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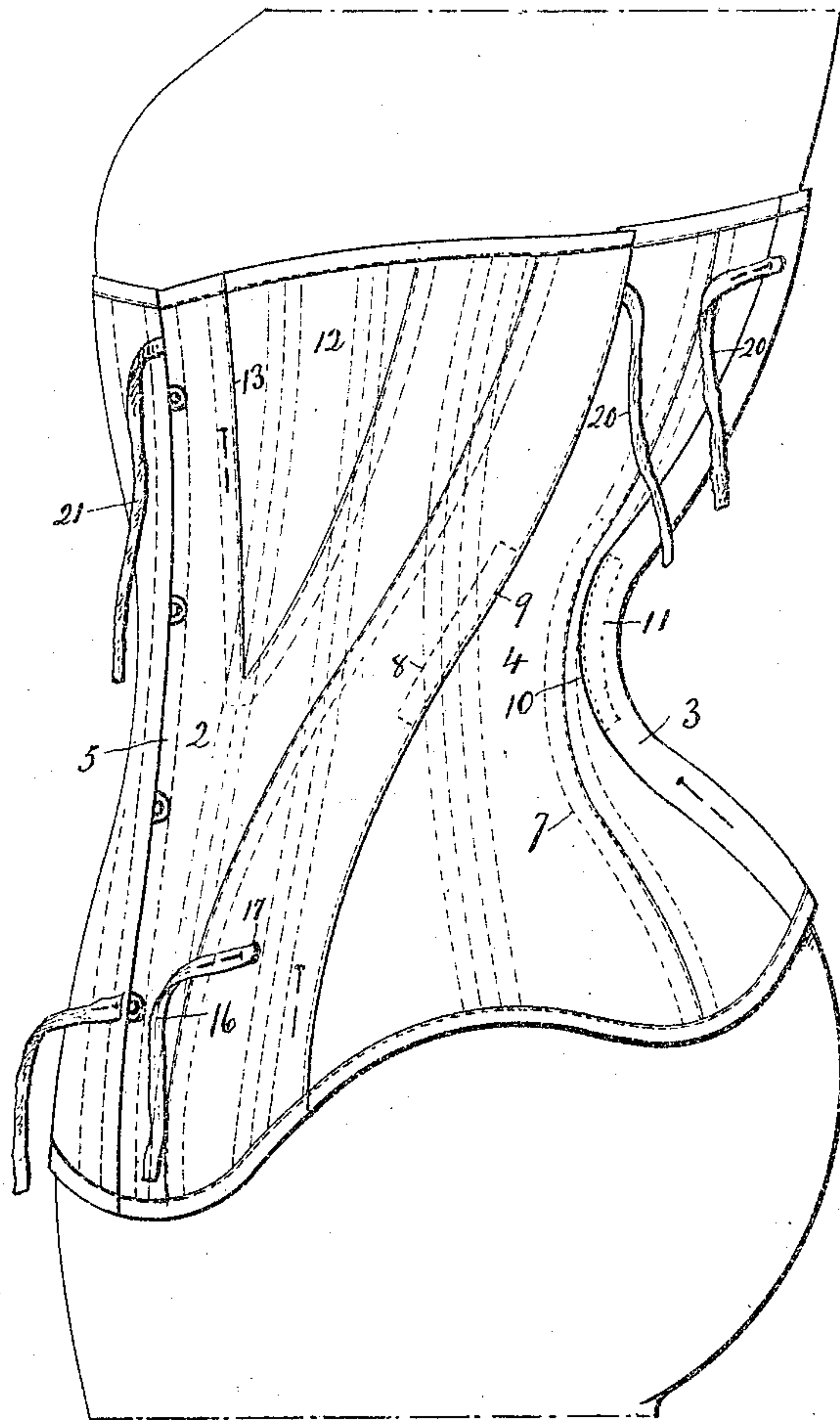
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*Fig. 1*



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Fig. 2

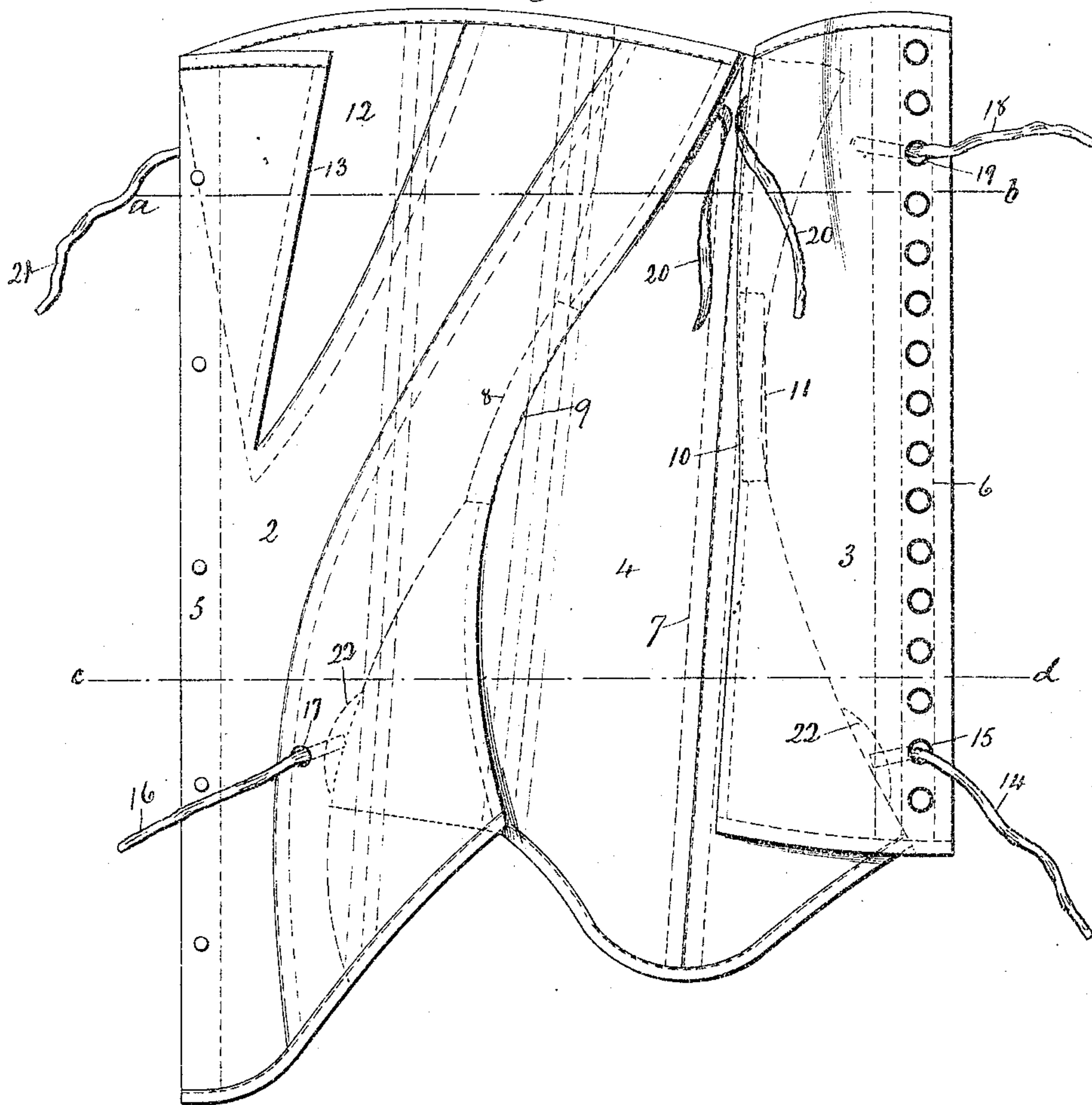


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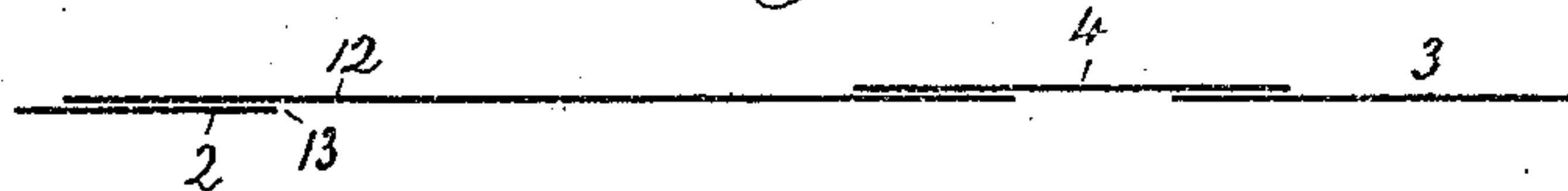


Fig. 4



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM F. BROOKS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the characters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of a pair of corsets constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a side view of one-half of a corset laid flat; Fig. 3, a sectional view on the line *a b* of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a sectional view on the line *c d* of Fig. 2.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets. At the present time a large number of corsets are custom-made or made to order—that is, they are cut and fitted to the person by whom they are intended to be worn—and such custom-made corsets are necessarily more expensive than regularly-made garments and can only be obtained in the larger cities. In fitting corsets there are certain lines which do not vary. Thus the waist-line may be determined without variation, and it is also required that the front edge of the corset should be straight, while the back and the side steels conform to the shape of the wearer and preferably lie in a vertical line, variations invariably occurring above or below the waist-line of the corset in contour or at the bust and hip lines.

The object of this invention is to furnish a garment partly finished and so that it may be readily fitted to the purchaser and finished by her; and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

The corset may be of any approved cut or number of sections; but for the purpose of illustration I have shown one comprising a front section 2, back section 3, and side section 4, the forward edge of the front section having the usual busk-strip 5, the edge of the rear section having a lacing-strip 6, and the side section having the usual vertical steel 7,

which extends over the hip. The front and back sections are permanently connected to the side section at the waist-line for a distance of two or three inches, as indicated by the double line of stitches 8, 9, 10, and 11, while the edges of the front and back section above the waist-line are simply turned in and stitched, it being understood that the upper and lower portions of the side sections are flaring, so as to provide an adequate amount of material. Preferably and as herein shown the forward portion of the bust-gore 12 is separated from the edge 13 of the upper front of the corset. At the rear edge of the lower portion of the side section I secure a tape 14, which is adapted to pass through one of the lacing-eyelets 15 in the strip 6, while to the forward edge of the side section is attached a tape 16, which is passed through an eyelet 17, formed in the front section 2. To the upper rear edge of the side section I attach a tape 18, which passes through an eyelet 19 in the back section 3. The rear edge of the front section at the top and the upper portion of the side section may be provided with tapes 20, by which they may be temporarily connected. The bust-gore 12 is also connected with a tape 21, which passes under the front edge of the corset and between the busk-strips. As a convenient means for securing the tapes to the sections and to give a better purchase for strain the ends of the tapes may be connected to strips 22 of material which may be stitched to the edge of the sections by a single-thread loop-machine, so that they may be conveniently removed. Corsets thus partially finished may be made in numbers and sold in the usual way from sizes determined by the waist-line. A corset thus partially finished is adjusted upon the wearer, securing the corset at the front and lacing the back to the desired tension. With the front and back thus adjusted, the side section 4 is then drawn so as to bring the steel 7 into proper alignment and temporarily held by the tapes. The bust-gore is also similarly drawn into position. When thus adjusted and fitted to the wearer, the temporarily overlapping edges of the sections are secured by pins or otherwise, the tapes removed, and then the edges permanently secured by stitching by hand or ma-



chine, which may be readily done, as none of the steels cross the seams to be made. When thus permanently connected, the garment has the appearance of a regularly-made corset with the advantage that it has been fitted to the figure of the wearer and possesses all of the advantages of a custom-made corset.

It will be apparent that instead of drawing the sections into place by the tapes they may be drawn with the fingers and temporarily secured by pins or otherwise until permanently stitched. It will also be apparent that in different cuts of corsets a different arrangement of overlapping sections will be required and the tapes will be necessarily arranged accordingly. I therefore do not wish to be understood as limiting the invention to the exact style of corset shown, but hold myself at liberty to make such changes therein as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

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

1. A corset having its sections united at a fixed line, portions of the sections beyond the fixed line overlapping the adjacent sections but detached therefrom and adapted to be connected therewith after fitting, substantially as described.

2. A corset having its sections permanently connected at the waist-line, portions of the sections beyond the waist-line overlapping the adjacent sections but detached therefrom and adapted to be connected therewith after fitting, substantially as described.

3. A corset having its sections permanently connected at the waist-line, the portions beyond the waist-line overlapping the adjacent sections but detached therefrom, and adapted to be connected therewith after fitting, tapes secured to the edges of the underlapped sections whereby those sections may be drawn into position, substantially as described.

4. A corset comprising front, back and side sections, the front and back sections united with the side sections at the waist-line, said front and back sections overlapping the side sections beyond the waist-line but detached therefrom, and means for drawing the said overlapping portions into the desired position for fitting, substantially as described.

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

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