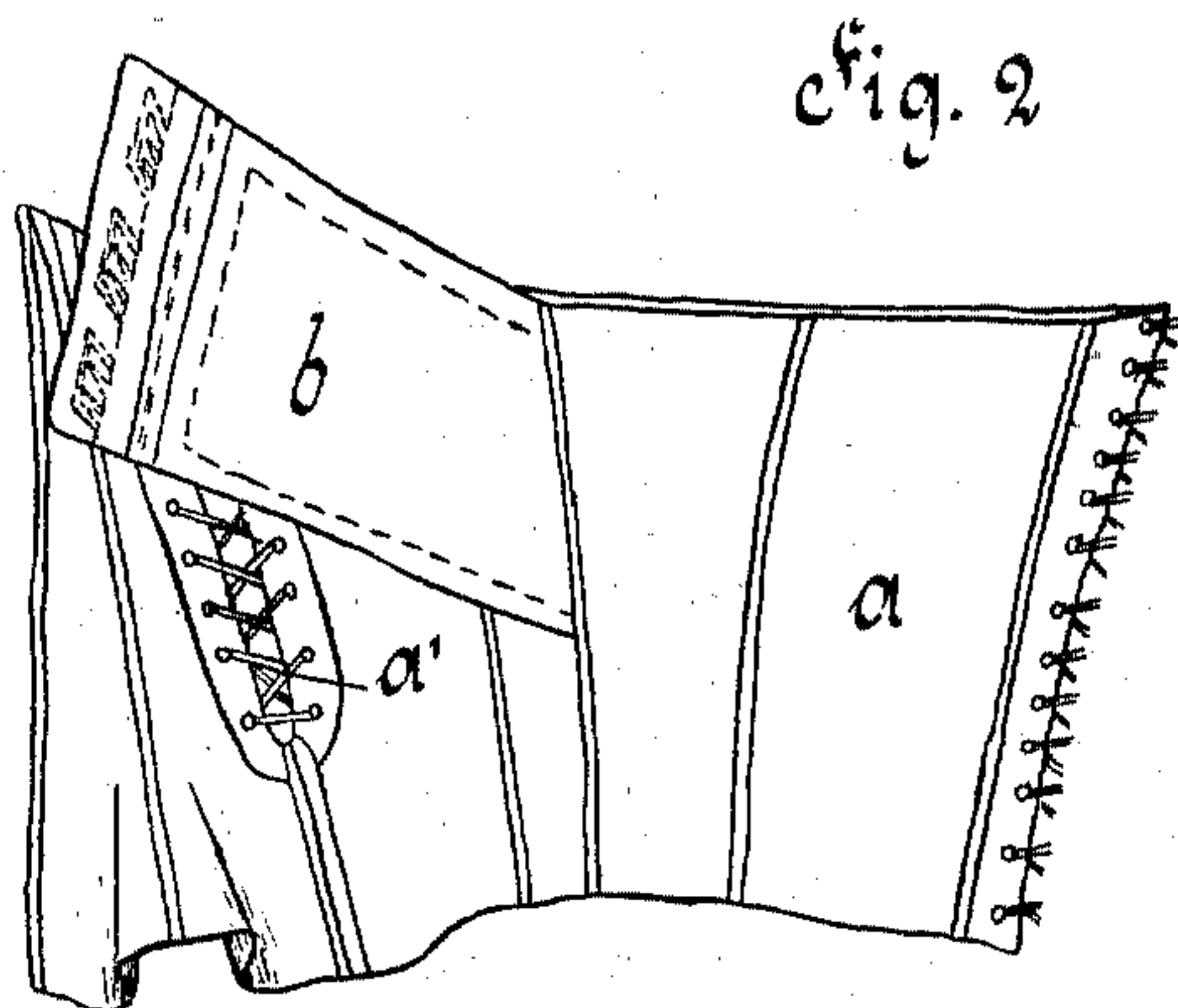
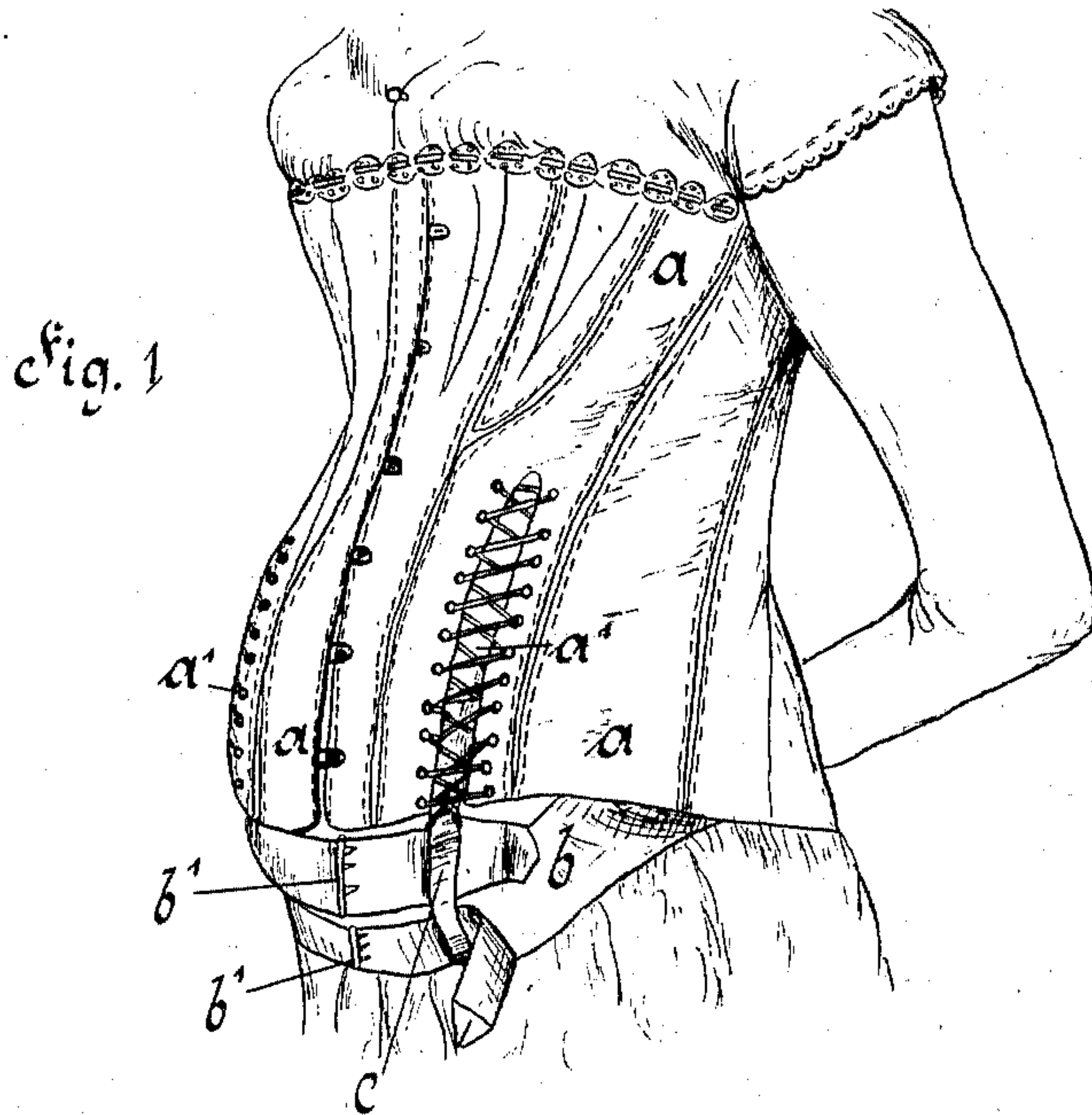


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELISE SCHENKEL, a citizen of the German Empire, residing at Östliche Karl-Friedrich Strasse 6, in the town of Pforzheim, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, have invented new and useful Improvements in Corsets, entitled "Abdominal Supporters," of which the following is a specification.

The subject of the present application consists, in the first place, of a comfortable yet well-fitting corset made adjustable to the varying exigencies of the female figure, particularly to those inseparable to the condition of a married woman; but the most important feature is the combination, with such corset, of inner hip-bands to which supporting-straps are attached, so that all abdominal weight and drag is completely eased and the tender vital parts involved built up and relieved of strain. Female experts who have undergone maternity or who have been afflicted with actual prolapse of the uterus or a constitutional proclivity thereto will best gage the immense value to their suffering sex of this simple and sufficient invention.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings this adaptable corset and its combinations are displayed in two figures.

Figure 1 gives a perspective view of same when in use. Fig. 2 exhibits a view of the interior of the corset turned upside down, so as to clearly show how the hip-bands are attached at their upper ends.

To provide a corset which shall set well and be comfortable through the varying dimensions of the female figure during pregnancy or to meet its other peculiar needs in this direction, the corset *a* is divided at each side of its front panel by a long open slit *a'*. Such slits run up to half the depth of the corset. They are bordered by eyelet-holes. Laces pass through these eyelet-holes, and thus the front part of the corset is let out or drawn in as occasion demands, so that its dimensions shall suit the dimensions of the wearer.

The hips are caused to furnish what resistance is required in effecting a complete support of the abdominal parts. This is attained by the use of two broad hip-bands. They are firmly fastened by their upper ends to the interior hinder part of the corset at right angles to its ribs, thus occupying so much of its height at the point of juncture as the width of such upper ends. This arrangement of the hip-bands is made relatively to the length (or depth) of the corset and the figure of its wearer. Consequently each hip-band can be brought over forward, resting on the hips down toward the anterior part of the abdomen, adapted in shape to the contours of the figure. On the lower end of one hip-band *b* buckles are fixed. To the lower end of the opposite hip-band a plurality of supporting-straps *b'*, corresponding to the number of buckles, are attached. These supporting-straps are drawn through the buckles, when a complete and most grateful support of the abdominal parts is secured. The ends of the supporting-straps may be prevented from hanging under by passing them through the loop *c*.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a corset having an extensible slit *a'* at each side of its front panel and made adaptable to the changing dimensions of the female figure and to furnish a complete support for the abdominal parts, the combination of two broad hip-bands *b* fastened along the width of their upper ends to the hinder interior portions of said corset at each side at right angles to its ribs and buckles and supporting-straps *b'* attached to the lower ends of such hip-bands, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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