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Fig. 1.

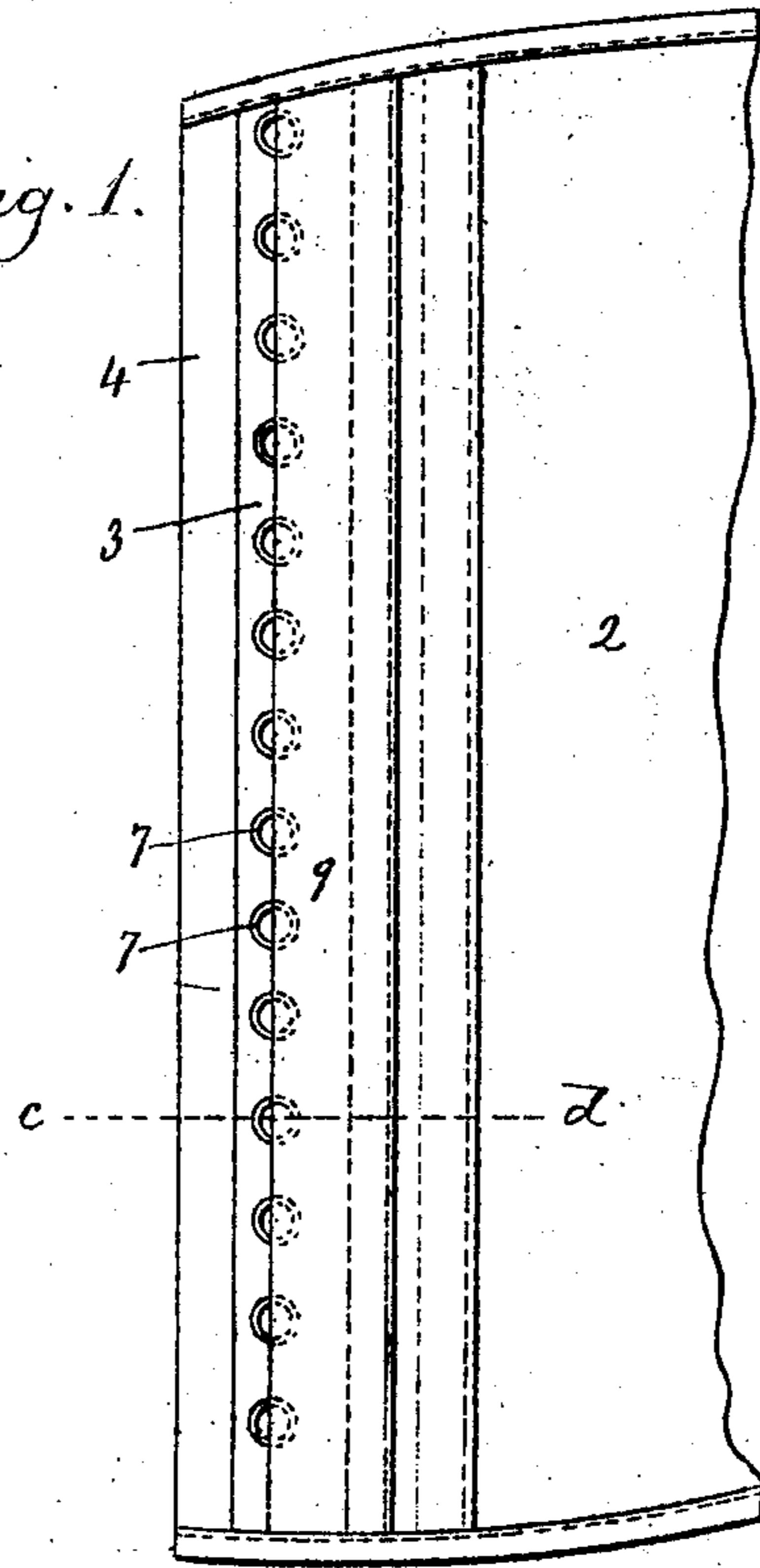


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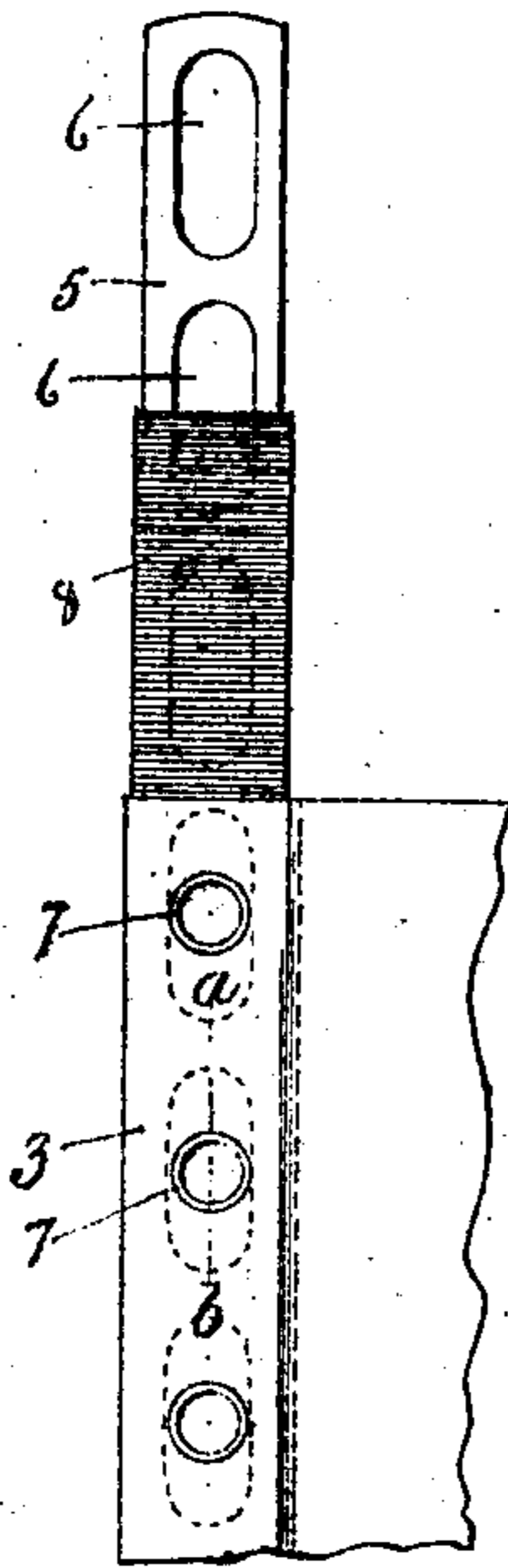


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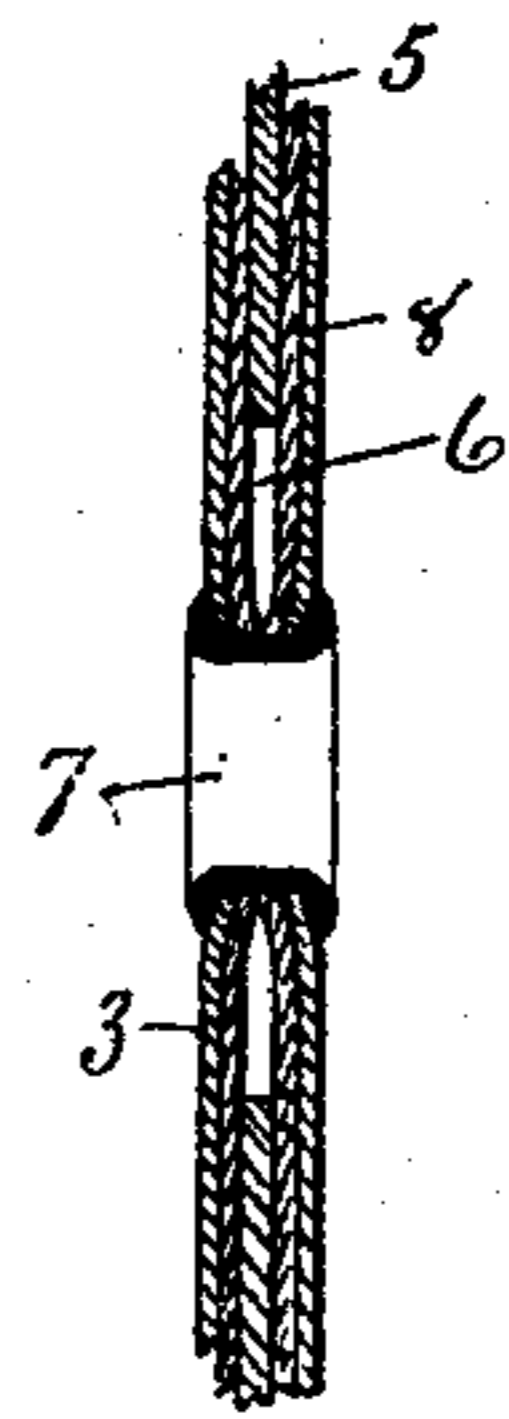
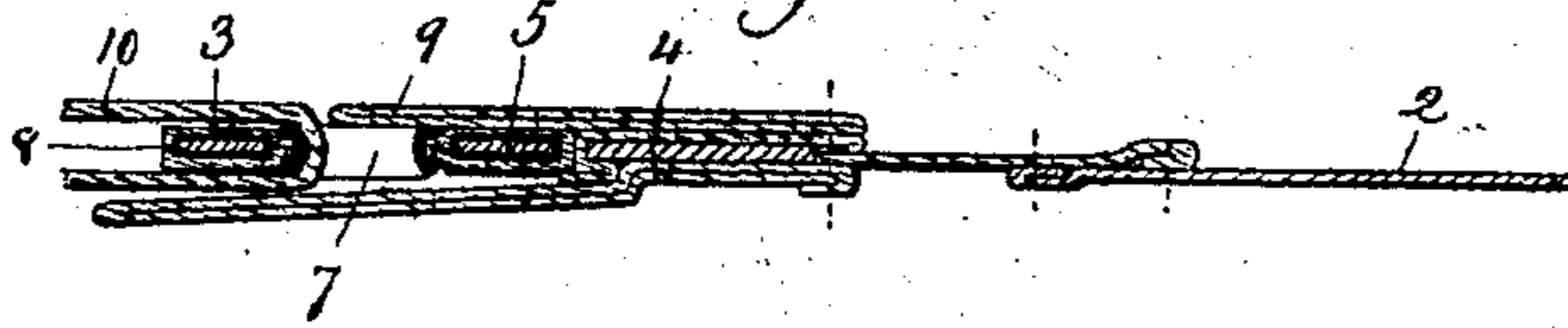


Fig. 4.



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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 numerals 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, an inside view of the rear edge of one-half of a corset constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, a face view of a portion of the lacing-strip, showing a portion of the steel exposed, a portion provided with lining, and a portion as inclosed in the strip; Fig. 3, a sectional view on the line *a b* of Fig. 2, enlarged; Fig. 4, a sectional view on the line *c d* of Fig. 1, enlarged.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, and particularly to the lacing-strips therefor, the object of the invention being to provide a flap on the inside of the corset extending partially over the eyelets and of a thickness corresponding substantially to the thickness of the lacing, so that the lacing will not form an uneven surface; and the invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claim.

The body 2 of the corset may be of any approved design having a lacing-strip 3 and, if desired, an external flap 4, extending over the lacing-strip and so as to cover the same, a feature common in corsets. In the lacing-strip 3 is a steel 5, formed with a series of openings 6, these openings being wider than the diameter of the eyelets 7 and much longer than the diameter of an eyelet. Preferably these steels will be covered by a lining 8, of cloth or paper, before they are inserted into the usual pocket formed in the edge of the lacing-strip. After insertion into the strip the eyelets are set, the eyelets passing through the slots 6, and as those slots are greater in dimensions than the dimensions of the eyelets it follows that the eyelets will be closed down upon the lacing-strip and the lining 8 and so as to be substantially flush with the edges of the lacing-strip—that is, the

edges of the eyelets may be brought so close together that they are but little thicker when set than the adjacent surfaces of the lacing-strip. Another advantage of making the openings in the steel longer than the diameter of the eyelets is that the possibility of having the eyelets strike the steel when being set is avoided.

It will be apparent without further illustration that, if desired, the openings 6 in the steel may be elongated to such an extent that two or more eyelets may be placed through the same opening. In fact, for some purposes this may be very desirable, as the removal of the body of the steel to form the openings makes it more elastic. At the same time the edges of the opening prevent the eyelets from being torn out—that is, while the eyelets do not overlap the steel the steel which surrounds them takes the strain imposed upon them.

Secured to the inner face of the corset in rear of the lacing-strip is a fly 9, the edge of which extends over the eyelets 7 somewhat beyond their centers, as shown in Fig. 4. This fly is of material corresponding substantially in thickness to the lacing 10, so that the lacing passing through the eyelets between the outer edges thereof and the outer edges of the fly will be substantially flush with the exposed face of the fly, or, in other words, the fly will hold the lacing-strip away from the body, so that the lacing will not form ridges or uneven surfaces to press against the body. At the same time the flies will not interfere with the free movement of the lacings.

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

A corset comprising a lacing-strip having lacing-eyelets therein, and a fly secured to the inner face of the corset and extending toward the edge thereof and partially overlapping the said eyelets the outer portions of which are exposed, substantially as described.

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

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