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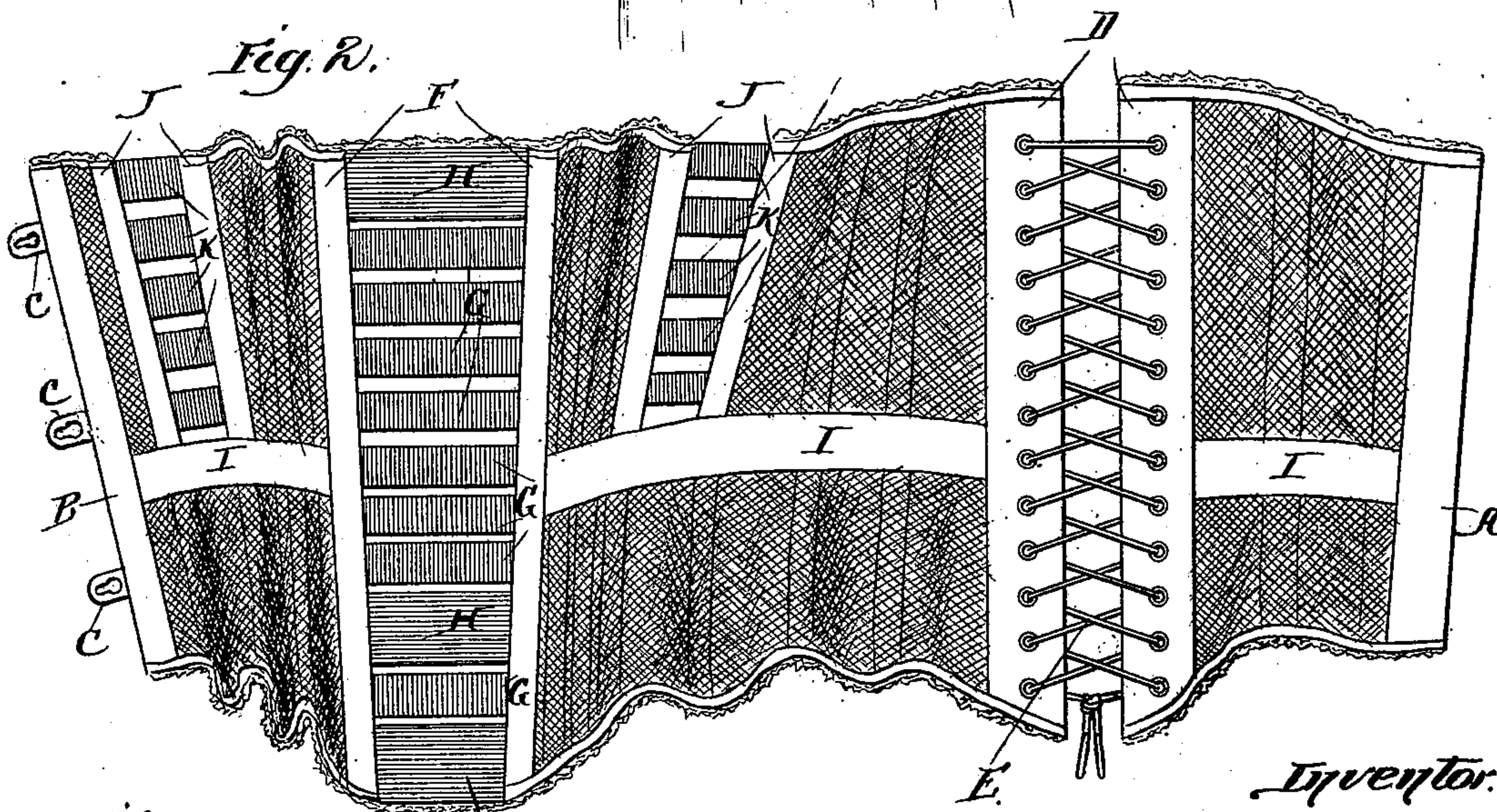
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Fig. 1.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SALLIE G. McCLAIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and useful improvement in corsets, and has for its object to do away with the busk-stays run vertically up and down the corset directly in front and often causes much inconvenience by pressure. In the place of these busk-stays I provide elastic bands, which will expand and contract with the movements of the wearer, and I also provide non-elastic bands at certain points, so as to limit the expansion, thereby retaining the form and at the same time giving ease to the wearer. I also provide elastic bands upon each side of the center series of elastic bands, which will expand and contract with the breathing of the wearer.

With these ends in view this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, the construction and operation will now be described in detail, referring to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my corset, showing the same in use; and Fig. 2, an inside view of the corset.

In carrying out my invention as here embodied A and B represent the two end strips, which are adapted to come together upon the side of the wearer and be fastened by the usual clasps C.

D D are the two stays upon each side of the opening in the back. These stays have the usual eyelets and lacings E.

Directly in front of the corset are the two stays F. Secured to both of these stays are the elastic strips G, which extend between the stays, and thereby form an elastic front for the corset. The strips H are made of non-elastic material and are of such a length that they allow a certain amount of expansion, but will limit such expansion at the proper point,

so as to retain the form desired and afford the proper support for the bust.

I is a strip of non-elastic material which extends from the end piece A to the backstays D, from the opposite backstay to one of the stays F and from the opposite stay F to the other end piece B. This strip I is located at the waist-line and serves to keep the corset in proper shape.

J represents stays which run vertically of the corset and are located upon each side of the busk. A space is left between these stays J upon each side, the space descending down as far as the strip I. Secured to and extending between each set of these stays J are elastic strips K. These elastic strips K are of shorter length than the strips G, and thereby do not need the non-elastic strips to limit their expansion. Stays L run vertically of the corset and between the stays F and J. Stays are also interposed at different points between the stays J and the backstays D for the proper formation of the corset.

M is the usual fabric which covers and forms the body of the corset except between the stays, where the elastic and non-elastic strips are interposed.

The advantages of my invention are that I transfer the fastening of the corset from the front to the side, where it will give the least inconvenience to the wearer, and by removing all stays directly in front of the corset and providing elastic strips inside I allow for the expansion and contraction of the corset with the movement of the wearer, and at the same time by limiting the expansion by means of the non-elastic strips the corset will retain the form desired.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact construction here shown, as it is obvious that I might make slight modifications without departing from the spirit of my invention—as, for instance, non-elastic strips could be interposed in among elastic strips at any point desired, so as to maintain the proper form in the corset.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is—

1. In a corset, an elastic portion formed in the body of the corset directly in front thereof and extending from the top to the bottom, non-elastic portion extending across the elas-

tic portion for limiting the expansion of said elastic portion, elastic portions formed in the body of the corset upon each side of the elastic front portion and extending from the top 5 to the waist-line of the corset, the ends of the corset meeting at the side of the wearer, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a corset, two stays F, one upon each side of the front of the corset and extending 10 from the top to the bottom thereof, elastic strips G secured to and extending between the stays F, non-elastic strips H secured to and extending between the stays F for the purpose of limiting the expansion of the elas-

tic strips G, two stays J upon each side of the 15 stays F, elastic strips K secured to and extending between the stays J, the elastic strips only extending to the waist-line of the corset, means for fastening the corset at the side of the wearer, substantially as and for the pur- 20 pose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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