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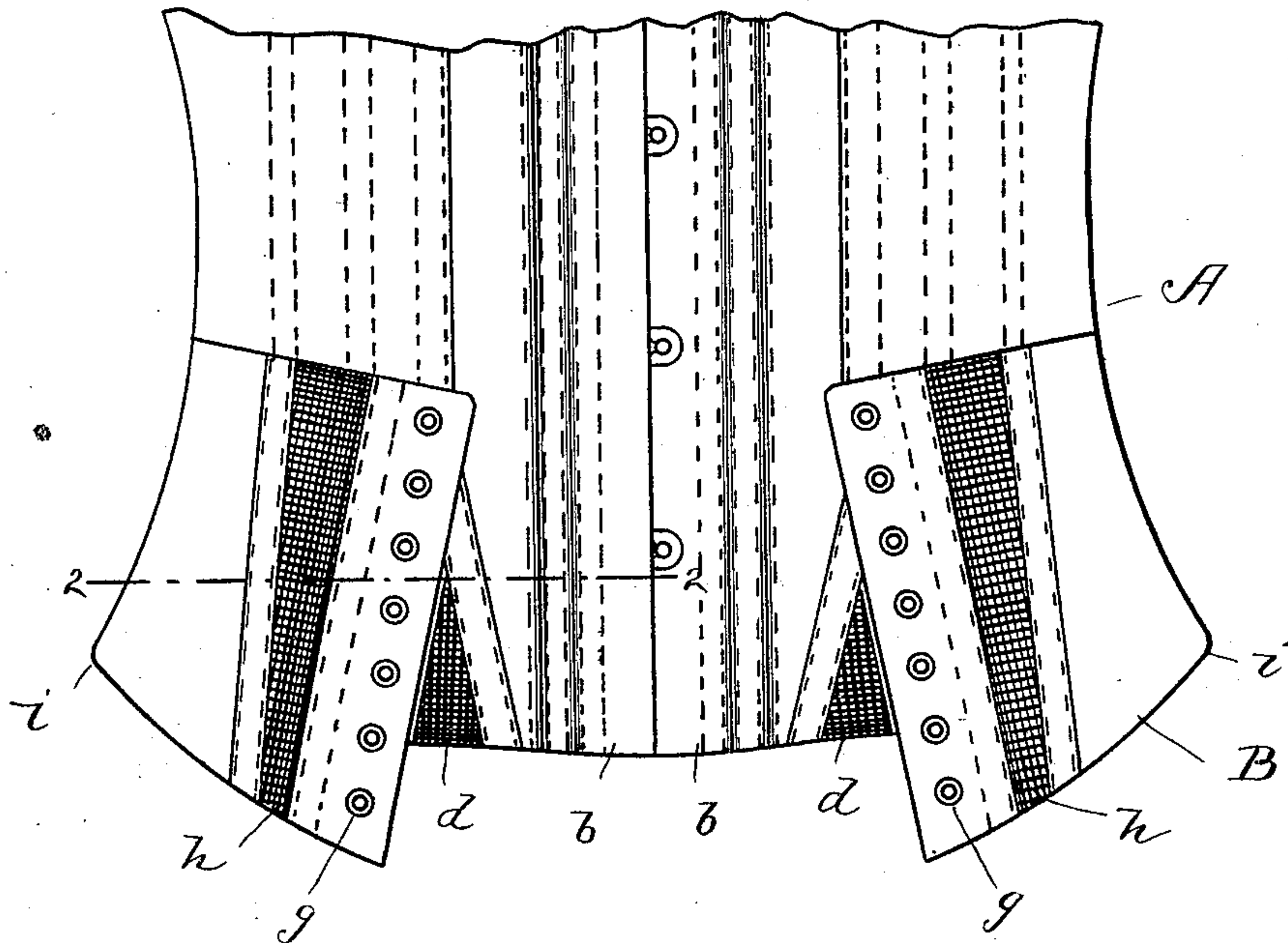


Fig. 1.

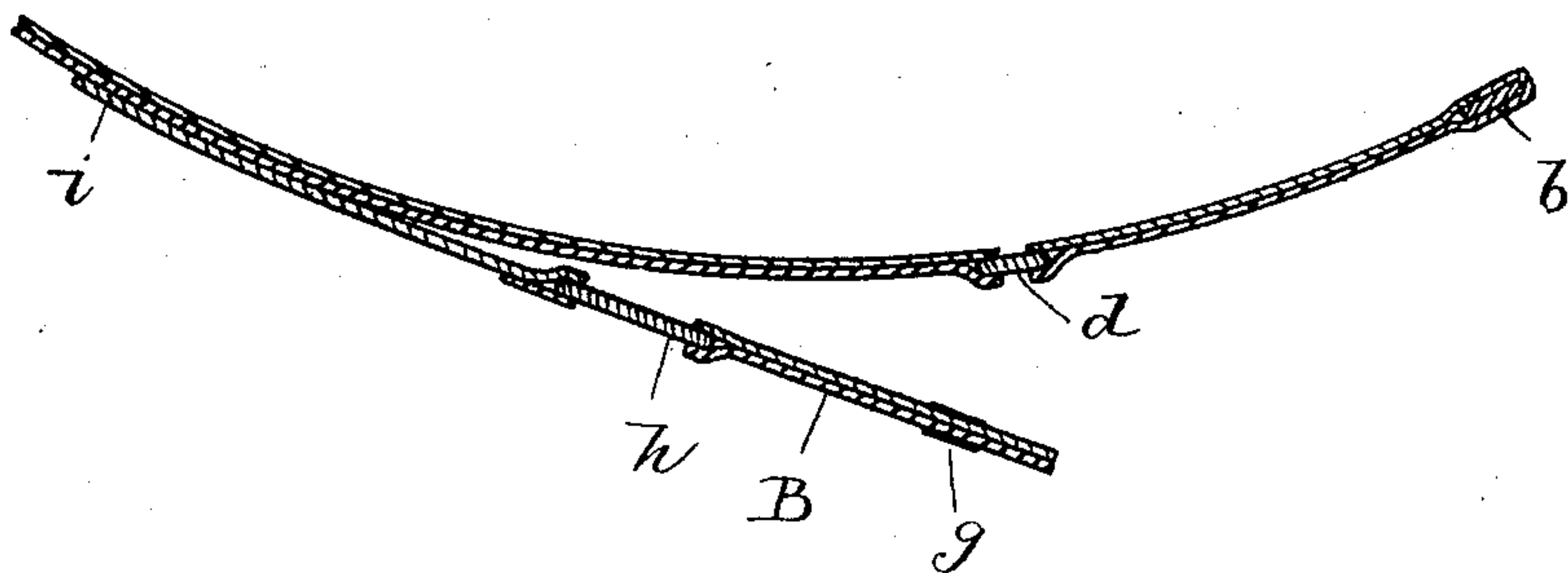


Fig. 2.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LUCY EVELINE DILL, of Rockland, in the county of Plymouth, State of Massachusetts, have made certain new and  
5 useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention  
10 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of a corset, showing my improved attachment;  
15 and Fig. 2, a section of the same on line 2 2 in Fig. 1.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

20 My invention relates especially to an abdominal attachment for corsets, whereby the abdomen may be compressed or flattened to render the form more symmetrical without unclasp-  
25 ing the stays, changing the tension at the waist, or employing the ordinary abdominal bands, the object being to produce a simple, cheap, and effective device of this character and permanently attached to the corset.

30 The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation.

35 In the drawings, A represents the corset considered as a whole, the same being of the ordinary form and construction and provided with the usual clasping-stays *b* at the front.

40 In the lower edge of the corset at the front I insert an elastic gore *d*. Adjacent the hip-seam on the outer face of the corset, approximately at *i*, I secure a flap B. These flaps  
45 are of sufficient length and height to cover the abdomen and in their free edges are provided with lacing-eyelets *g*. Incorporated in each flap there is an elastic stay or gore *h*, which permits said flaps to be stretched laterally.

50 In use the corset is adjusted on the person in the usual manner, as much freedom being allowed as is desired at the waist. The flaps B are then connected by lacing, and said flaps being shorter than the corresponding distance between the hip and stays *b* sufficient tension can be applied to flatten or draw in  
55 the abdomen in a manner which will be understood without a more explicit description.

The elastic gores *d* permit sufficient play to the lower edge of the corset to prevent unclasp-  
60 ing when the flaps are so adjusted and the similar gore in the flaps causes the same to give to the movements of the body.

I am aware that flaps have been applied to corsets and that gores have been inserted in the edges of corsets, so do not claim the same broadly. Such constructions will not effect  
65 the result I attain. In such the flaps meet rigidly over the abdomen and what take-up there may be possible is accomplished by lac-  
70 ing at the sides, the top of the flaps being of the same length as the sides of the corset. This only serves to distort the abdomen, forcing it either up or down and absolutely in-  
75 terfering with the movements of the wearer, more especially when sitting. My improvement, by means of the elastic gores extending through the width of the flaps and the  
80 flaps being shorter than the corset-wings, entirely overcomes these objections. The abdomen is flattened by its use and spread laterally. The tension can be readily adjusted and the gores permit free movement.

85 The flaps are attached to the hip portion of the corset, so that the jointure terminates adjacent the gores *h*, as indicated in Fig. 2. As specified, it is furthermore essential that the elastic gores extend entirely through the flaps  
90 and that said flaps be shorter than the corresponding portion of the corset, so that when said flaps are joined they will exert tension across this portion and result in the flattening of the abdomen, the attainment of which  
95 is the primary object of my invention.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

The corset-body in combination with the flaps, B, provided with the elastic gores, *h*,  
95 forming a complete section of the length thereof, said flaps being secured to said body to a point adjacent said gores, and the free portions of said flaps being appreciably shorter  
100 than the corresponding portions of the body between the flap-seams and the front body-stays: and devices for connecting the free edges of said flaps, whereby the gores may be  
105 distended, and caused to exert a flattening pressure on the abdomen substantially as specified.

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