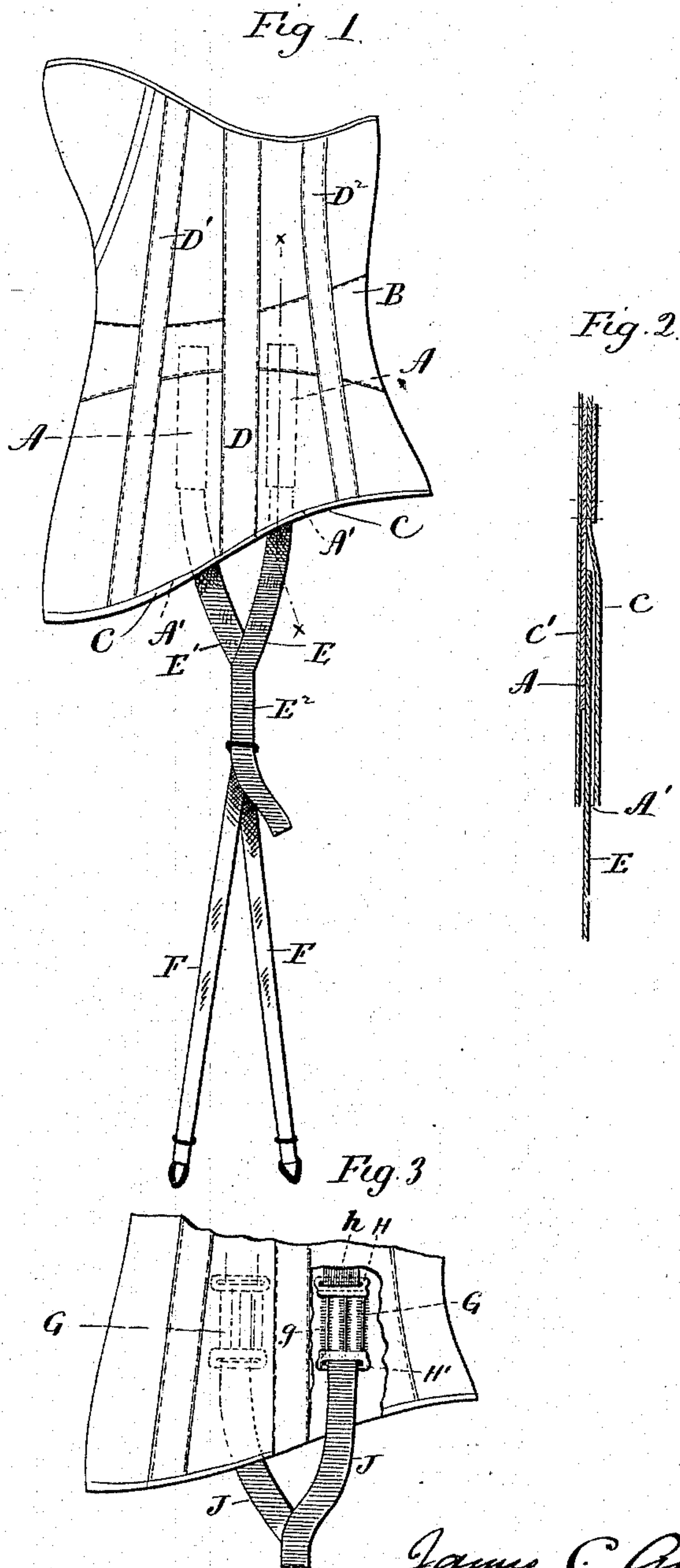


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES C. ANDREWS, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new 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, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view in side elevation of a corset constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, an enlarged sectional view thereof on the line  $x-x$  of Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a broken view in side elevation showing one of the modified forms which my invention may assume.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of corsets or waists which are designed for the attachment to them of stocking-supporters, the object being to produce a convenient and effective article, without impairing its appearance or strength.

With these ends in view, my invention consists in a corset having certain details of construction as will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In carrying out my invention, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, I attach the upper ends of two elastic connections A A to the waist-section B, of each member of half of the corset, only one member of which is shown. The free lower portions and ends of the said connections are located in vertical parallel pockets A' A' formed to receive them between the two thicknesses C and C' of the side section of the said member. The said pockets are respectively located on opposite sides of the side bone strip D, which is stitched in the ordinary manner through both thicknesses of the corset, and continued to the lower edge thereof, and the lower ends of the pockets are left open by not stitching the lower edges of the said thicknesses together between the said bone strip and the adjacent bone strips D' and D<sup>2</sup>. The upper portion of the stocking-supporter is divided into two members E and E', separating at their upper ends for attachment to the lower ends of the elastic connections A A, and coming together at their lower ends at a point below the lower edge of

the corset, at an angle, and merging into a strap E<sup>2</sup>, with which the supporter-straps F F are connected.

As shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings, the elastic connections A A are made of elastic webbing. If desired, however, they may be replaced by elastic connections, each made of one or more wire springs.

As shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings, each connection is composed of three small wire flattened coiled springs G, arranged parallel with each other, connected at their upper ends to a flat sheet-metal eye H, and at their lower ends to a corresponding eye H'. The eye H adapts the connection to be attached by a short loop of webbing  $h$  to the waist section I, of the corset, while the eye H adapts the connection to be secured to one of the members J J of the stocking-supporter. Each spring contains a cord or tape  $g$ , fastened at its ends to the edges to limit the extension of the spring. It is obvious that in case it is made of springs, the elastic connection may have other forms than shown in Fig. 3.

By means of my invention I secure a construction in which the elastic connections are protected, but at the same time, I do not modify the body of the corset so as to impair its strength or appearance.

I am aware that it is not new to attach a duplex elastic connection to a corset for the attachment of a garment-supporter, and do not claim that construction broadly; nor do I broadly claim a duplex garment-supporter connection having its respective members connected with the corset at separated points.

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

A corset having each half-section made with a side bone-strip, a horizontal waist-section, and two pockets located below the said waist-section, one on each side of said bone-strip, and the said pockets being open at their lower ends; and an elastic, duplex garment-supporter connection, the respective members whereof are extended upward into the respective pockets through the open lower ends thereof, and attached at their upper ends to the waist-section of the corset-sec-

tion on each side of the said bone-strip, substantially as set forth, and whereby the said members are prevented from overlying the bone strip and increasing the thickness of  
5 the corset, and whereby also the bone-strip may be carried to the lower edge of the corset without interference with the said members.

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

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