improvement. Fig. 2 is a detail inside view showing how the pocket is held in the corset. Fig. 3 is a detail outside view at the pocket, and Fig. 4 is a cross-section on the line *c c*, Fig. 3.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter *A* indicates a corset, which is shown provided with shoulder-straps *B*, skirt-supporters *a*, and stocking-supporters *b*.

D is a pocket shown placed in the depression between the swell *d* of the bust or bosom and the vertical external edge *e* of the corset, by which the two halves of the corset are joined. The pocket *D*, which is shown in the form of an independent bag-like structure having two vertical parallel sides, is placed on the inner side of the corset, its opening *f* on top leading to the outer side of the corset, as shown. The pocket *D* overlaps the junction *g* of the two sections *h i* of the corset, as shown. The pocket *D* is held on one of its vertical sides by the line of stitches *j*, that hold the casing *c*³ for the steel, clasps, buttons, or button-holes at the edge *e* of the corset, while its other vertical edge is held by the line of stitches *l*, that hold the section *m* on the swell *d* of the bust or bosom. By this means economy of manufacture is produced while the pocket is firmly held so that it cannot move sidewise, thereby preventing the contents of the pocket from coming over the bosom or behind the steels at the center of the corset, whereby injury to the person or to the contents of the pocket is prevented.

The lower doubled edge of the pocket is shown free or disconnected, so that the pocket can be distended to receive its contents even while its sides are held to the corset and without changing the contour of the corset. The upper outer edges of the pocket at the mouth of the same are bound by braid *n o*, which strengthens it at that part.

By the above-described arrangement the pocket is firmly held in position, and it is placed in the depression between the swell of the bust or bosom and the edge *e*, so that the contents of the pocket will not show through the waist, and whereby also the watch can be readily placed in the pocket *D* through the front opening of the waist. The watch will be securely held at all times and danger of its slipping down between the corset and the waist is avoided.

I am aware that a receptacle for a pocket-book has been formed within the bosom-swell by a web or lining left unattached at the top and necessarily provided at that point with some special fastening device (if made secure.) Such device is not of my invention, nor is a pocket which depends from a pocket-opening. The special location of the pocket and the particular means of securing it in fixed position distinguishes it from prior pockets.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

In a corset, a pocket located between its front central vertical line and the bosom-swell of the same, said pocket lying within the corset and having one of its vertical edges stitched thereto near said central line and its other vertical edge stitched to the same along the edge of the bosom-swell section, and provided at its upper part with an opening through the corset, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name, in presence of two witnesses, this 11th day of June, 1890.

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