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Fig. 1.

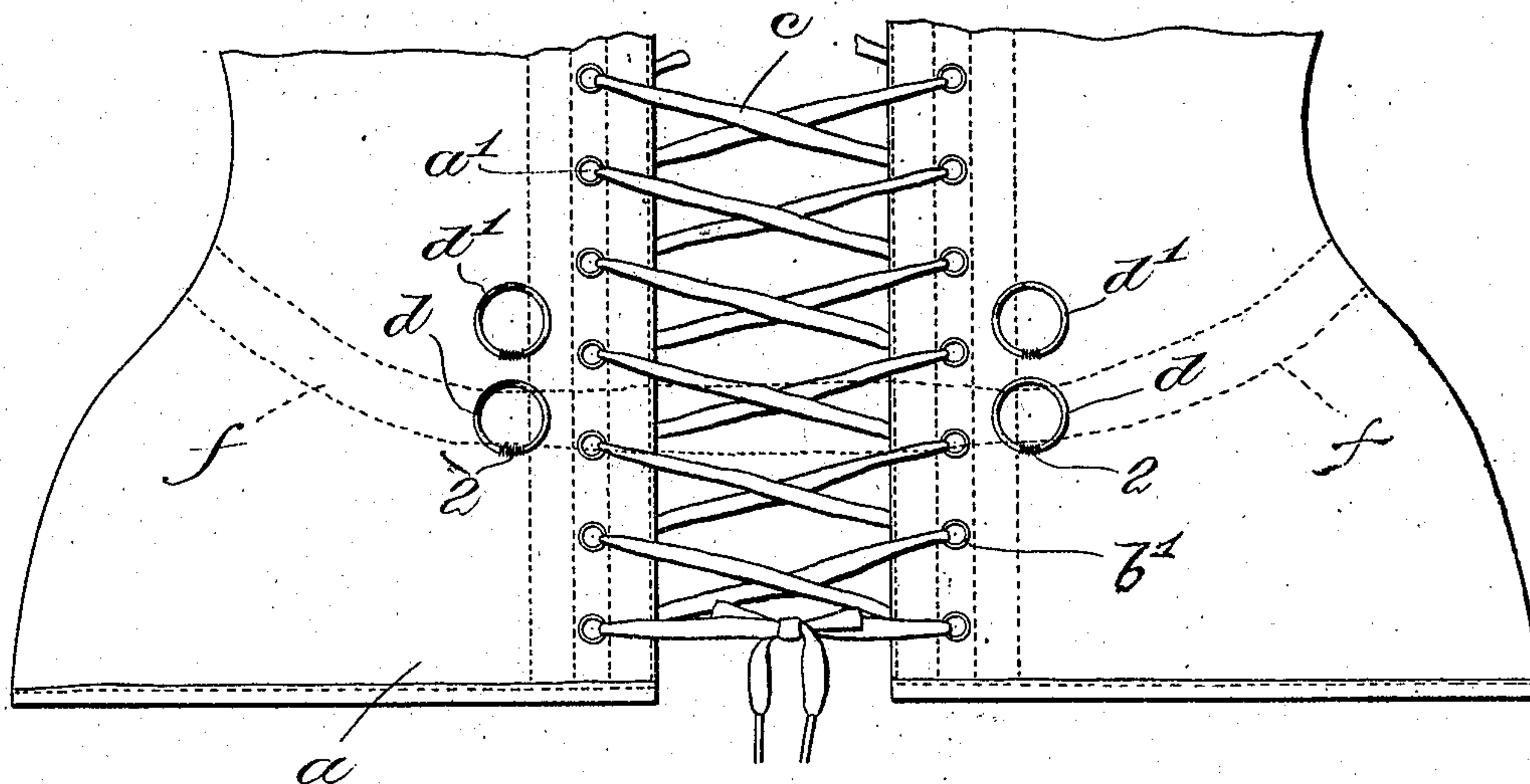


Fig. 2.

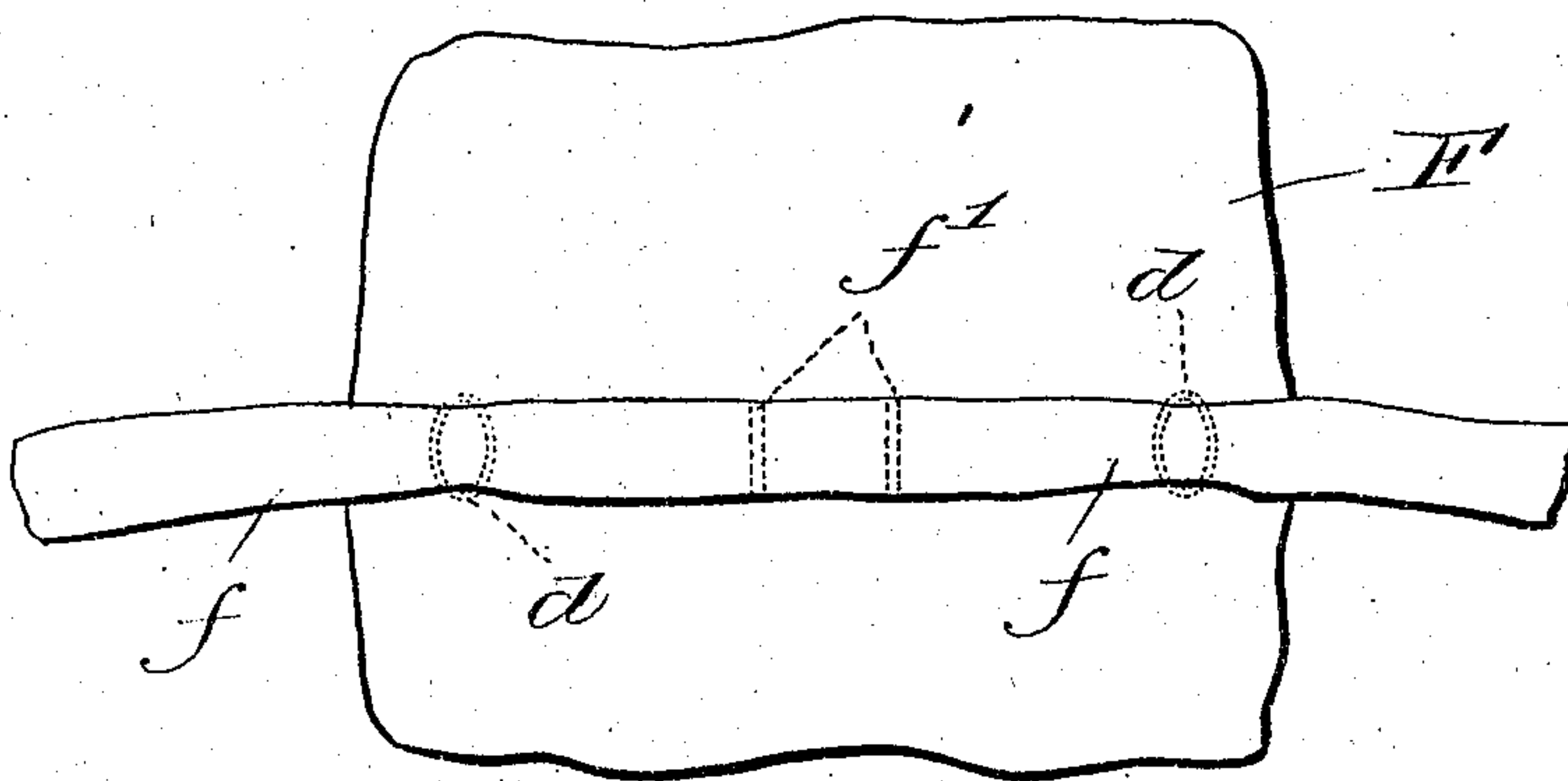
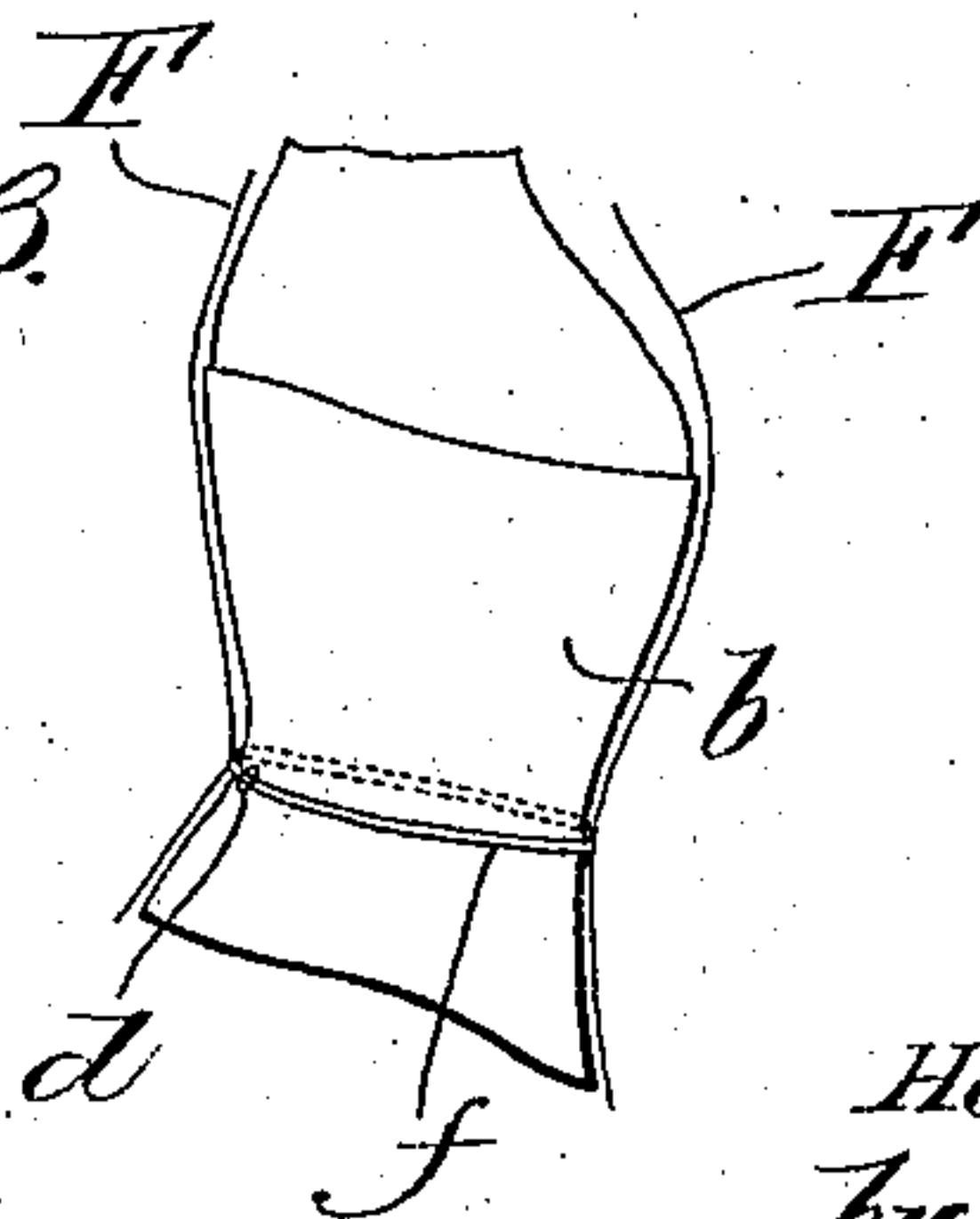


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HANNAH E. BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Magnolia, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Wearing-Apparel, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like characters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object the production of simple and efficient means for holding down in proper position upon the wearer the back of a shirt-waist, so that the latter will sit securely and will not rise or become displaced by the movement of the body.

Various devices have been provided to hold the back of a shirt-waist down, such as hook-and-eye devices, one member being fastened on the shirt-waist and the other on the waistband of the skirt, and in some cases a hook-like device on the waist has been arranged to hook under a belt. In many instances ordinary safety-pins are used to pin the back of the waist to the band of the skirt. All such devices must be attached externally to the shirt-waist and often are unsightly and cumbersome, safety-pins frequently tearing out and spoiling the fabric of the waist.

In accordance with my present invention I attach to the back of the shirt-waist, inside the same, a light flexible band or belt, such as strong tape, with its free ends long enough to go around the waist of the wearer and be tied together. The corsets or stays are provided at the back with suitable downholding means to cooperate with such flexible band near its point of attachment to the waist to thereby securely hold down the waist at the back from the inside thereof.

The novel features of my invention will be fully described in the subjoined specification and particularly pointed out in the following claims.

Figure 1 is a back view of a pair of corsets or stays broken out at the top and provided with downholding means in accordance with one form of my invention. Fig. 2 is an inner side view of a portion of the back of a shirt-waist, showing a portion of the flexible retaining-belt or band; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing the corsets in use, with the shirt-waist in outline, showing the mode of using the retaining or downholding device.

Referring to Fig. 1, the two halves *a b* of a

pair of corsets or stays of any usual construction are connected at the back by the usual lacing *c*, passed through eyelets *a' b'* near the back upright edges of the two halves. On the latter, at suitable points near their upright edges, I attach suitable downholding means, herein shown as rings *d*, and herein the rings are illustrated as attached at their lower portions, as by stitching 2, so that when in use the rings will lie flat against the corset. A second pair of similar rings *d'* may be attached in like manner above the first pair to thereby afford means at different heights to cooperate with the flexible band *f* of the shirt-waist *F*, Figs. 2 and 3. This band or belt *f* may conveniently be a stout tape or narrow ribbon of the requisite length, secured at *f'*, Fig. 2, to the back of the shirt-waist on the inside. When the corsets are adjusted on the wearer, the shirt-waist is put on, and the free ends of the band *f* are passed through the two rings *d* or *d'*, as the case may be, and the ends of the band are drawn taut around the waist of the wearer and tied together. The position of the corsets is permanent and secure, and by drawing the ends of the band *f* taut the same travels through the downholding rings and pulls the back of the shirt-waist firmly to the desired position and retains it in such position, without any dependence on the shirt or on any external belt. It will be manifest that the positioning means for the shirt-waist is wholly concealed and is always ready for use.

Instead of rings any suitable devices may be attached to the corsets or stays provided they properly engage with the cooperating means on the shirt-waist. I have found the rings to be entirely satisfactory, and by attaching them as shown the upward pull thereon by the band *f* causes the rings to lie flat against the corsets.

By providing a plurality of sets of downholds I can use that set which most readily and properly acts to impart the desired fit and position to the back of the shirt-waist, basque, or other similar covering for the body of the wearer.

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

1. In wearing-apparel, a pair of corsets or stays, and downholding means attached to the back of and independent of the fastening devices thereof adapted to cooperate with a

flexible band secured to the back of a shirt-waist on the inside thereof, to retain the back of the shirt-waist in position.

2. In wearing-apparel, a pair of corsets or stays, and downholding rings attached thereto at the back and adapted to receive the free ends of a flexible band secured to the back of a shirt-waist, whereby when the band is drawn taut the back of the shirt-waist will be held
10 down in position.

3. In wearing-apparel, a shirt-waist having a flexible band attached to its back on the inside, the free ends of the band being adapted

to be tied about the waist of the wearer, a pair of corsets or stays, and rings secured to 15 the halves thereof at the back, to receive the ends of the flexible band, whereby the back of the shirt-waist may be drawn down to place and held.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 20 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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