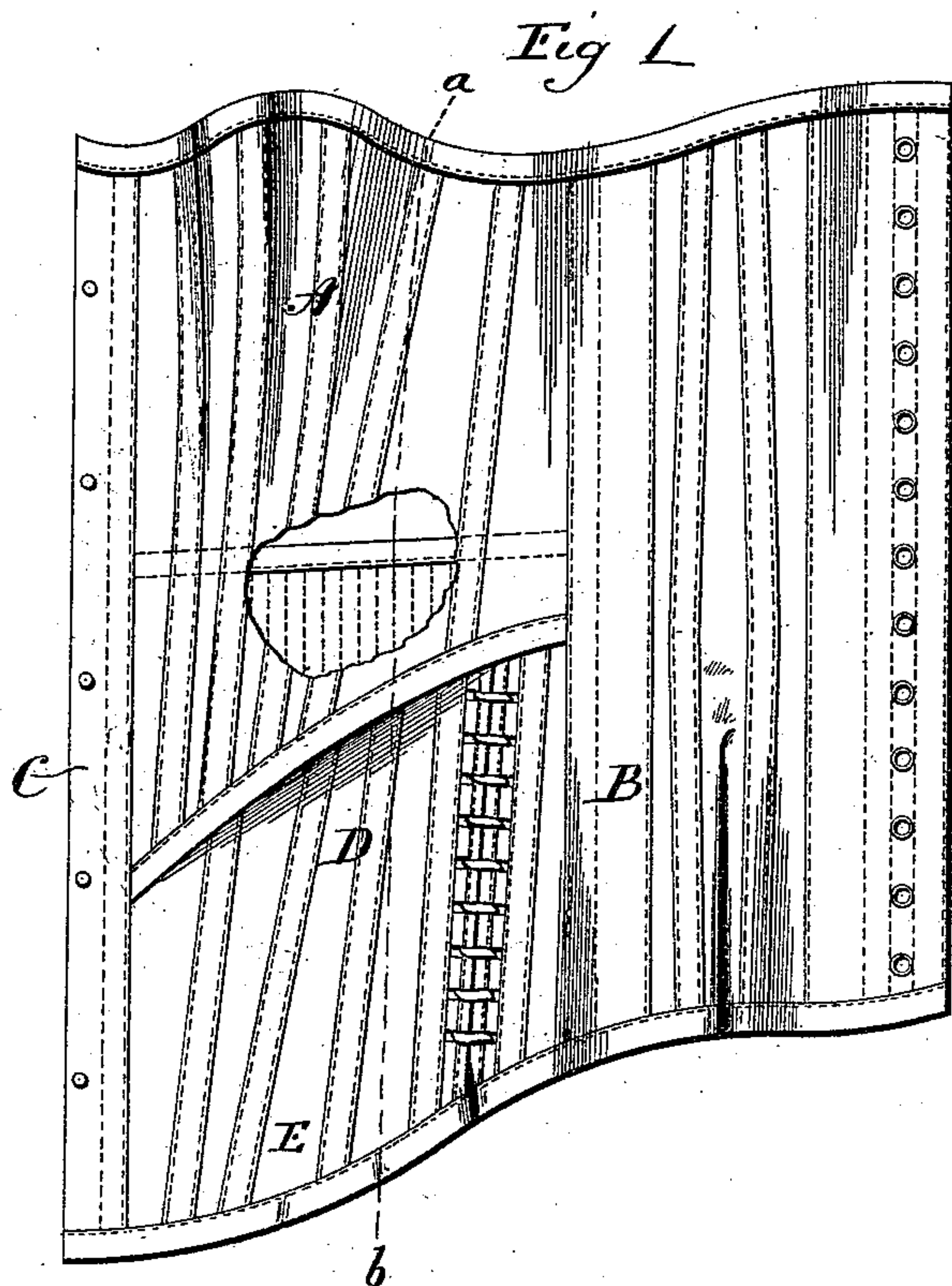


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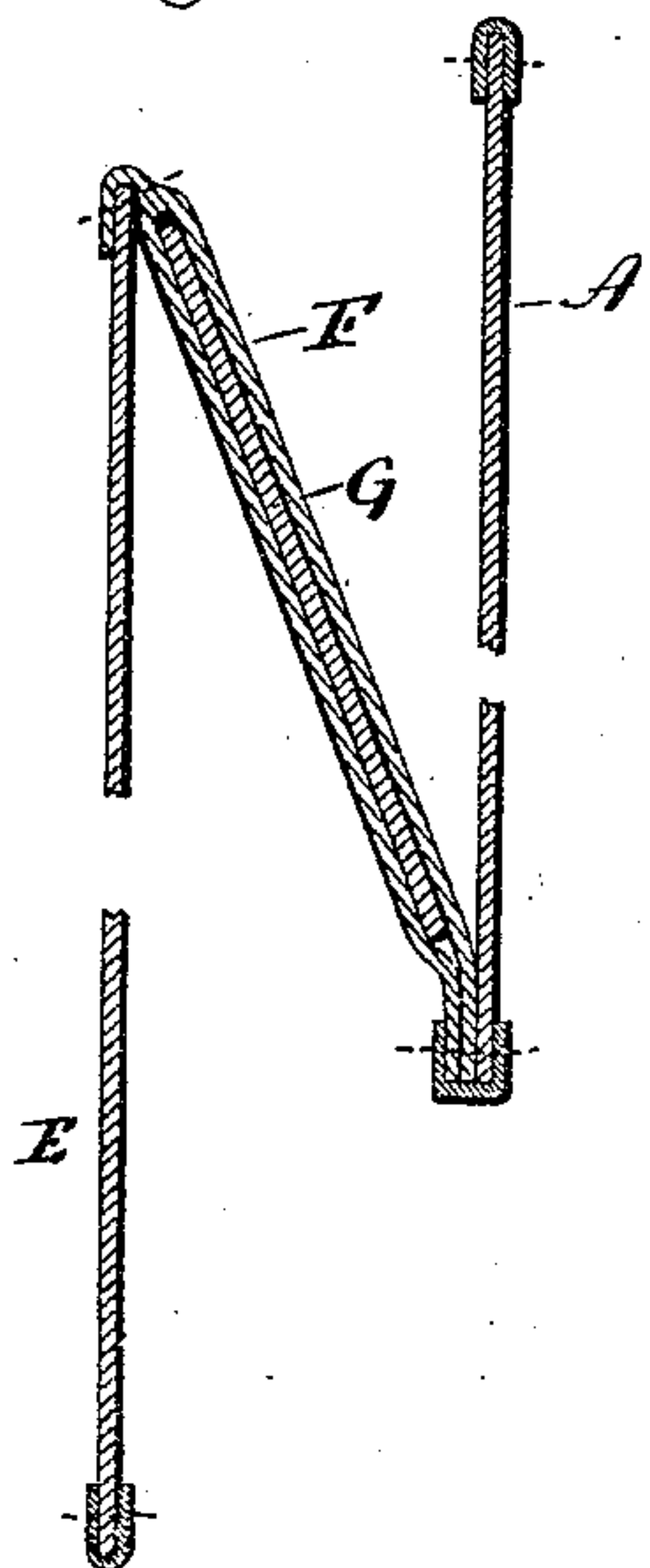
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## CORSET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS S. GILBERT, 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 the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and  
10 which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view in side elevation of one form which a corset constructed in accordance with my invention may assume; Fig. 2, a  
15 broken sectional view of the corset on the line *a b* of Fig. 1, enlarged.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of corsets having their front portions specially-fitted and cut away, and provided with specially fitted auxiliary sections  
20 which occupy the spaces or openings thus formed, the object being to produce a simple, durable, and effective corset constructed with particular reference to the superior fitting of the figure, permanence of shape, and  
25 strength at the waist-line.

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

In carrying out my invention the lower edge of the front *A* of the corset is cut away from the side steel *B* to the busk *C* to form an  
35 opening *D*, the upper edge of which inclines downward from rear to front. The space thus formed is filled in by an auxiliary section *E*, the ends of which are connected with the adjacent portions of the corset. The lower edge  
40 of the auxiliary section forms a part of the lower outline of the corset, while its upper edge extends upward under the front of the corset, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. A ligament *F* is employed to connect the upper edge of  
45 the auxiliary section with the lower edge of the front section, as shown in Fig. 2. This ligament preserves the virtual continuity of the front portion of the corset, but does not interfere with the flexure thereof. By preference the ligament will be of double thickness and reinforced by bones *G*, as shown in  
50 Fig. 2.

By constructing a corset in accordance with

my invention I am enabled to specially fit the upper portion of the front of the corset to the  
55 bust portion of the figure and to specially fit the said auxiliary section to the hip portion of the figure, securing in each instance a much better fit to the figure than can be obtained when the whole front of the corset is made  
60 integral, for then the fitting of the upper portion thereof is hampered by the fitting of the lower portion thereof, and vice versa. Furthermore, a corset constructed in accordance with my invention is of superior strength  
65 along the waist-line, where all corsets give way and breakdown before elsewhere. Moreover, by employing the ligament the corset is markedly reinforced and prevented from being drawn out of shape and distorted.  
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It is apparent that in carrying out my invention some changes in the construction shown and described may be made, and I would have it understood that I do not limit myself to the exact construction shown, but  
75 hold myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

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

1. The herein-described corset having the lower portion of its front cut away, an auxiliary section secured at its ends to the corset, and having its upper edge extended upward  
85 under the said front portion, and a ligament connecting the upper edge of the said auxiliary section and the lower edge of the said cut-away front, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described corset, having the  
90 lower portion of its front cut away, an auxiliary section located in the said opening, attached at its ends to the corset, and having its upper edge extended upward under the front of the same, and a corded or reinforced  
95 ligament connecting the lower edge of the front of the corset with the underlapped upper edge of the auxiliary section, substantially as described.

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

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