

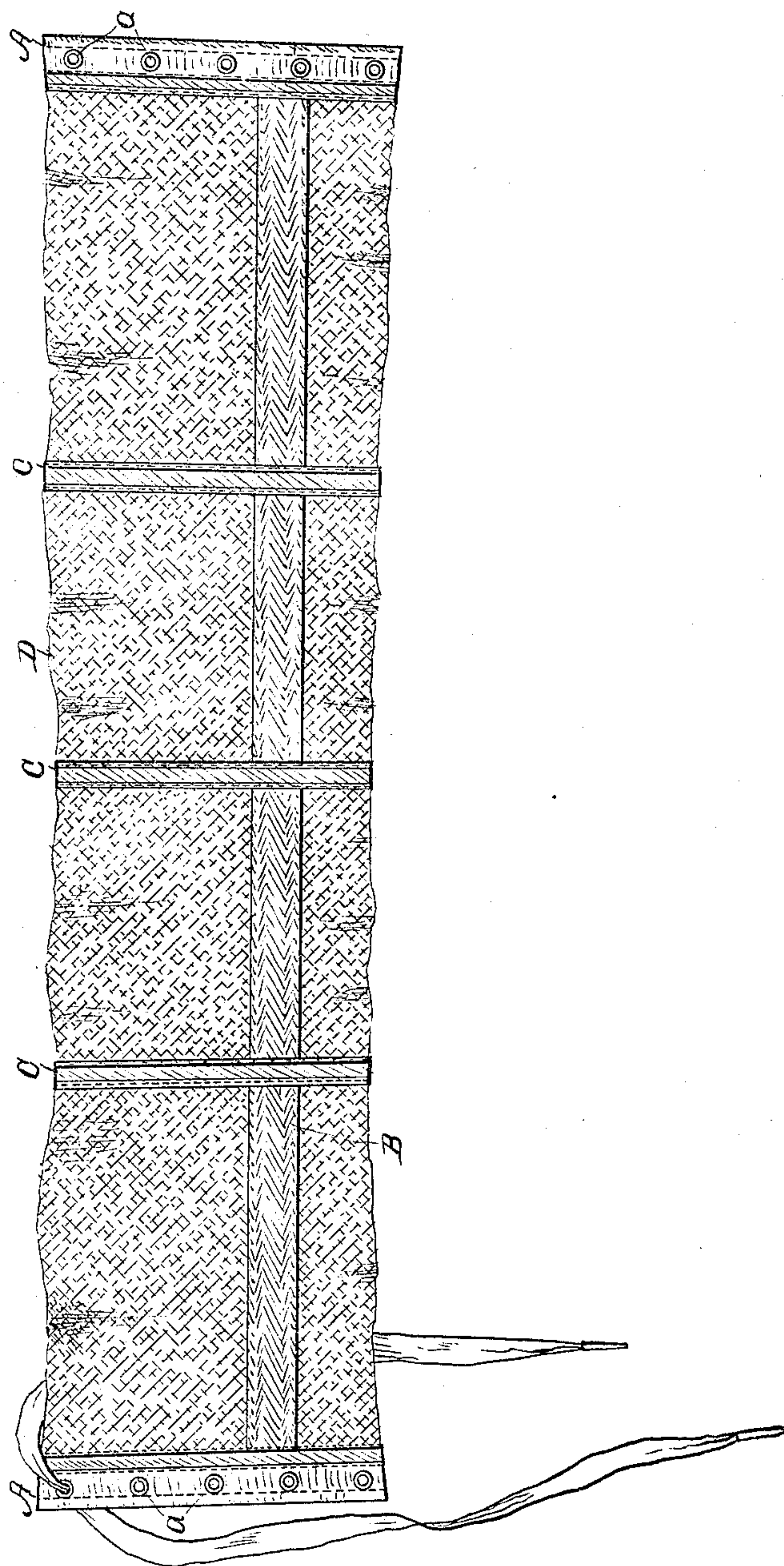
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. LACKEY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Mount Vernon, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Girdles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in girdles for women's wear.

The object of this invention is to provide an improved girdle which is light and comfortable for the wearer and one which at the same time produces desirable results and is strong and durable.

Further objects and objects relating to structural details will definitely appear from the detailed description to follow.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by the devices and means described in the following specification.

The invention is clearly defined, and pointed out in the claims.

A structure embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which the figure is a plan view of my improved girdle extended.

Referring to the drawing, the vertically-arranged end pieces A are secured to the ends of a tape or band B. This tape or band B is adapted to be located at the waist-line of the wearer and is comparatively narrow. To this band or tape B are secured the vertically-arranged cross-pieces C. The end pieces A and cross-pieces C are resilient stiffening-blades, preferably the stiffening material known as "featherbone," as such stiffening material is light, resilient, and very durable.

The end pieces A are provided with suitable eyelets, as *a*, to receive a suitable lacing-cord. To these end pieces, band, and the cross-pieces described I secure a body or covering D. This is preferably done by stitching throughout, so that the covering is very firmly united. This body D is made of a strip of some loosely-woven fabric which is cut on the bias, so that it readily yields to give some fullness to the girdle at the top and bottom, as appears from the drawing, and, further, it permits it to conform to the body of

the wearer. I find crinoline to be entirely satisfactory for this body or covering, and it is preferred by some, as it has some stiffness in itself.

It is evident that my improved girdle is very light and at the same time the parts are so arranged that the strain is brought on the comparatively strong portions, so that it is very durable. The same is very economical to produce, as it requires practically no skill in shaping, and I still secure a girdle which fits the figure perfectly, and the material entering therein is comparatively cheap. It is evident that, as before remarked, any suitable ornamental covering may be added or the same may be changed, as desired.

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

1. In a girdle, the combination of a narrow band or tape; vertically-arranged end pieces having eyelets therein secured to said band; vertically-arranged cross-pieces secured to said band, said end and cross pieces consisting of resilient stiffening-blades; and a loosely-woven fabric body or covering secured to said band, end and cross pieces, said fabric being cut on the bias, for the purpose specified.

2. In a girdle, the combination of a narrow band or tape; vertically-arranged end pieces secured to said band; vertically-arranged cross-pieces secured to said band, said end and cross pieces consisting of resilient stiffening-blades; and a loosely-woven fabric body or covering secured to said band, end and cross pieces, said fabric being cut on the bias, for the purpose specified.

3. In a girdle, the combination of a narrow band or tape; vertically-arranged end pieces having securing means thereon secured to said band; vertically-arranged cross-pieces secured to said band, said end and cross pieces consisting of resilient stiffening-blades; and a loosely-woven fabric body or covering, said fabric being cut on the bias, for the purpose specified.

4. In a girdle, the combination of a single narrow inelastic band or tape adapted to be arranged at the waist-line of the wearer;

means for connecting the ends of said tape;
vertically-arranged cross-pieces secured to
said tape, said cross-pieces consisting of re-
siliant stiffening-blades; and an elastic body
5 or covering secured to said band and cross-
pieces, for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my

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