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Fig. II

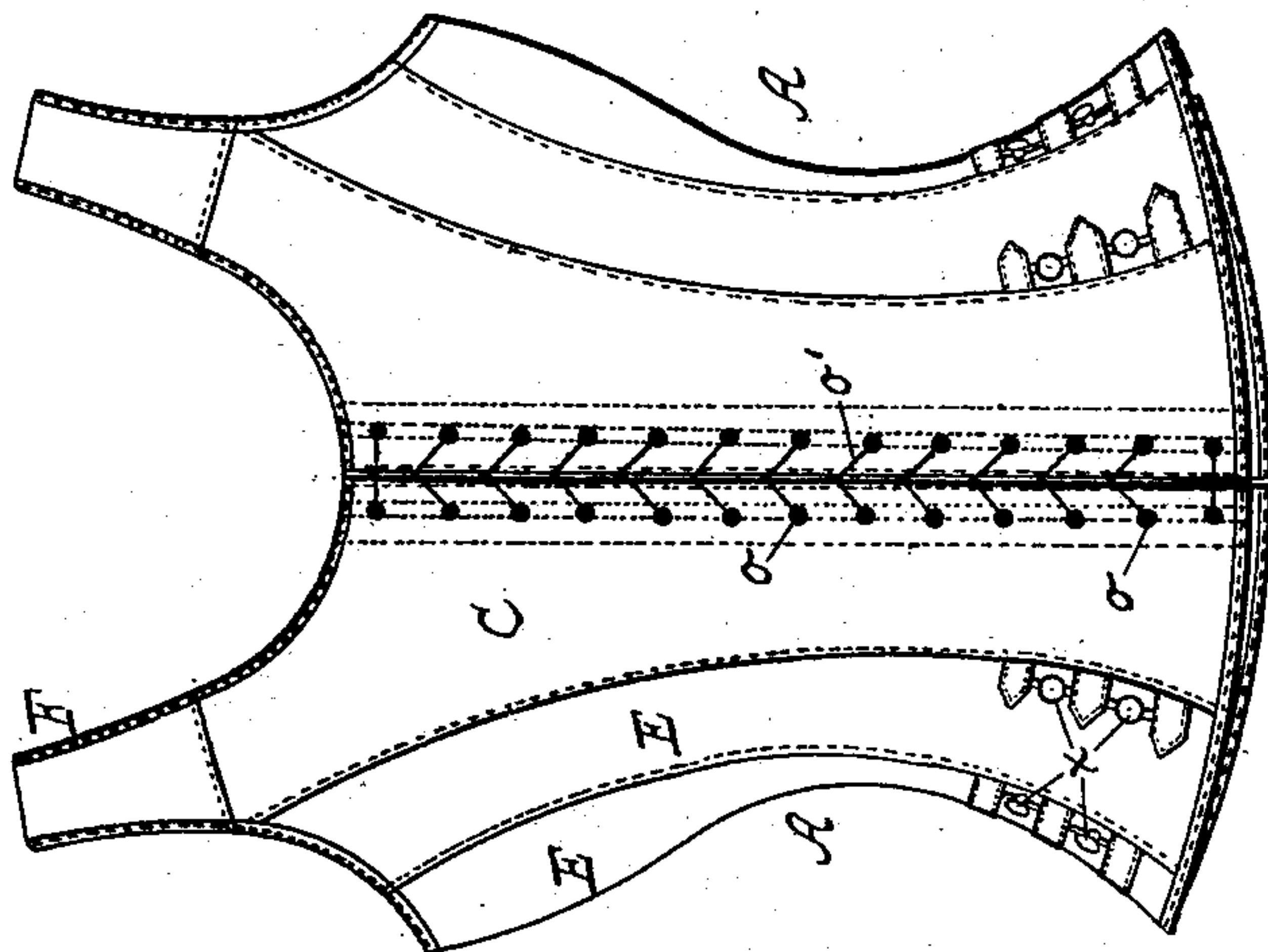


Fig. IV.

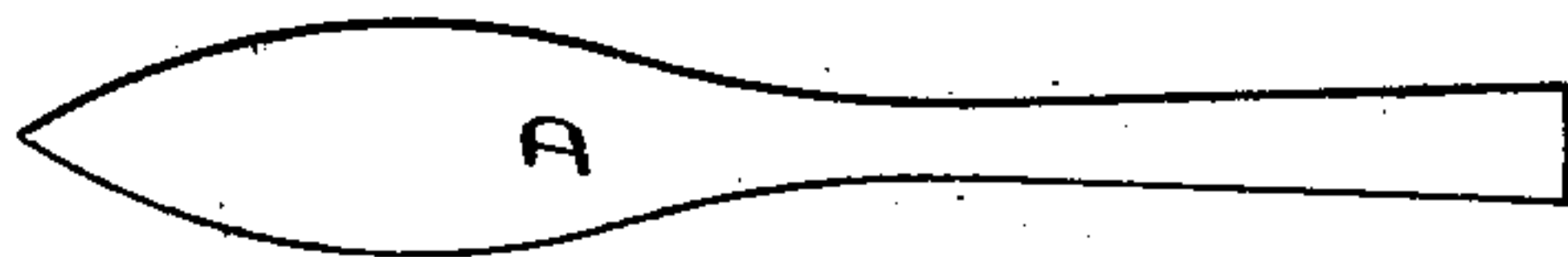


Fig. I

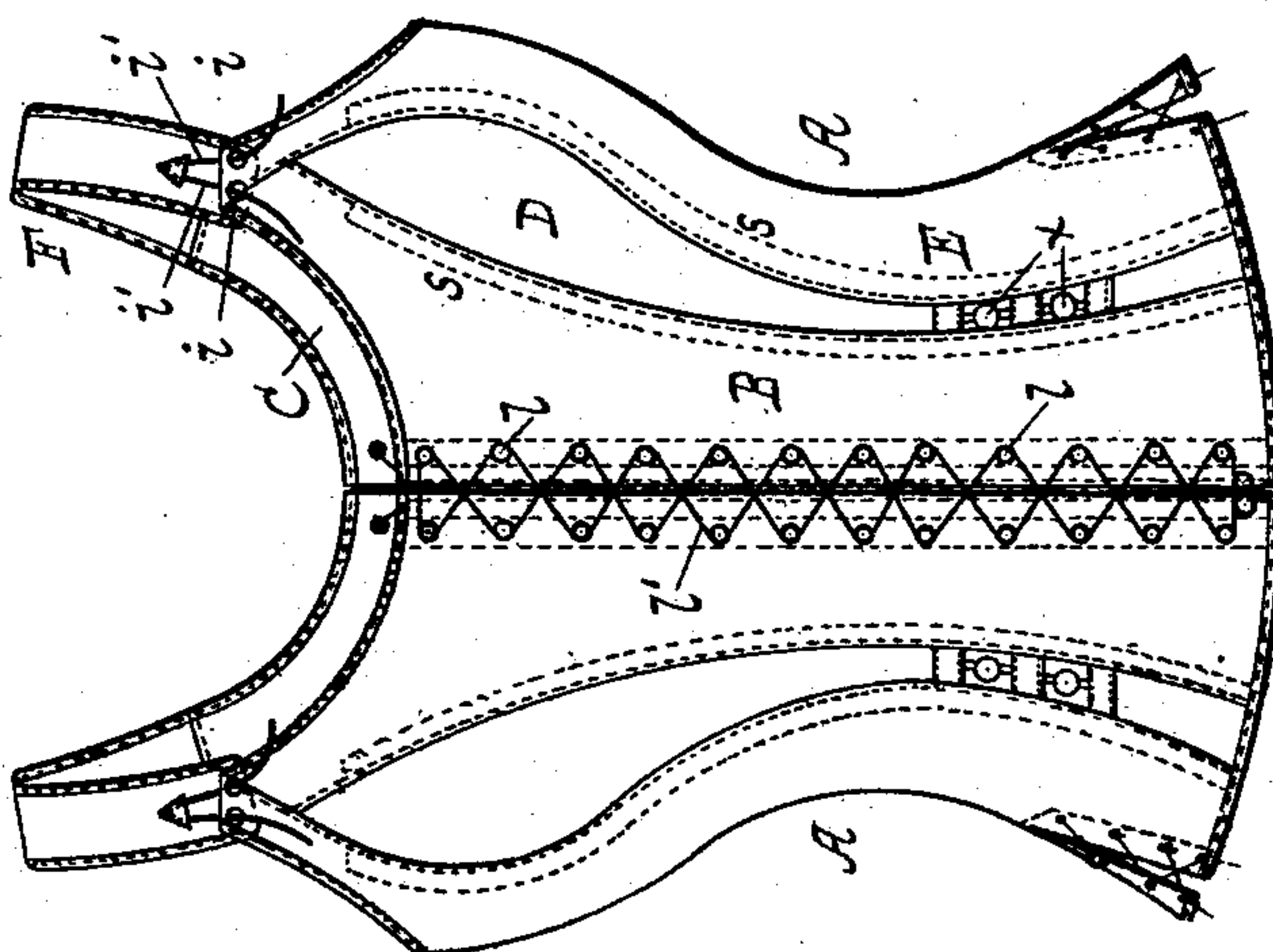
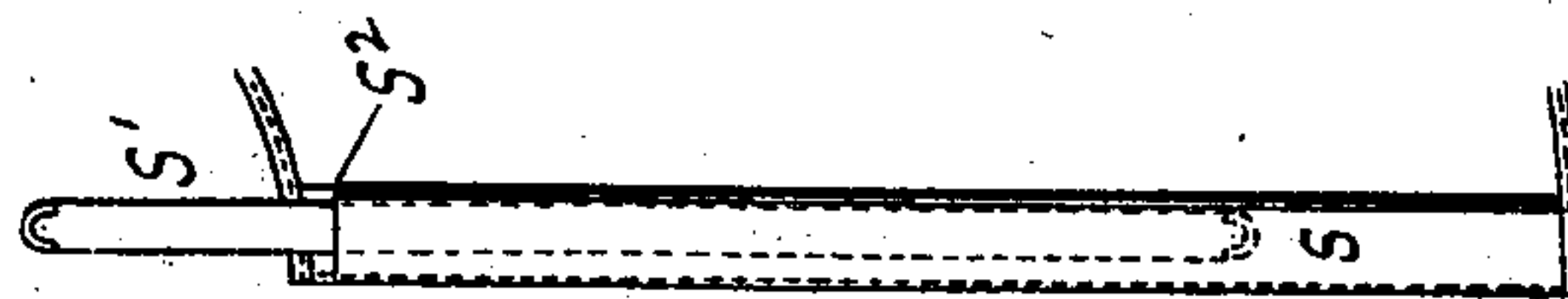


Fig. III



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDA M. REW, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waists, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the construction of waists such as are generally worn by ladies, like corsets, as a substitute therefor, and it consists of certain novel features hereinafter fully described for producing various advantageous results.

In the accompanying drawings Figure I, represents a front view of a waist embodying my invention. Fig. II represents a rear view thereof. Fig. III represents a face view of an edge of the waist, looking at the inside thereof. Fig. IV represents a detail view of a bust piece.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts.

My waist consists essentially of two halves or parts A in duplicate, and formed of suitable material as follows: Each half A consists of a back piece C having the inwardly curved sides, as shown, and is provided at its narrowed upper end with a shoulder strap F, which may be formed integral therewith or be attached thereto in any desired manner. To the outer edge of each piece C is attached a piece E to which may be attached a second similar piece to which again, may be secured a third piece whereby a continuous web is formed, the elements E thereof being so cut as to give the desired shape to the finished article. The frontmost piece E is formed with an extended and narrowed upper end having a series of holes formed therein, for a purpose as hereinafter explained, and is caused to overlap the corresponding portion of a front piece B, which forms the front edge of the waist. The said piece B is also provided with inwardly curved sides similar to piece C, but to a greater extent. Between the front side piece E and the front piece B, is inserted a lance-shaped bust piece D, extending from their points of overlapping to the lower edge of the waist, along each edge of which is arranged a stay to give the desired stiffness thereto. The narrowed upper end of the front piece

B is provided with holes *i* so located as to correspond to similar openings in the piece E and the free end of the shoulder strap F, whereby the said shoulder strap may be secured in a position to lend the desired support to the waist. For the purpose of securing the two halves together, any suitable means may be used, and I have shown two well known forms of fastening device, namely, the hook and lace and the eyelet and lace. The lower portions of the lance-shaped bust pieces are provided with buttons or other suitable means for the attachment of skirts. By this construction of the waist it may be easily fitted to any size and to conform with the shape of the figure of the wearer, since the several pieces B, C, D, E, admit of a large variation in the contour of the article; and by the peculiar arrangement of the shoulder straps F and their fastenings *i* a very firm support is afforded thereby, while the strain exerted by the straps upon the waist is uniformly distributed thereon, with comfort to the wearer. Each of the waist sections A has one or more pockets *s* formed longitudinally thereon to receive stays *s'* as more clearly shown in Fig. 3. Each of the pockets *s* is left open at one end *s*² thereof, and by this means the stays *s'* are adapted to be removed therefrom for convenience of renovating the waist, as by washing its parts. If desired the end-openings *s*² of the pockets may be cut in the side thereof, leaving both extremities of the pockets closed.

In order to provide a support for a skirt, upon the waist, each of its sections may be equipped with buttons *x* at the front and back of the article.

In the construction of my waist I usually employ a single piece or thickness of material for the respective pieces of the sections, in order to render the same of the least weight.

By making the fastenings for the waist sections A in the form of hooks they more readily permit the required adjustment of the lacing cord especially when this cord is of elastic material.

By referring to Fig. IV it will be seen that the bust piece D is of a lanceolate or leaf shape on its upper part and by this shape thereof it acts as a support for the front part

of the waist and in connection with the side pieces E, also for the side thereof, irrespective of the stays.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure
5 by Letters Patent, is—

A waist comprising the halves A, each consisting of a front piece B and a back piece C, the said back piece having a shoulder strap, and the side pieces E, the upper corner of the
10 front side piece overlapping the corresponding portion of the front piece B, a lance-shaped bust piece interposed between the

front side piece and the front piece and extending from their points of overlapping to the lower extremity of the waist and having
15 a stay arranged along each of its edges, and skirt-supporting means secured to its lower portion, the shoulder straps being adjustably secured to the overlapping portion of the side and front pieces, as set forth.

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