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FIG. 1.

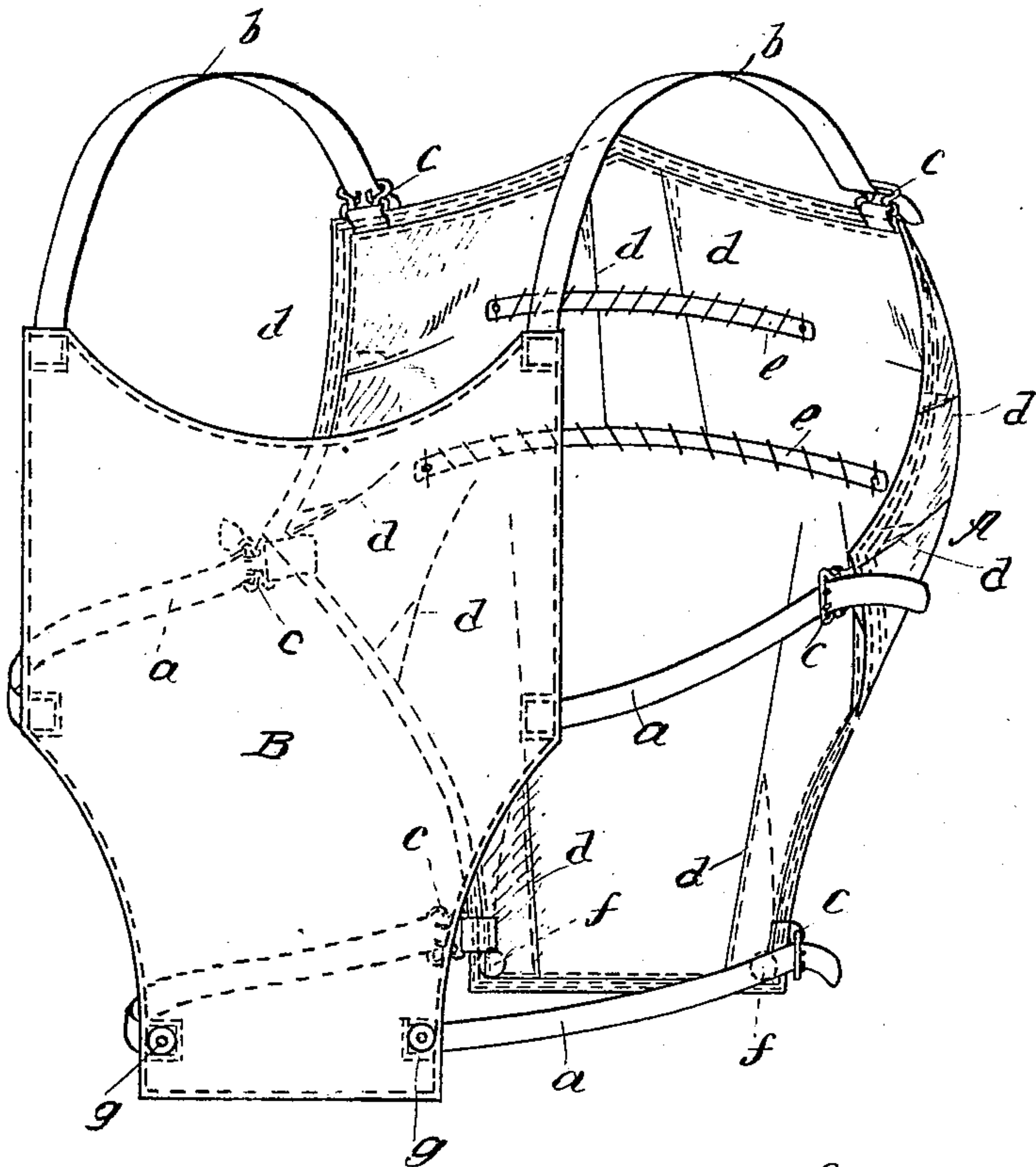


FIG. 2.

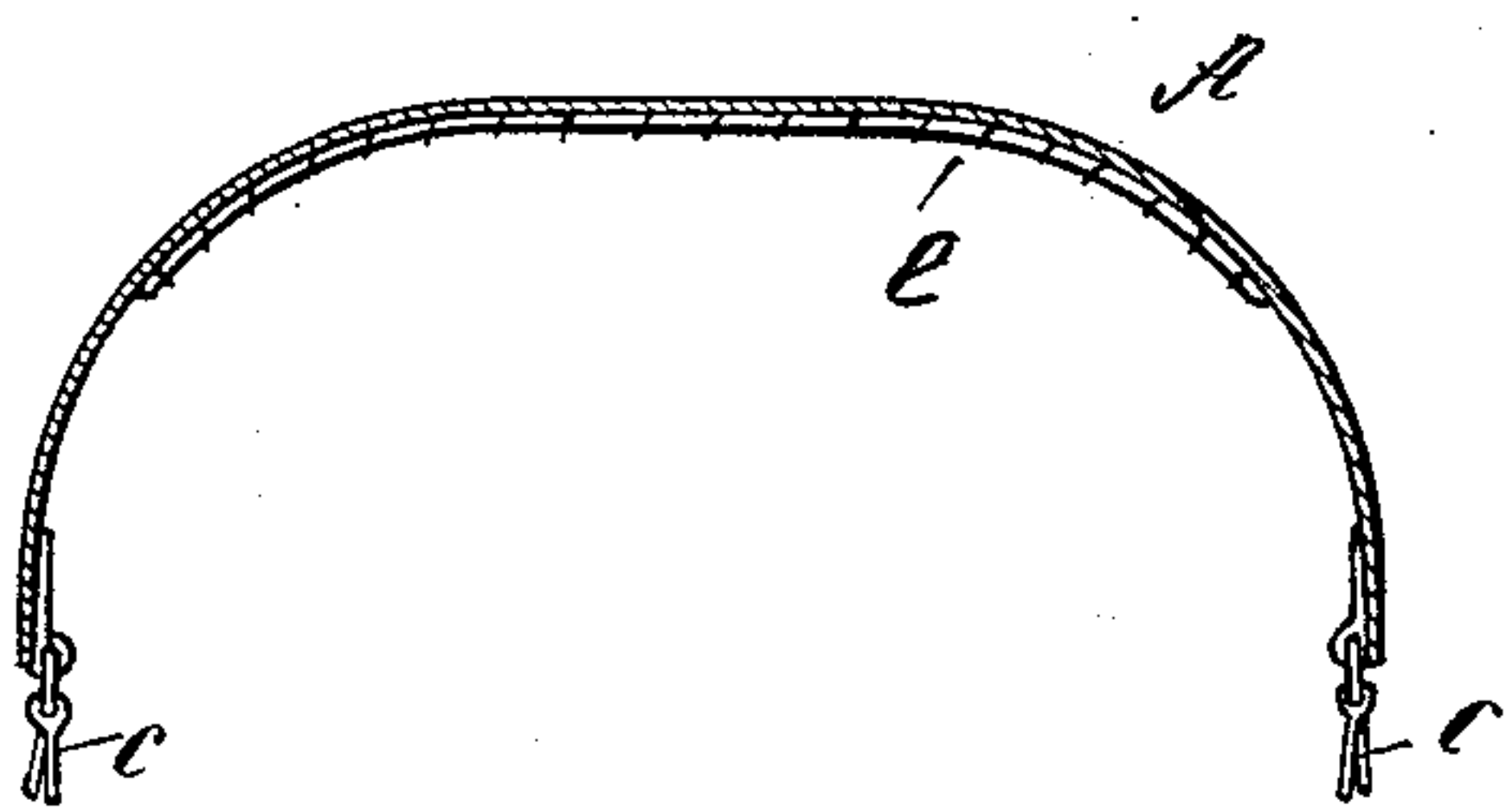
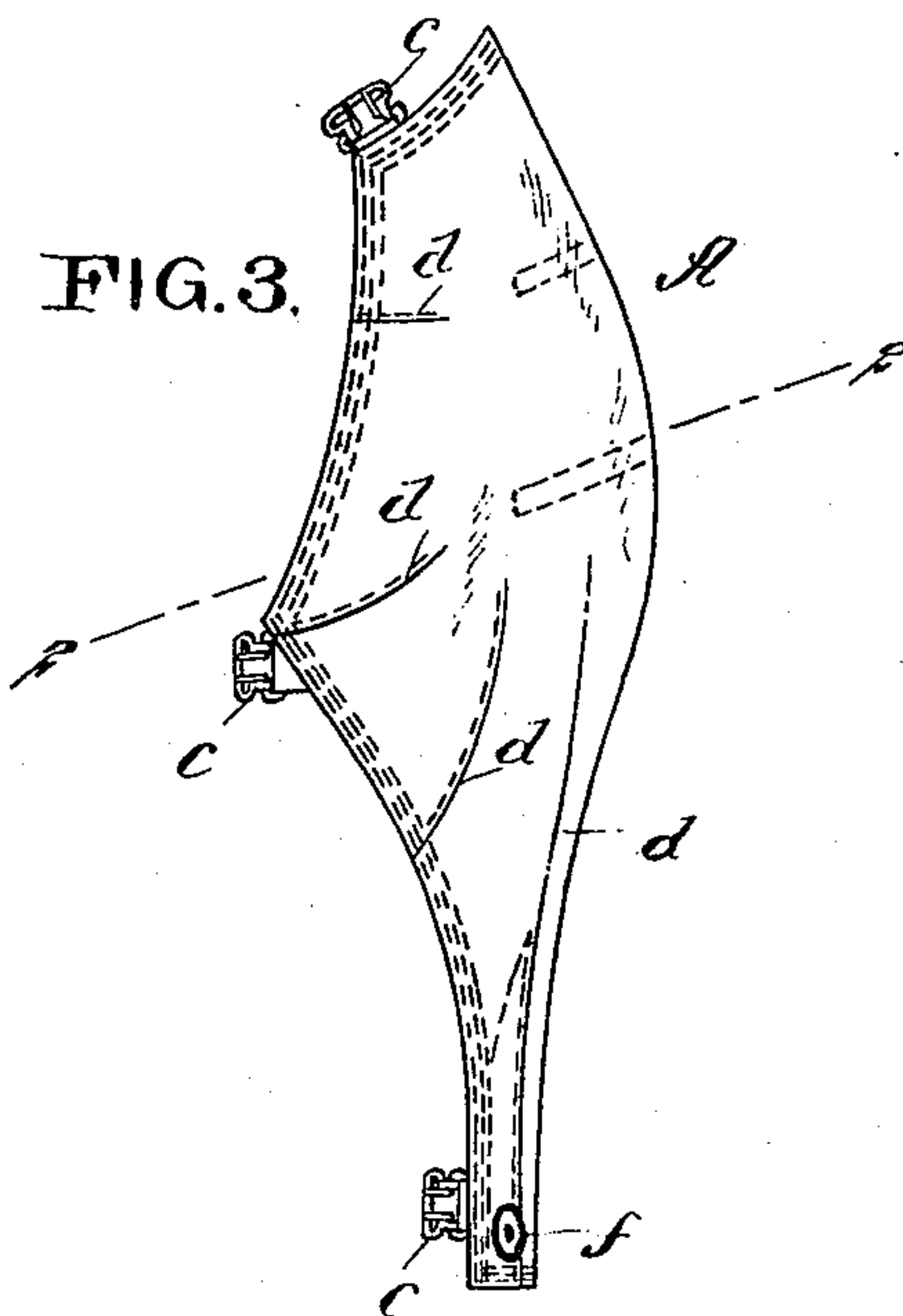


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAHVESIA PAXTON C. PACKWOOD, of Lake Maitland, in the county of Orange and State of Florida, have invented
5 a new and Improved Corset, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a corset-waist adapted especially for use by women engaged in athletic or physical exercises, so that the proper figure of the person
10 will be retained, at the same time allowing great freedom and ease of movement and in no way hindering the proper exercise of the muscles of the trunk of the person.

15 This specification is the disclosure of one form of my invention, while the claim defines the actual scope thereof.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,
20 in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the corset looking toward the rear thereof. Fig. 2 is a section of the bosom part on the line 2 2 of
25 Fig. 3, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the bosom or front part of the corset.

The corset has a bosom or front part A and a back or rear part B, the latter being provided with side straps *a* and shoulder-straps
30 *b*, all of which are adapted to be fastened to buckles *c*, attached to the edges of the bosom A. By these means the bosom and back sections may be secured in place, so as to inclose and sustain the trunk of the person, and in
35 practice the parts A and B should be fitted to the figure by measurements properly taken.

The corset may be constructed of any suitable material. The back B is widened at its upper portion to lie across the shoulders of
40 the person, and the bosom A is formed with various darts *d*, by which means the bosom may be given the convex form shown, causing it to fit properly to the bust of the person. The upper portion of the bosom A is

widened to lie full across the bust of the per- 45
son and the lower portion is contracted to conform to the waist thereof. The bosom A is provided with one or more horizontally-extending strips of whalebone or other flexible material *e*, which strips are stitched or other- 50
wise secured to the inner side of the bosom A, serving to hold the same in its proper convex form. The lower end of the bosom A is provided with buttons or other fastening devices *f*, which are adapted to be engaged with 55
the skirt-band to hold the corset down in proper position. The back section B is provided with buttons *g*, located similarly to the buttons *f* and for the same purpose.

A corset thus constructed will set properly 60
on the figure of a person and will serve to sustain the person in exercise and at the same time permit the muscles to be used without restraint. The corset will also retain the symmetrical figure of the person and have the 65
same effect as the form of corset previously used, in which the entire trunk is incased and the movements of the muscles necessarily impaired.

Having thus described my invention, I 70
claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A corset, having a front part and a back or rear part, the latter being provided with side and shoulder straps, and the former being 75
provided with buckles to which the straps are fastened, the back being widened at its upper portion to lie across the shoulders of the person, and the bosom being formed convex to fit the bust of the person, and the upper 80
portion of the bosom being widened, and a number of horizontally-extending flexible strips secured to the front section to yieldingly hold the same in proper form.

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