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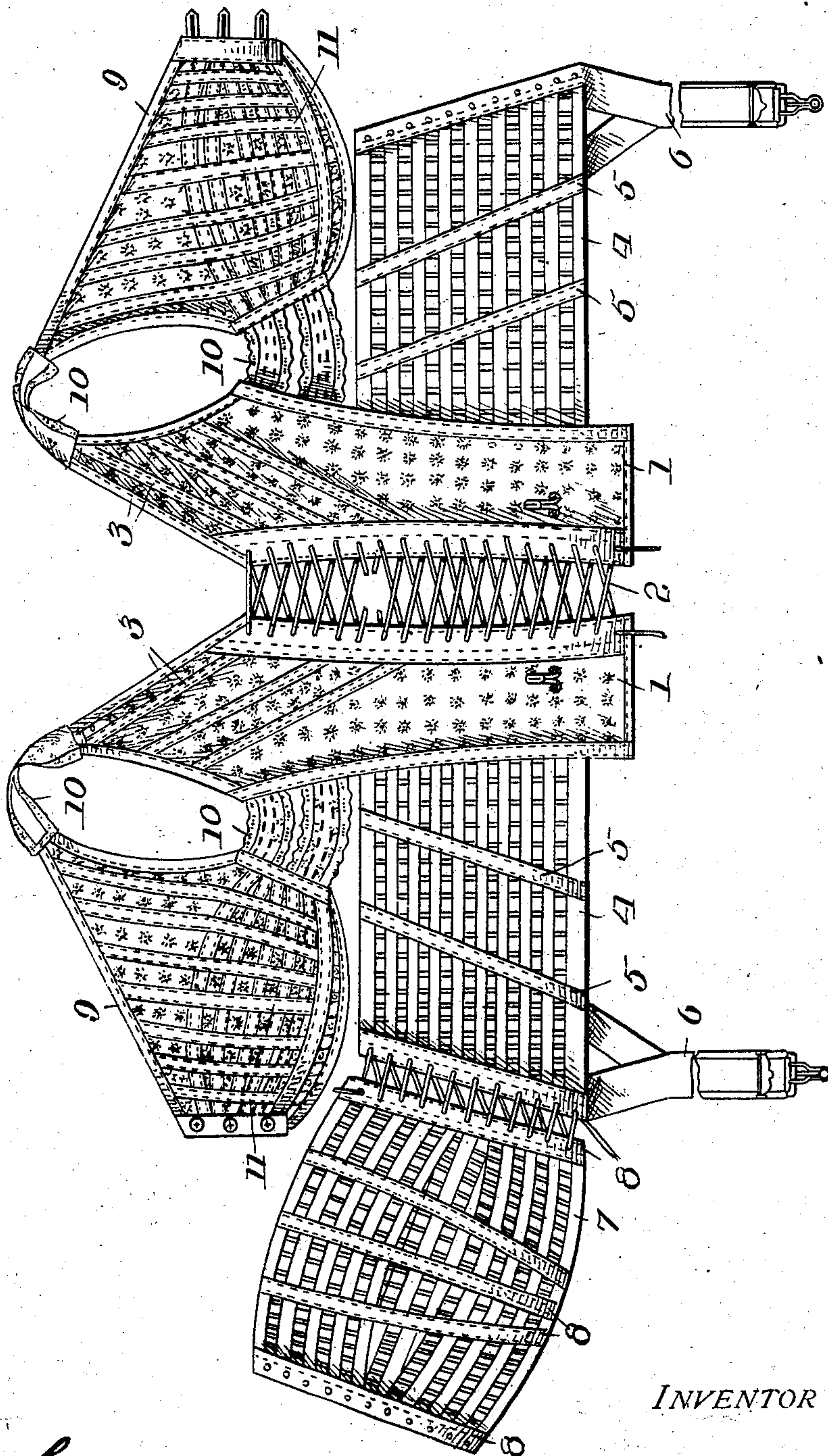
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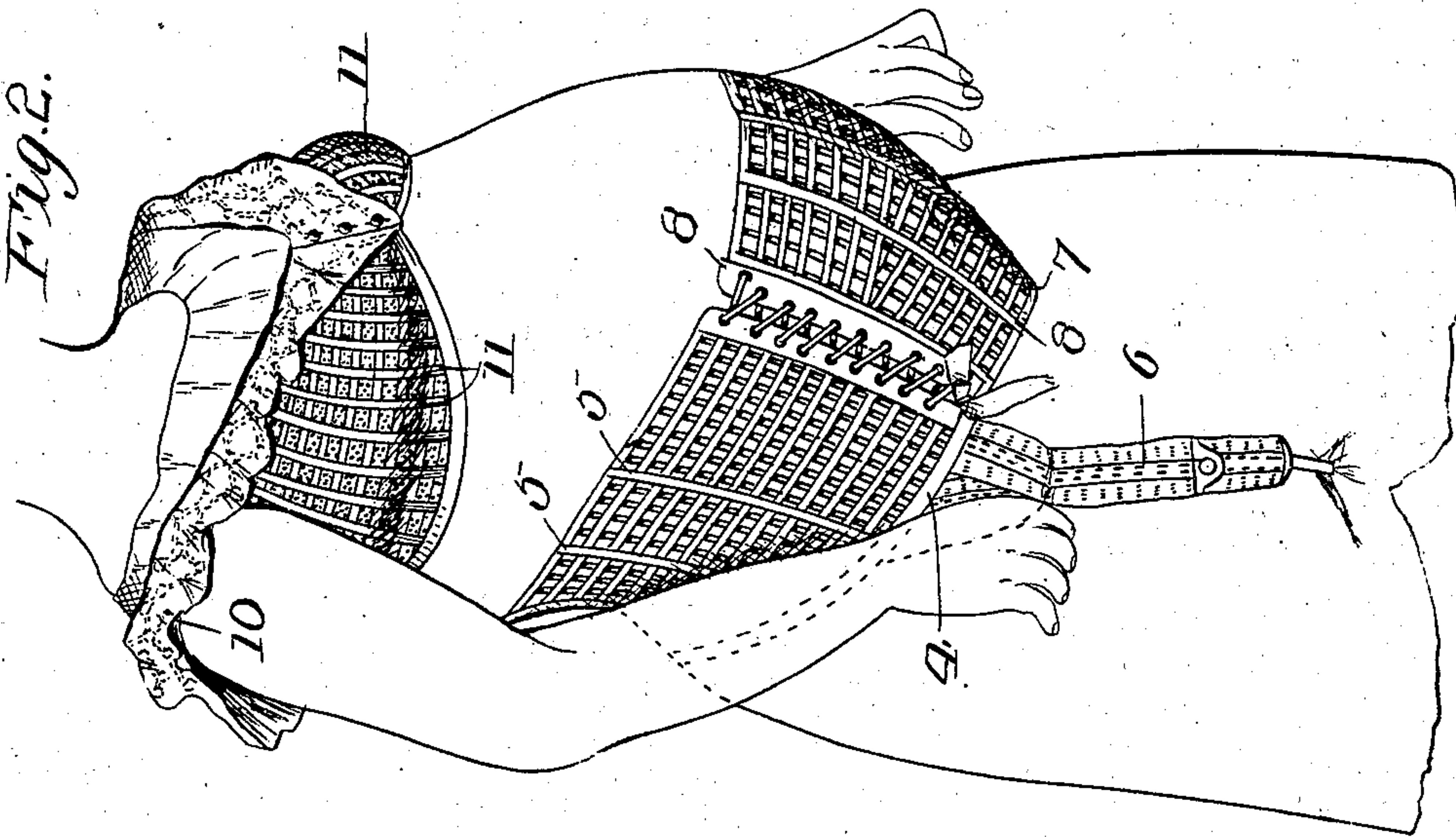
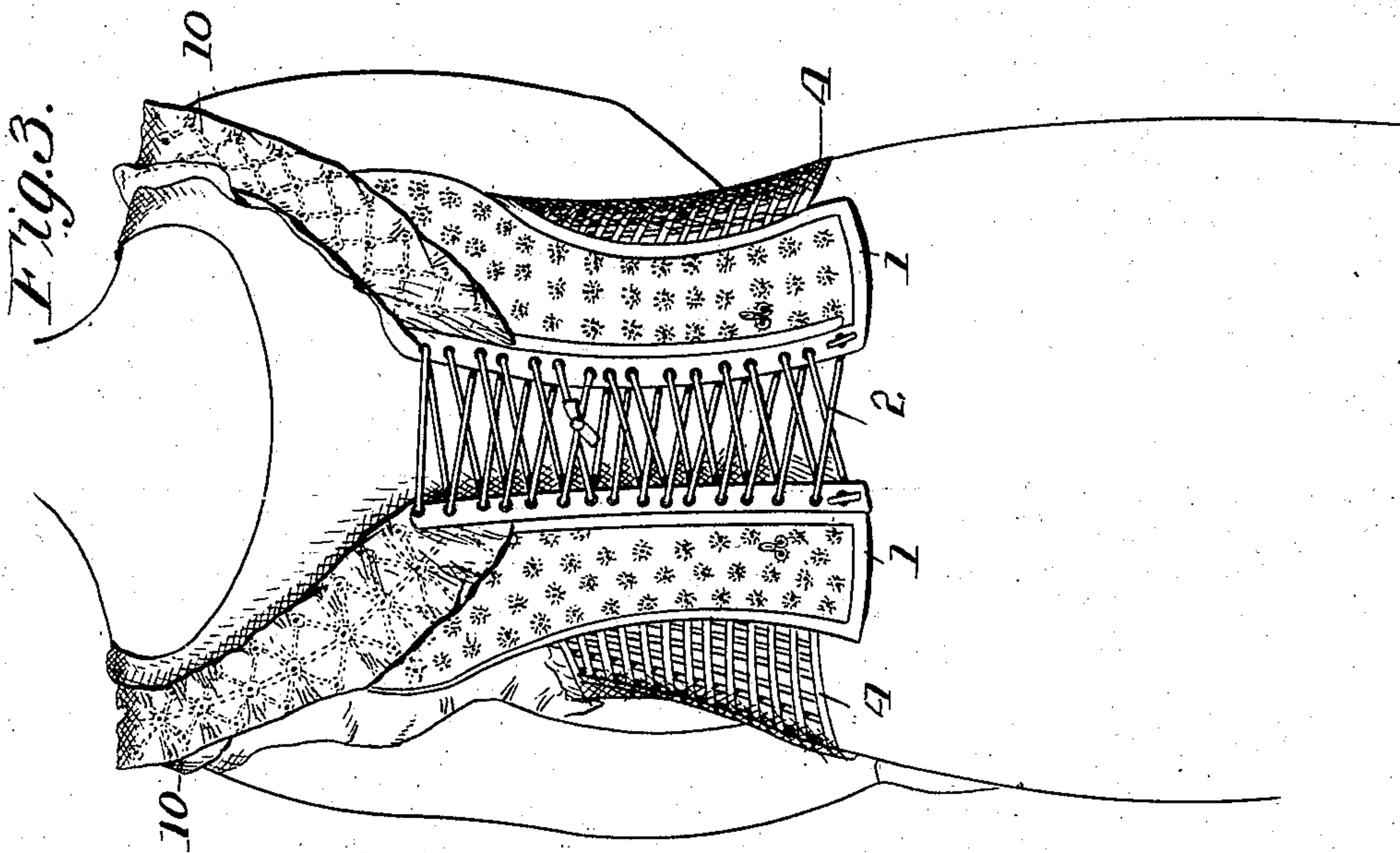
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## MATERNITY-CORSET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY EVELYN LEIGHTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Maternity-Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to maternity-corsets; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts, as hereinafter described.

The object of my invention is to provide a suitable corset adapted to support a woman's breast and abdomen when in pregnancy, the parts for supporting the abdomen being adjustable independent of the breast-supporting parts, all of the parts being connected by back pieces.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a back view of the corset spread out. Fig. 2 is a side view of a woman wearing the corset, and Fig. 3 is a back view of a woman wearing the corset.

The corset consists of the back pieces 1 1, being laced together, as at 2, the said back pieces 1 1 being provided with obliquely-extending whalebones 3 3. The side pieces 4 4 are attached at their ends to the back pieces 1 1, said pieces being made of perforated elastic material and having the perpendicular bands or whalebones 5. The garters 6 are attached to said side pieces 4. The front piece 7 is adapted to be laced at its edges to the ends of the side pieces 4 4. Said front piece is provided with five bands or whalebones 8, the said front piece being made of perforated elastic material. The breast-supports 9 9 are attached to the upper ends of the back pieces 1 1 by means of the straps 10. The said breast-pieces are provided with the bands or whalebones 11, extending crisscross with relation to each other and being substantially hemispherical in shape and adapted to receive the breasts and support the same and also adapted to button together at their front edges.

In applying the corset to the body the parts assume their positions as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The front piece 7 passes under the lower portion of the abdomen, and the side pieces 4 4 connect the said front piece to the back pieces 1 1. It will thus be seen that the weight of the breasts and abdomen is borne by the back pieces 1 1, and the wearer is relieved of much tension and strain, the parts being adjustable to accommodate the enlargement of the wearer.

I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the details of construction and arrangement as hereinbefore described and illustrated, as it is manifest that variations and modifications may be made in the features of construction and arrangement in the adaptation of the device to various conditions of use without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention and improvements. I therefore reserve the right to all such variations and modifications as properly fall within the scope of my invention and the terms of the following claim.

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

A corset consisting of back pieces laced together, side pieces secured at their rear ends to the front edges of the back pieces and adapted to pass along the sides of the abdomen of the wearer, a front piece connecting the forward ends of the side pieces together, bust-supports attached to the upper ends of the back pieces by means of straps adapted to pass over the shoulders of the wearer and elastic straps adapted to pass under the arms of the wearer and connecting the lower edges of the bust-supports to the back pieces.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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