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Fig: 1.

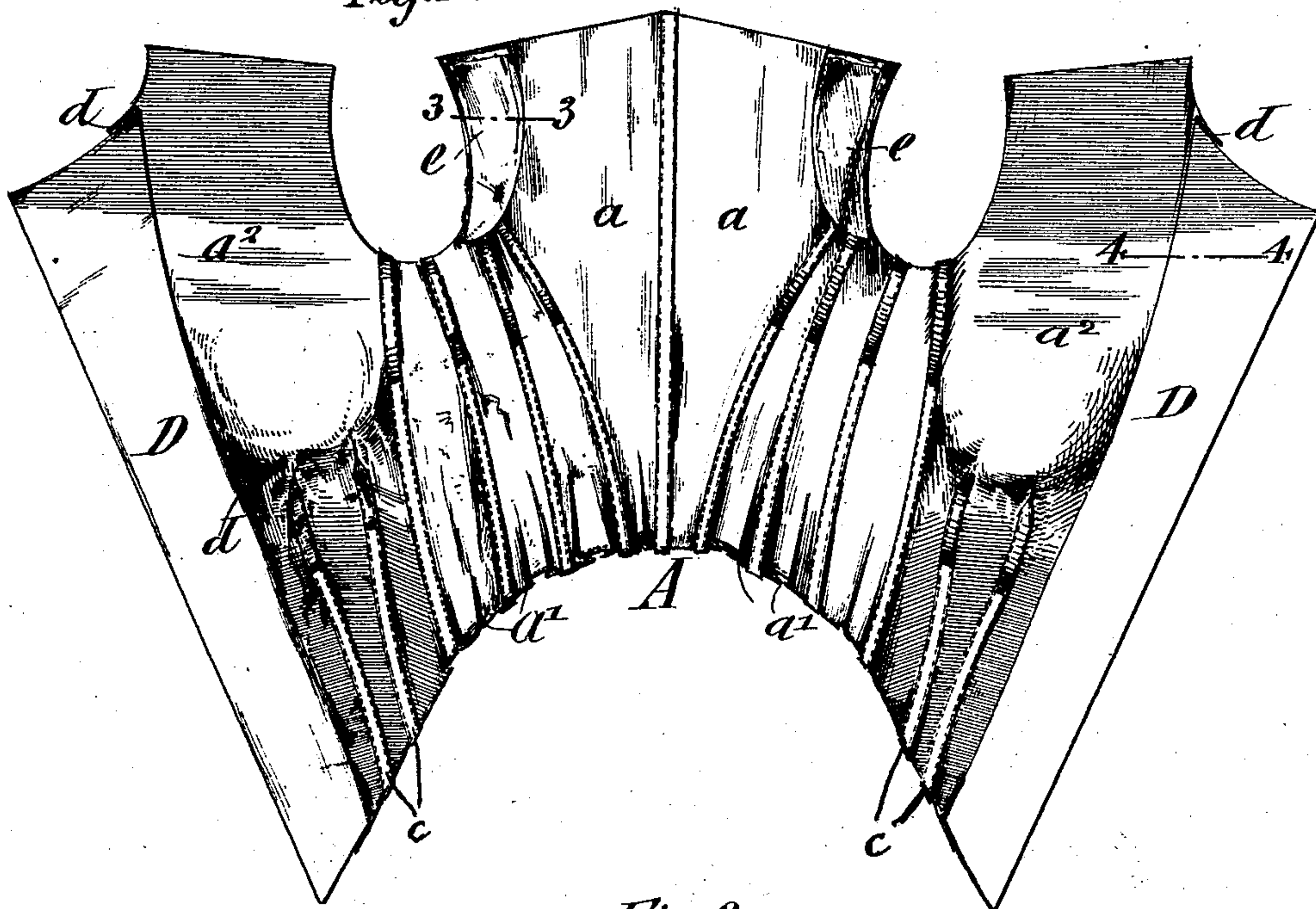
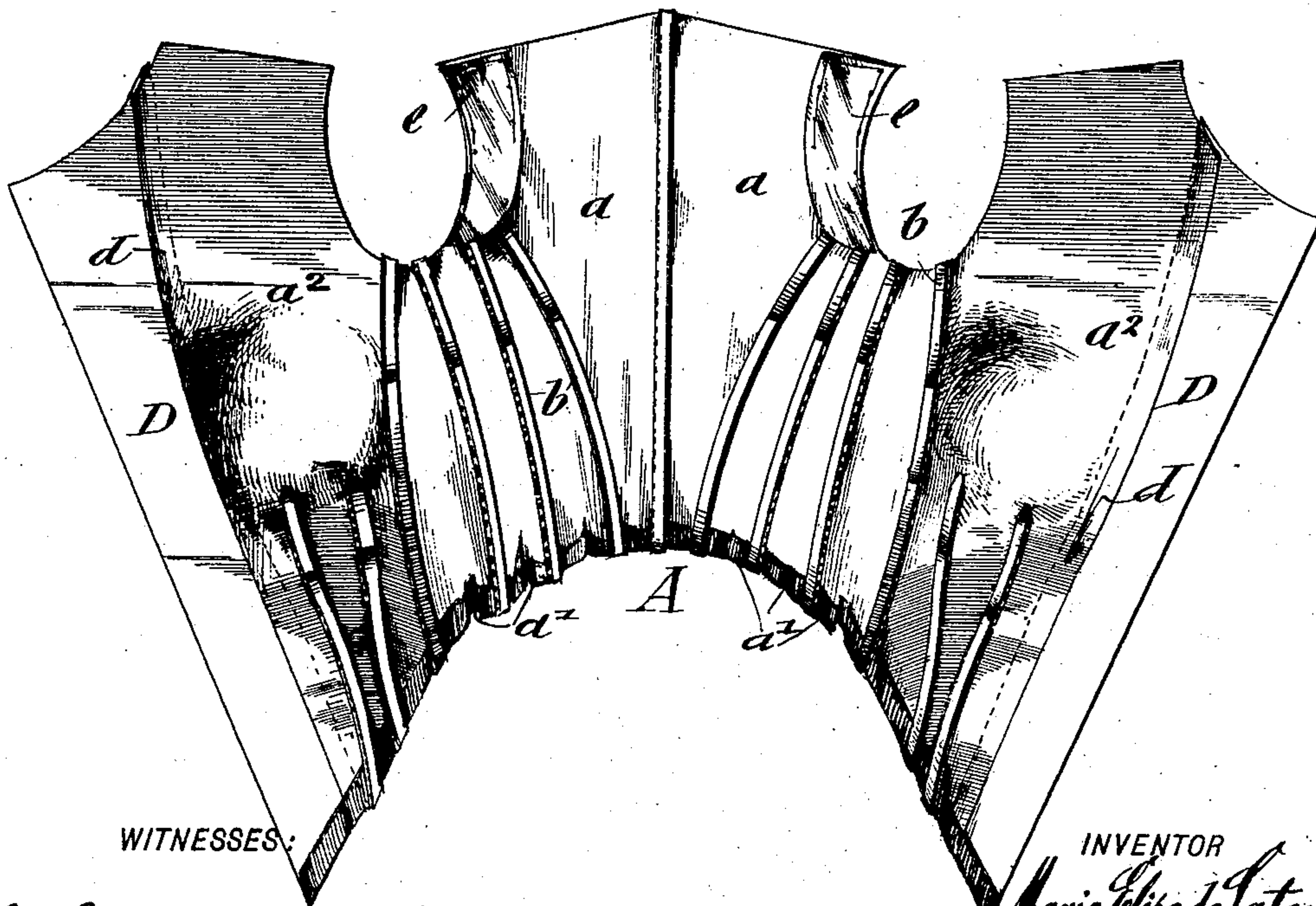


Fig: 2.



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Fig: 3.



Fig: 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIE-ELISE DE LATOUR, a citizen of the Republic of France, residing in New York, borough of Manhattan, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waist-Linings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in waist-linings for ladies' dresses, so that a waist can be fitted in a very convenient manner, and the same is supplied to dressmakers in ready-made condition for the more convenient use of the same.

The invention consists in certain details of construction, which will be fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved waist-lining. Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same; and Figs. 3 and 4 are detail sections, respectively, on lines 3 3 and 4 4, Fig. 1, drawn on a larger scale.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a waist-lining for ladies' dresses. The lining is made of silk or other suitable fabric and provided with the usual stays *b*, which are inclosed in pockets of the same material as the lining, said pockets being stitched to the lining in the usual manner. The waist-lining is made in the same manner as all the waist-linings heretofore in use—namely, of back pieces *a*, tapering side pieces *a'*, front pieces *a''*, and stitched together in the usual manner. The lining is provided at its end edges with wide flaps *D*, each having the tuck *d*, said flaps and tucks being utilized in fitting the lining to the size of bust required by cutting the flaps to the suitable size or by letting out the tucks to enlarge the lining.

The main feature of my invention consists of armhole-pieces, which are applied to the inner and outer surface of the lining at the rear part of the armholes, said pieces *e* being

attached at their upper ends, as shown in Fig. 1, and they are preferably unstitched at their lower ends, so that in fitting the lining if it is necessary to take up the fullness at the arm-opening by means of tucks the unstitched ends of the pieces *e* are stitched over the tucks, so as to secure them in proper position. By stitching the tapering armhole-pieces over the tucked parts they are firmly held in position and cannot be altered when inserting the lining into the body of the waist.

Another feature of my improvement is that the front section *a''* is provided with a fullness that is produced by taking darts in the same at the lower ends and sewing the dart edges together, so as to place the lower part at a bias to the upper part. It is retained in this position by the pockets *c* of one of the stays, the fabric of which, instead of being made on the bias, is cut in the direction of the fabric. This holds the adjacent fabric firmly in position and exerts a greater influence in holding the parts in position, as shown in Fig. 2.

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

A waist-lining, consisting of back sections, side sections, and front sections stitched together with free shoulder-seam edges and having armholes, and armhole-flaps attached at their upper ends to the back sections on the front and back surfaces, said flaps being free at their lower ends to permit the taking-in or fitting of the lining adjacent to the armholes and being thereupon secured at their free ends to the lining, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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