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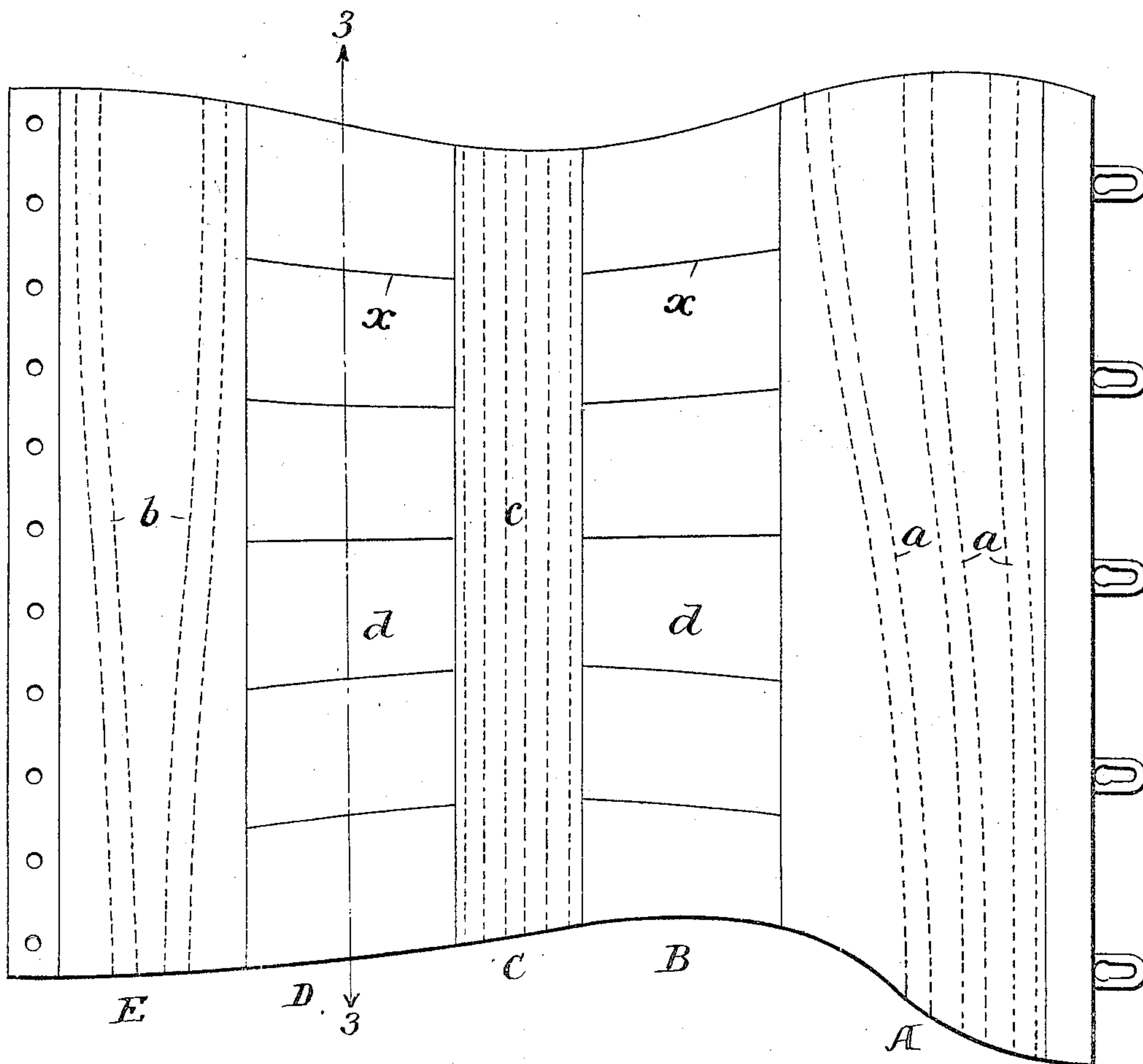
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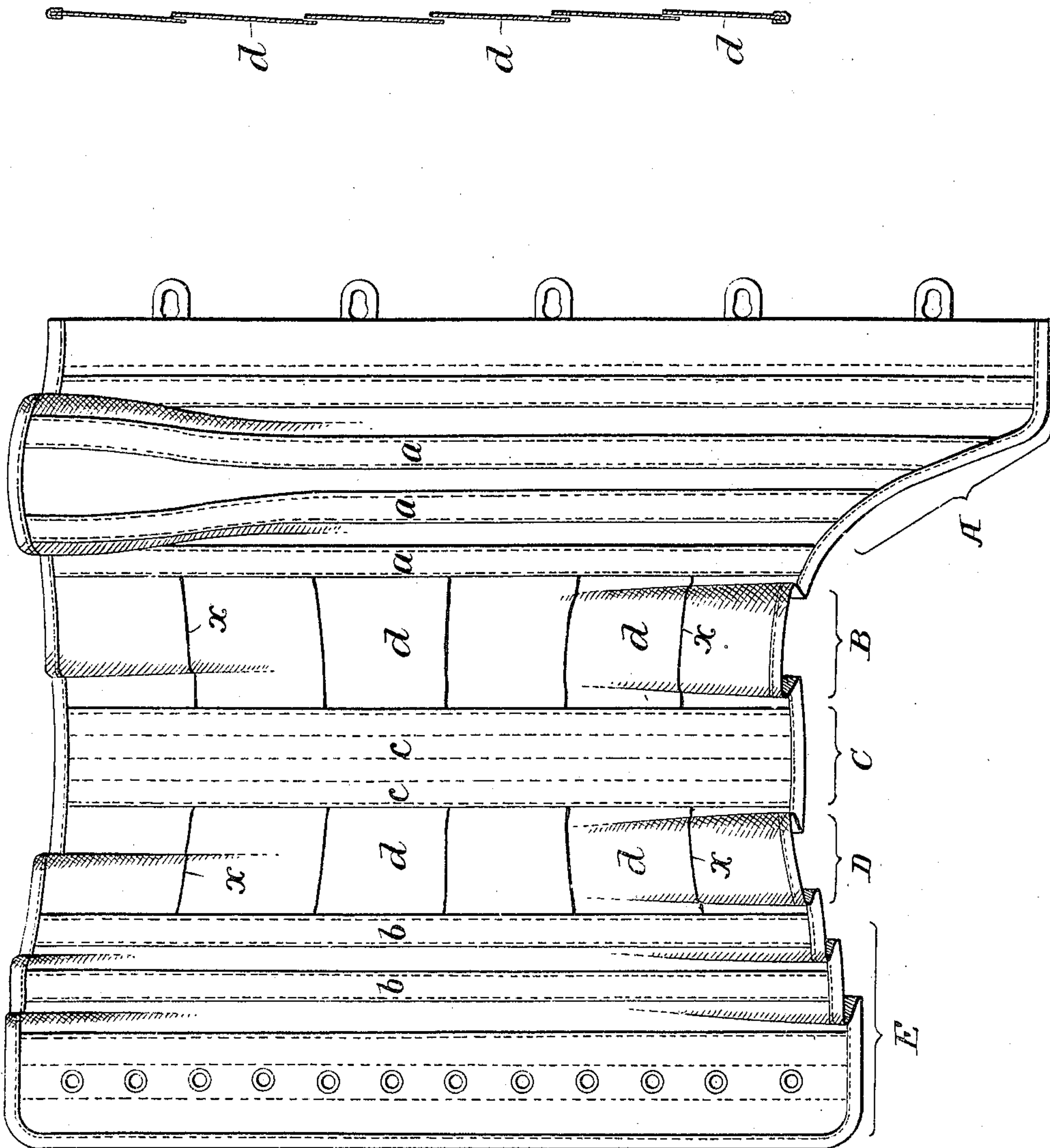


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DE VER H. WARNER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bridgeport, Fairfield county, and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore efforts have been made to produce a light summer corset by means of parallel or cross strips of tape supported at intervals by vertical bones with the usual hooks and lacing-strips at the front and back edges. Such corsets, while light and open, are lacking in stability and afford no substantial support for the figure, especially at the front. To overcome these objections, while securing a light ventilating structure, I have devised the construction shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a diagram illustrating the improved construction. Fig. 2 is a face view of one section of the improved corset; Fig. 3, a section on the line 3 3, Fig. 1.

Each side of the corset consists of boned sections A C E, the section A having the usual steel and hooks at the edge, being formed or cut to conform to the figure at the front with any suitable gores or wales and properly stiffened by any necessary number and arrangement of stiffening-ribs *a*. The back section E has the usual lacing-strip at the edge, is suitably formed to conform to the figure, and is stiffened by any desirable arrangement and character of stiffening-ribs *b*.

The central section C, which occupies a position at the side and over the hip, is generally of uniform width, with a suitable number of parallel stiffening-ribs *c*, although it may be otherwise formed and stiffened, as by a plurality of groups of ribs.

Between the sections A and C and C and E extend substantially horizontal flexible strips *d*, which are secured at the ends to the edges of the said sections, but are otherwise loose, and preferably overlap or are shingled, so that when the corset is on the body they present the appearance of a continuous piece with transverse lines. These strips *d* are of different lengths and are preferably not exactly parallel to each other, but diverge from the central horizontal line of the corset, as shown by the edge lines *x x*, Fig. 1, so that they constitute connecting-sections B D, which when the corset is worn fit closely to the body like the shaped continuous cloth

sections of an ordinary corset. I thus secure a corset which has all the supporting qualities of a regularly-made corset, the front and back sections being of such width and so stiffened as to secure all the stability required, while they are properly shaped to give the desired form to the figure, and the intermediate strip-sections, while non-stretchable around the figure, allow of such play as permits free movements of the muscles at the sides. The overlapping strips adjust themselves to the form at the sides and hips without crease or wrinkles, but being disconnected secure a ventilating quality not obtained by continuous cloth sections. The corset-section thus formed may be suitably trimmed.

Without confining myself to the proportions or character of corset-section shown or to any special arrangement of stiffeners, I claim—

1. The combination in a corset, of a front stiffened section shaped to conform to the contour of the body and provided with hooks, or fasteners, and a rear shaped and stiffened section provided with lacing means, a hip stiffened section, and intermediate transverse strips of inelastic material connected at the ends to the said sections, substantially as described.

2. The combination in a corset, of a front stiffened section shaped to conform to the contour of the body and provided with hooks, or fasteners, and a rear shaped and stiffened section provided with lacing means, a hip stiffened section, and intermediate overlapping transverse strips of inelastic material connected at the ends to the said sections, substantially as described.

3. The combination in a corset, of a front stiffened section shaped to conform to the contour of the body and provided with hooks, or fasteners, and a rear shaped and stiffened section provided with lacing means, a hip stiffened section, and intermediate transverse diverging strips of inelastic material connected at the ends to the said sections, substantially as described.

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

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