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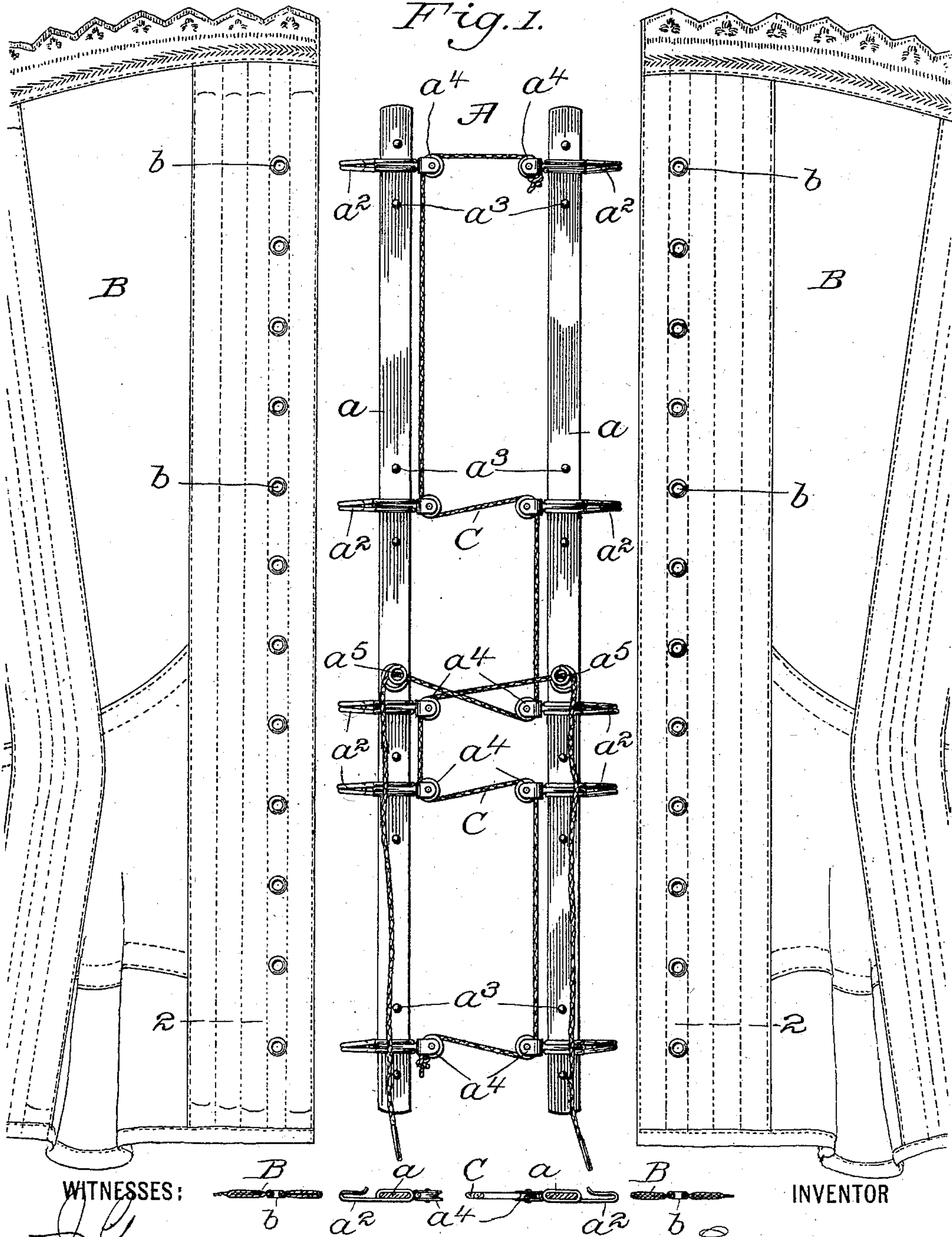
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EUGENE PEARL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fitting Attachments for Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to a fitting attachment for corsets and like garments.

As ordinarily displayed for sale the members of a corset are rolled one within the other and contained in a suitable box, together with the requisite laces or cords. When, therefore, it is desired to submit the same for inspection and fitting, it becomes at once necessary for the saleswoman to properly insert the lacing-cords, which operation is extremely tedious and oftentimes severely tries the patience of both the prospective purchaser and the attending fitter, as each sale usually involves the trial of a variety of sizes and styles. Thus the time occupied in preparing and subsequently restoring these garments becomes an item of such importance as to require in many instances the employment of several assistants to each fitter.

The present invention is designed, therefore, to facilitate the fitting of corsets by dispensing with the lacing-cords ordinarily employed and providing as a substitute a laced section adapted for ready and convenient attachment to any garment of this class and which while affording many additional advantages will obviate the objectionable features above set forth and serve every purpose of the usual laces.

With these objects in view the invention comprises various novel features, which will be hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the annexed claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of one embodiment of the invention, the same being shown detached, but relatively arranged with respect to the corset, portions of which latter are indicated; and Fig. 2 is a view in horizontal section, taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

In the drawings, A represents the fitting attachment or attachable laced section of the

corset B. From the following description it will be obvious that by reason of the peculiar construction employed this attachment when in use will at once adapt itself with great ease to the form of the wearer in a manner similar to the corset proper; also, that being perfectly flat and free from projections it will form practically a continuation of the members of the garment with which it is alined.

The attachment comprises duplicate flexible supports *a a*, preferably of spring material, which are arranged side by side and may be connected, if desired, in any suitable manner. Fastenings *a<sup>2</sup> a<sup>2</sup>*, carried by these supports, have a sliding movement thereon, limited by the stop pins or studs *a<sup>3</sup> a<sup>3</sup>*, through the medium of which the attachment may be removably secured in position, connecting the members of the corset. These devices are illustrated in the present instance as spring-wire hooks designed for engagement with the eyelets *b b* of the corset; but it will be understood that many other forms may be substituted, if desired. Formed either separately or in part with these fastenings are a series of eyelets or pulleys *a<sup>4</sup> a<sup>4</sup>*, through or around which the lacing-cords *CC* are passed, they being arranged by having their ends knotted or otherwise secured to the extreme ends of the supports, so that their opposite extremities meet at or adjacent to the waistline of the corset, where they may be secured in spring retaining devices *a<sup>5</sup> a<sup>5</sup>*.

To place the device in position for use, it is only necessary to insert the hooks in the corresponding eyelets of the corset, when the same is ready for fitting, and after the members have been properly united by the front clasps it then only remains to draw the lacing-cords and secure them in the cord retaining devices. To remove the attachment, the cords are freed and the hooks disengaged from the eyelets.

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

1. A fitting attachment for corsets, comprising resilient side members, each provided with devices for engaging the corset, and also with lacing means for adjusting said members toward and from each other, as specified.

2. A fitting attachment for corsets, com-

prising resilient side members, each provided with devices vertically adjustable thereon for engaging the corset, and also with lacing means for adjusting said members toward  
5 and from each other, as specified.

3. A fitting attachment for corsets, comprising side members, each provided at its outer edge with means for engaging the cor-

set, and at its inner edge with lacing means consisting of pulleys and cords for adjusting 10 said members toward and from each other, as specified.

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