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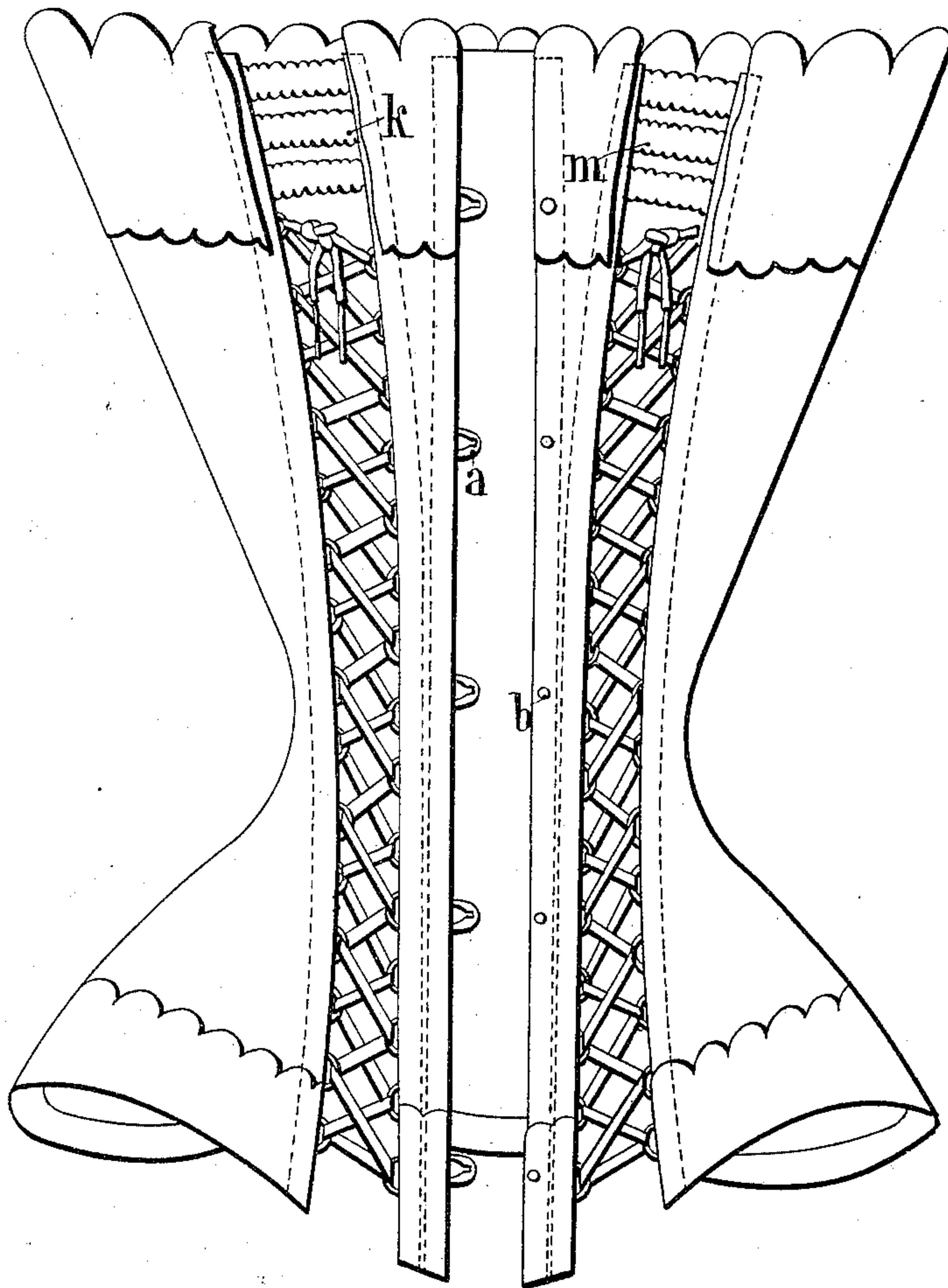
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 6.

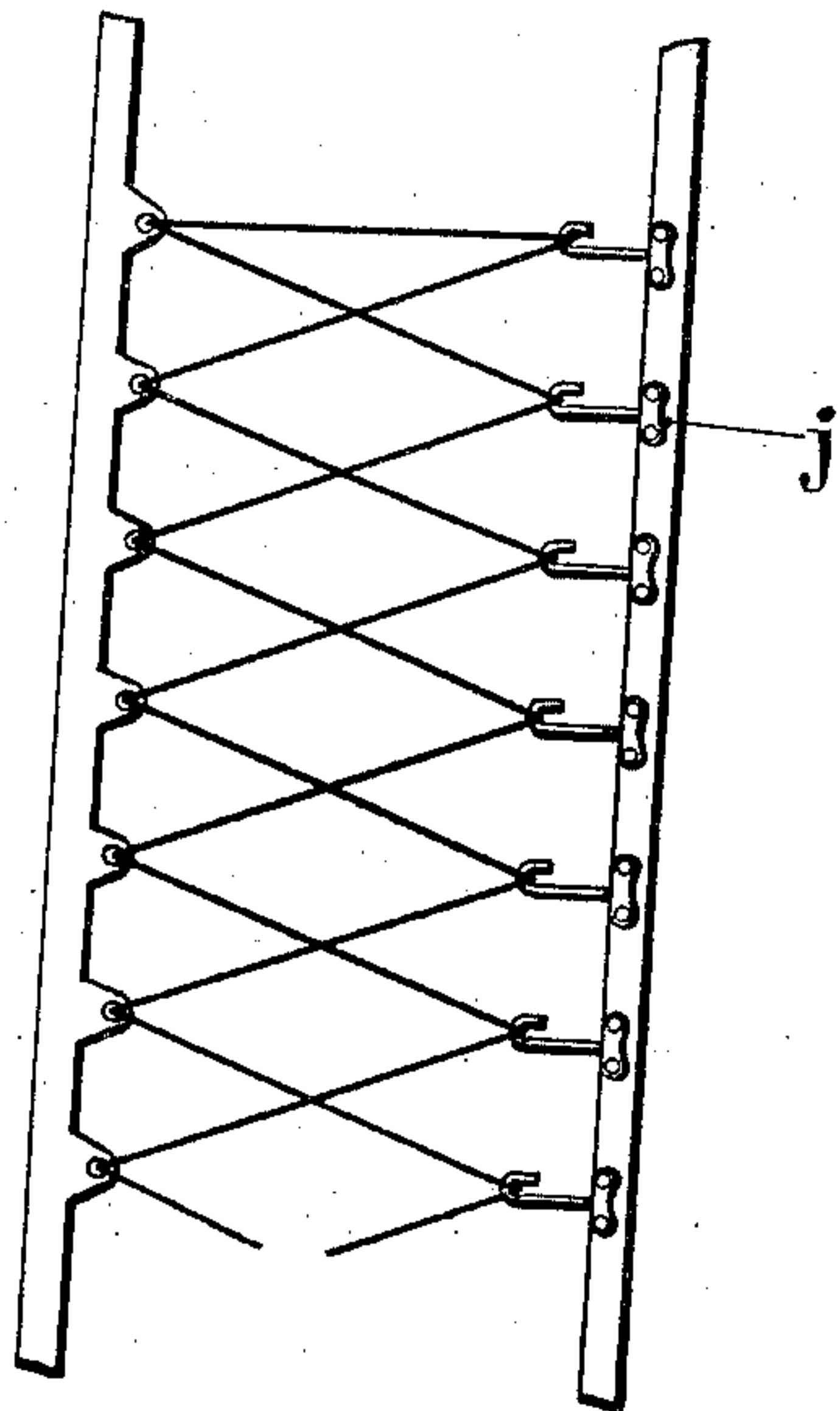
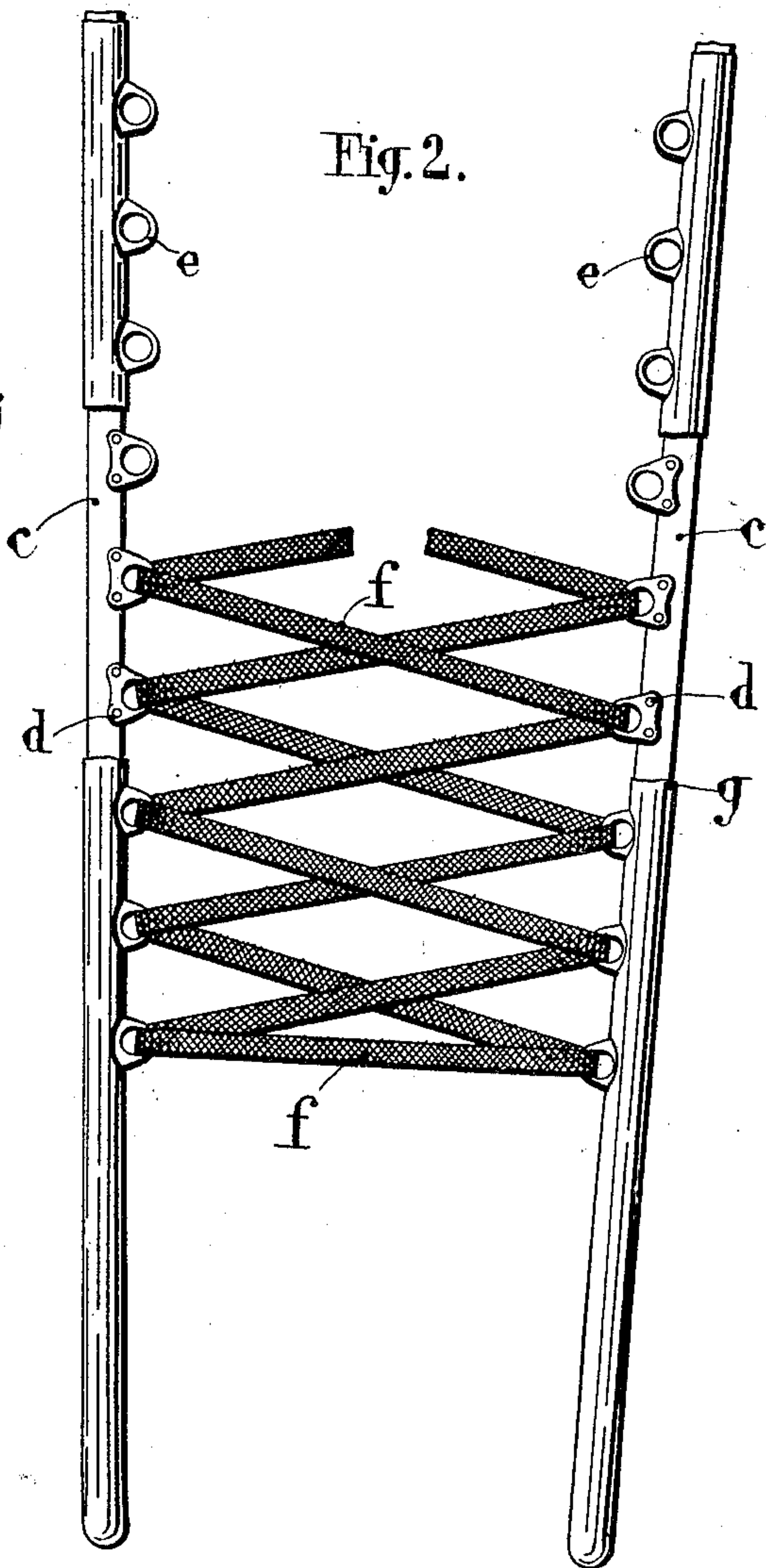


Fig. 2.



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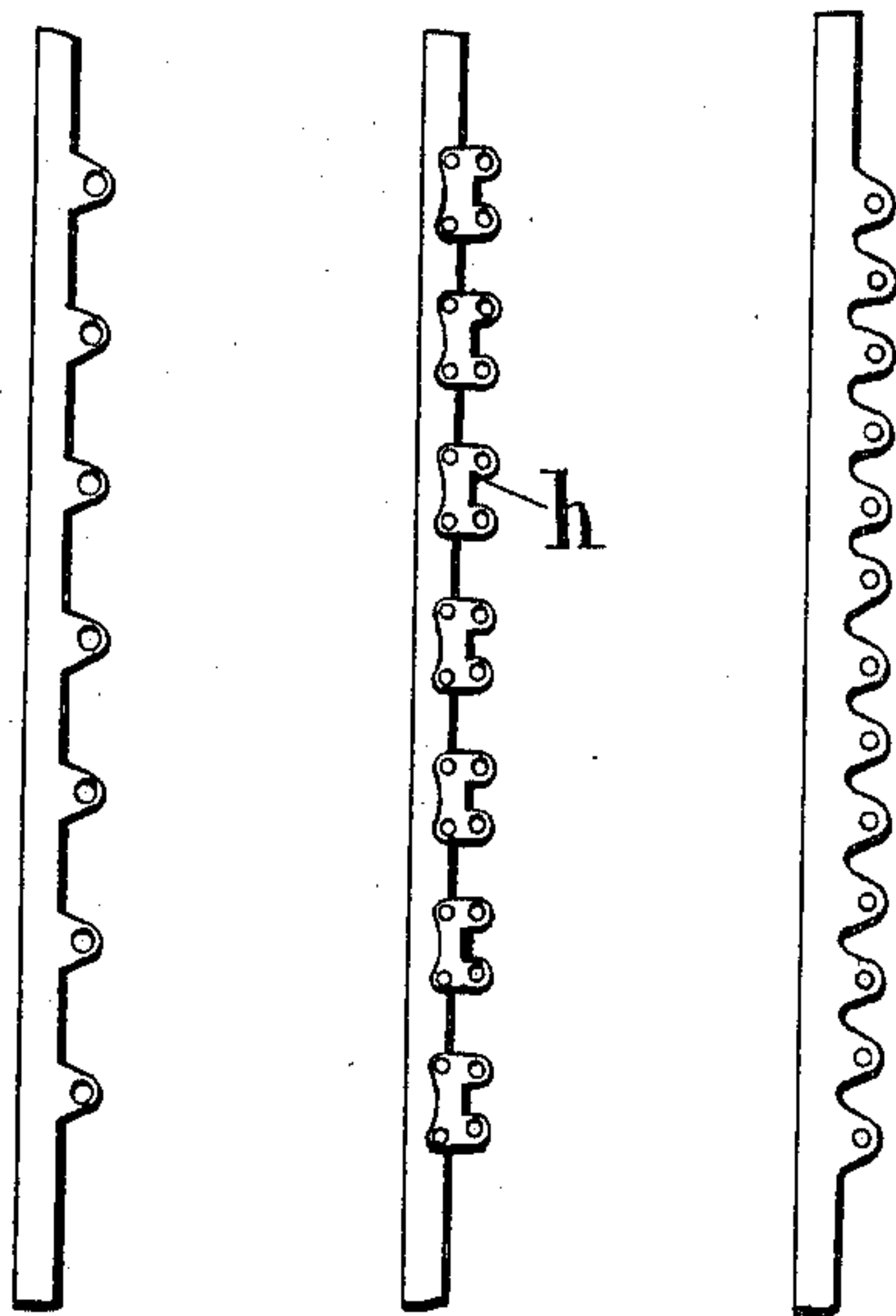
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Fig. 3. Fig. 4. Fig. 5.



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SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 688,664, dated December 10, 1901.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADRIEN ADOLPHE MORAND, manufacturer, a citizen of the French Republic, residing at Colombes, Seine, France, (and having post-office address 6 Avenue Centrale, in said city,) have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to corsets; and the objects and advantages thereof will be hereinafter set forth and the novel features claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a corset involving my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view, in front elevation, on an enlarged scale, showing one manner of lacing the same. Figs. 3 to 5 are views similar to Fig. 2, showing different forms of busks; and Fig. 6 is a view corresponding to Fig. 2, but showing a different system of lacing.

Like characters designate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

The corset is closed at the front, as is customary, by two busks, as *a* and *b*, the first mentioned of which has clasps adapted to be engaged by hooks on the other. At opposite sides of the front opening I provide a plurality of lacing systems (two are shown) by which the corset can be tightened upon the body and which are intended to take the place of the single lace usually found at the rear of certain existing types of corsets. These front lacing systems include (see Fig. 2) busks, as *c*, of metal or like material which combines resistance and flexibility. These busks *c* are sewed or otherwise fastened to the body of the corset along the edges of openings, as *a'*, which extend the complete length or height of the corsets and which are located at opposite sides of the central opening. These busks carry eyes or rings *e*, fastened thereto by rivets or like fastening devices, as *d*, and they are inclosed by coverings which prevent the edges of said busks from injuring the clothing of the wearer; but it will be seen that the eyes *e* extend outward

from the edge of the openings *a'* and are free of the covering, so as to be freely engaged by the laces. When the corset-body is worn, these busks can be taken therefrom and used anew, which is not the case with ordinary eyelets. The busks may have integral eyes, as shown in Figs. 3 and 5; or these eyes may be of duplex form, as shown at *h* in Fig. 4; or one set of lacing devices may be in the form of hooks, as shown at the right in Fig. 6.

The invention, of course, is not limited to the material from which the busks are made nor to the style of lacing devices thereon, for these features, as well as others, may be limited within the scope of the claim forming a part of this specification.

The parts of the corset at opposite edges of the openings *a'* are united by elastic means, shown as a plurality of rubber bands, as *k* and *m*, arranged in parallelism and which serve to give to the corset a desired degree of flexibility. These rubber bands are shown only at the upper side of the corset; but they may be arranged at the lower side also.

What I claim is—

A corset having an opening at the front and center and lateral openings at opposite sides of said central opening and also at the front, the edges of said lateral openings being provided with busks, said busks having lacing devices, coverings for the busks, and said lacing devices projecting inward from the busks and being free of any covering and each busk carrying directly a plurality of lacing devices, and flexible means connected to the edges of said lateral openings and located at the top of the corset.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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