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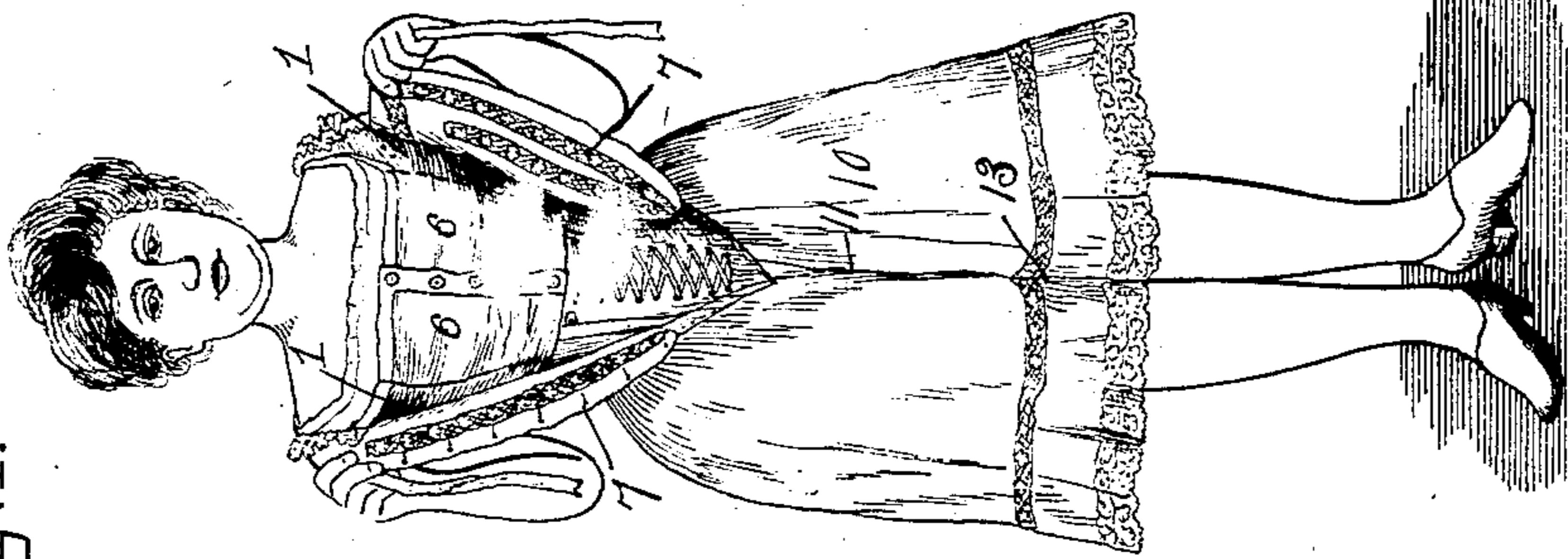


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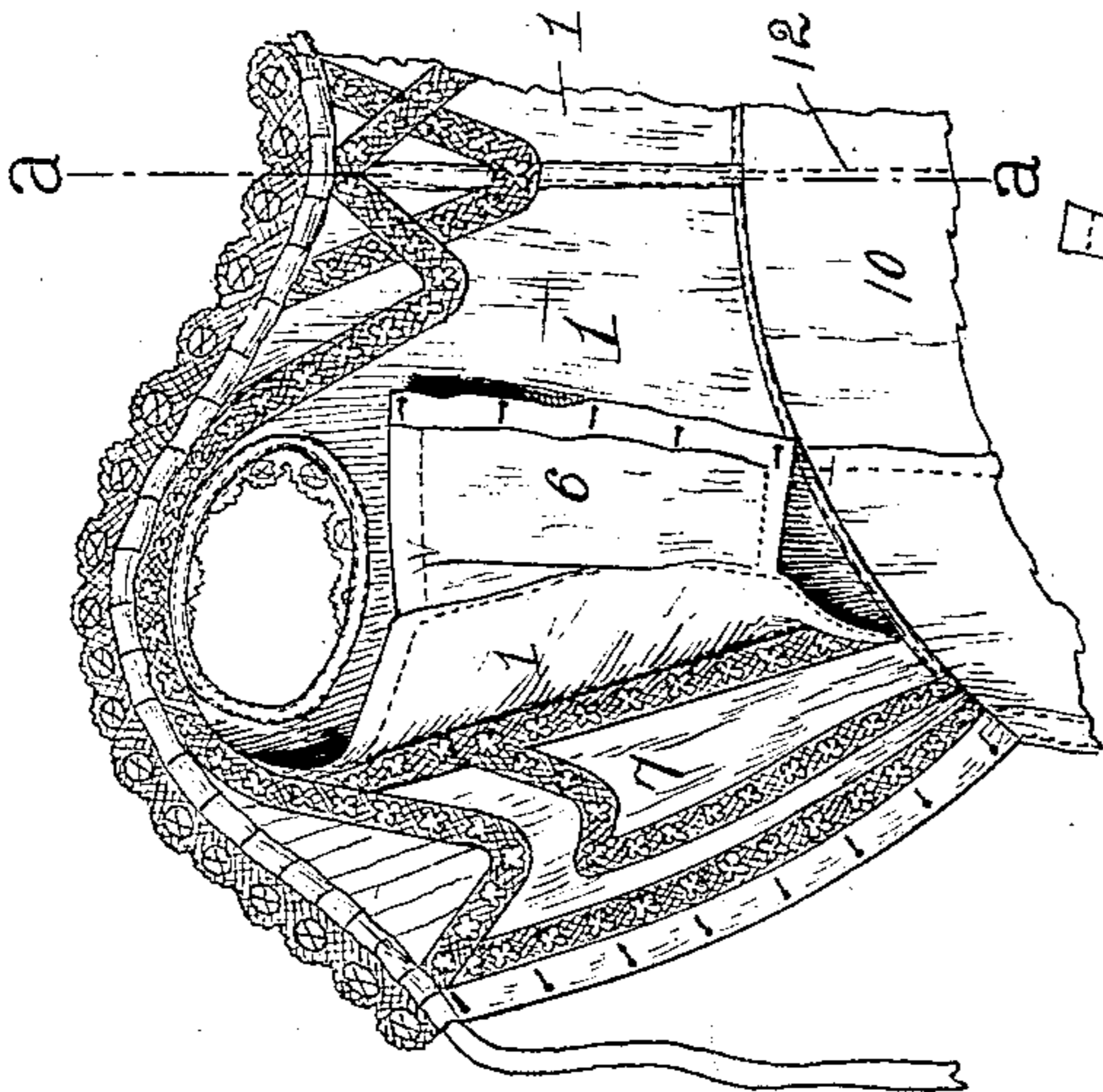


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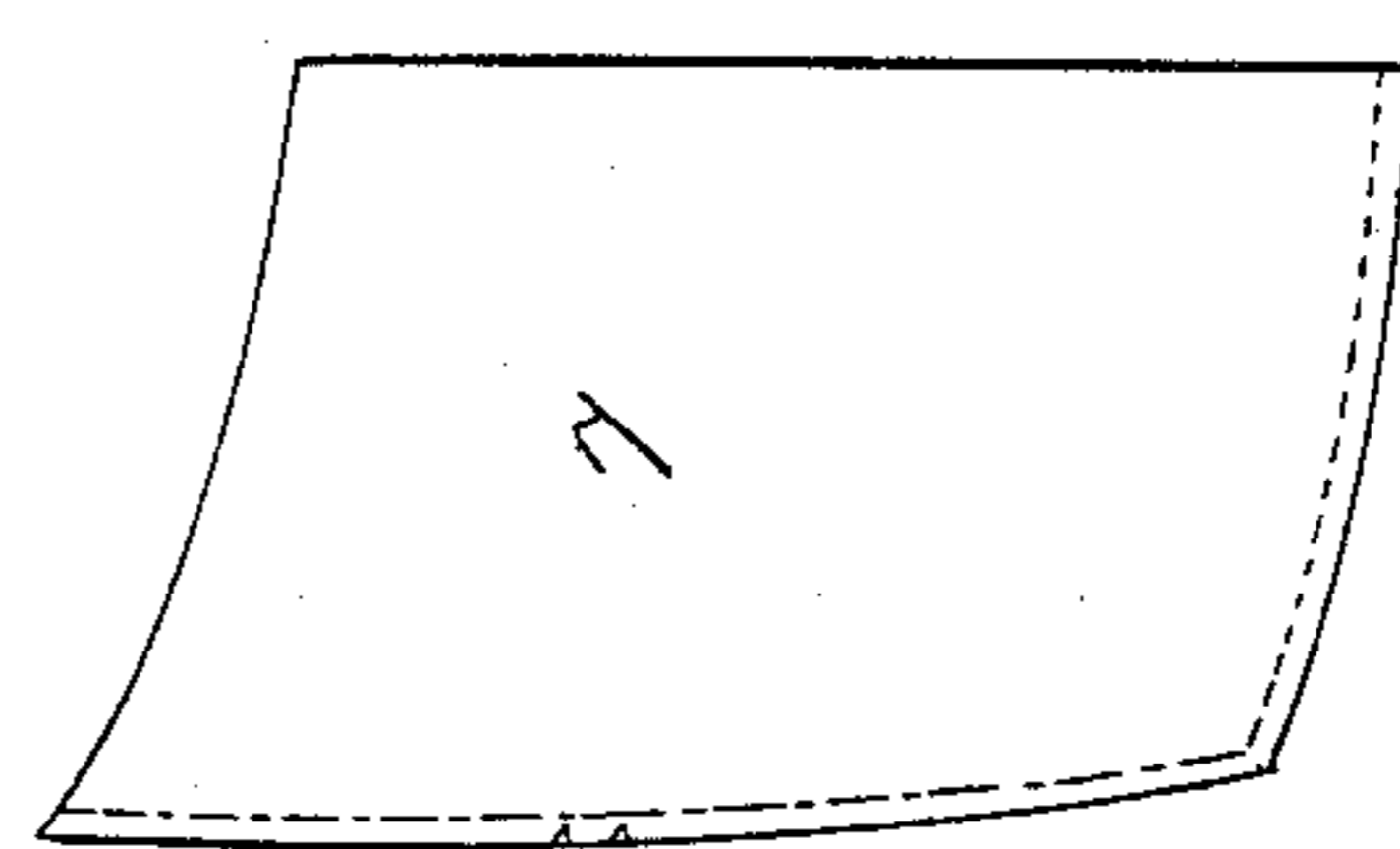
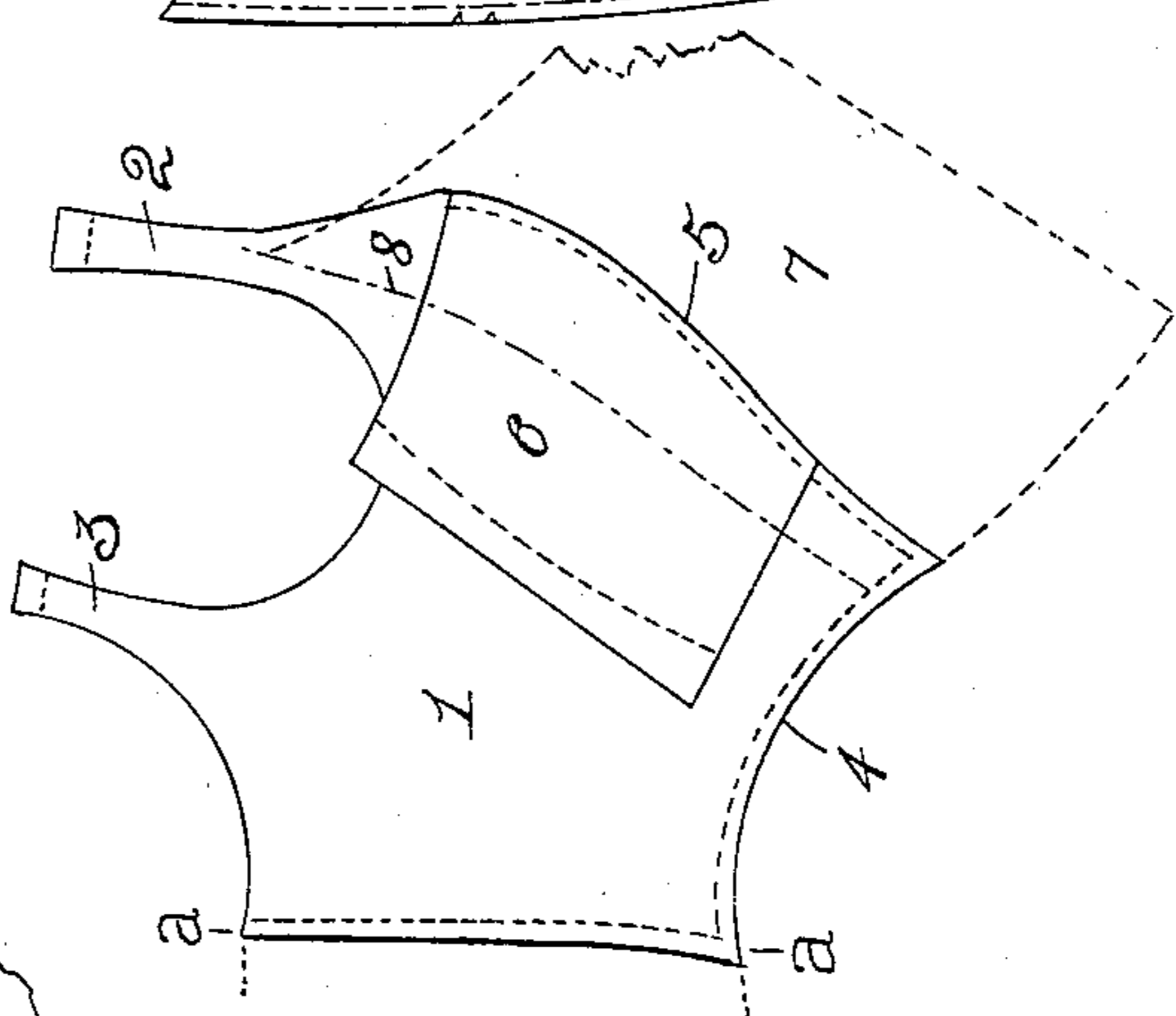


Fig. 3.



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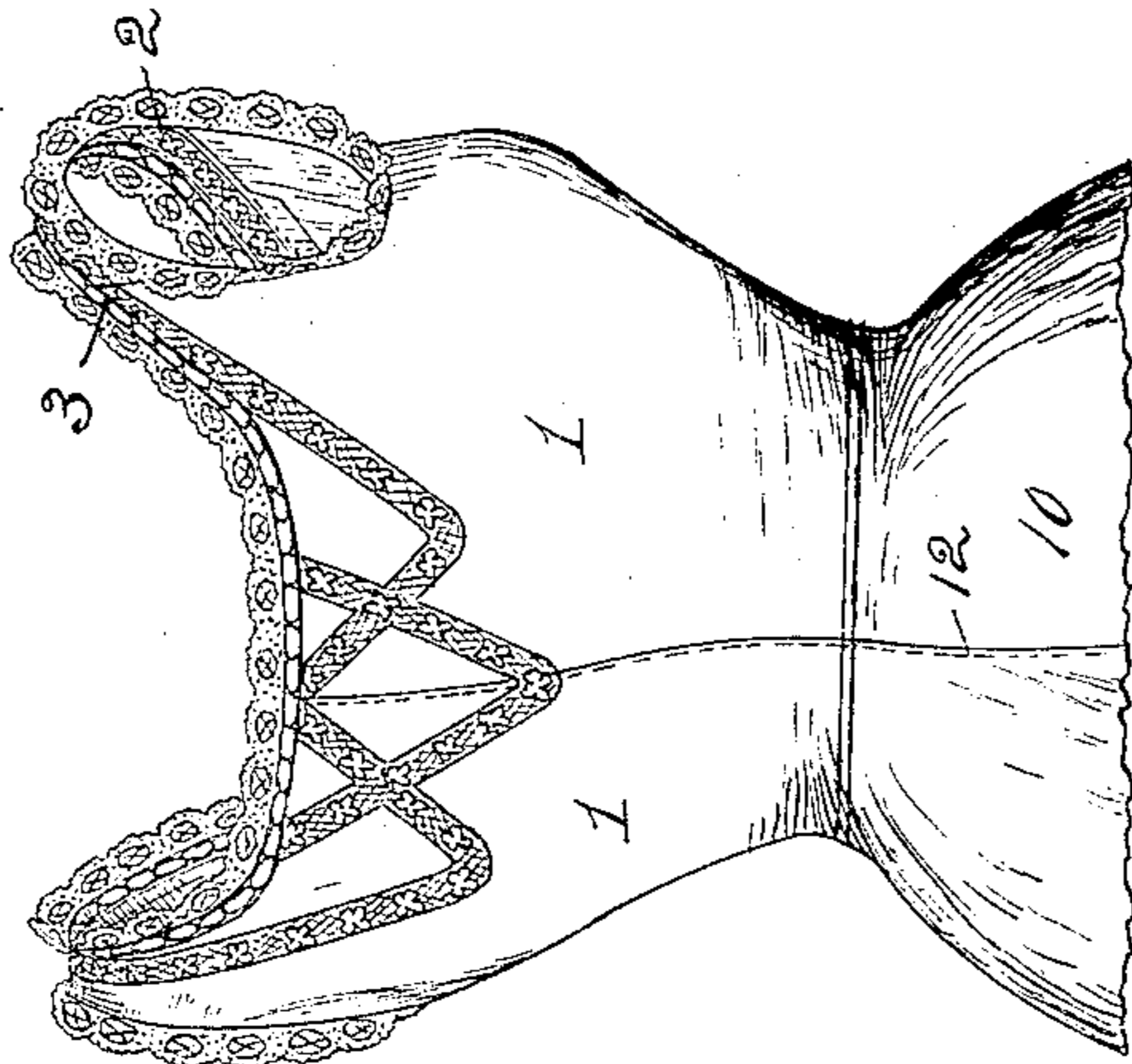
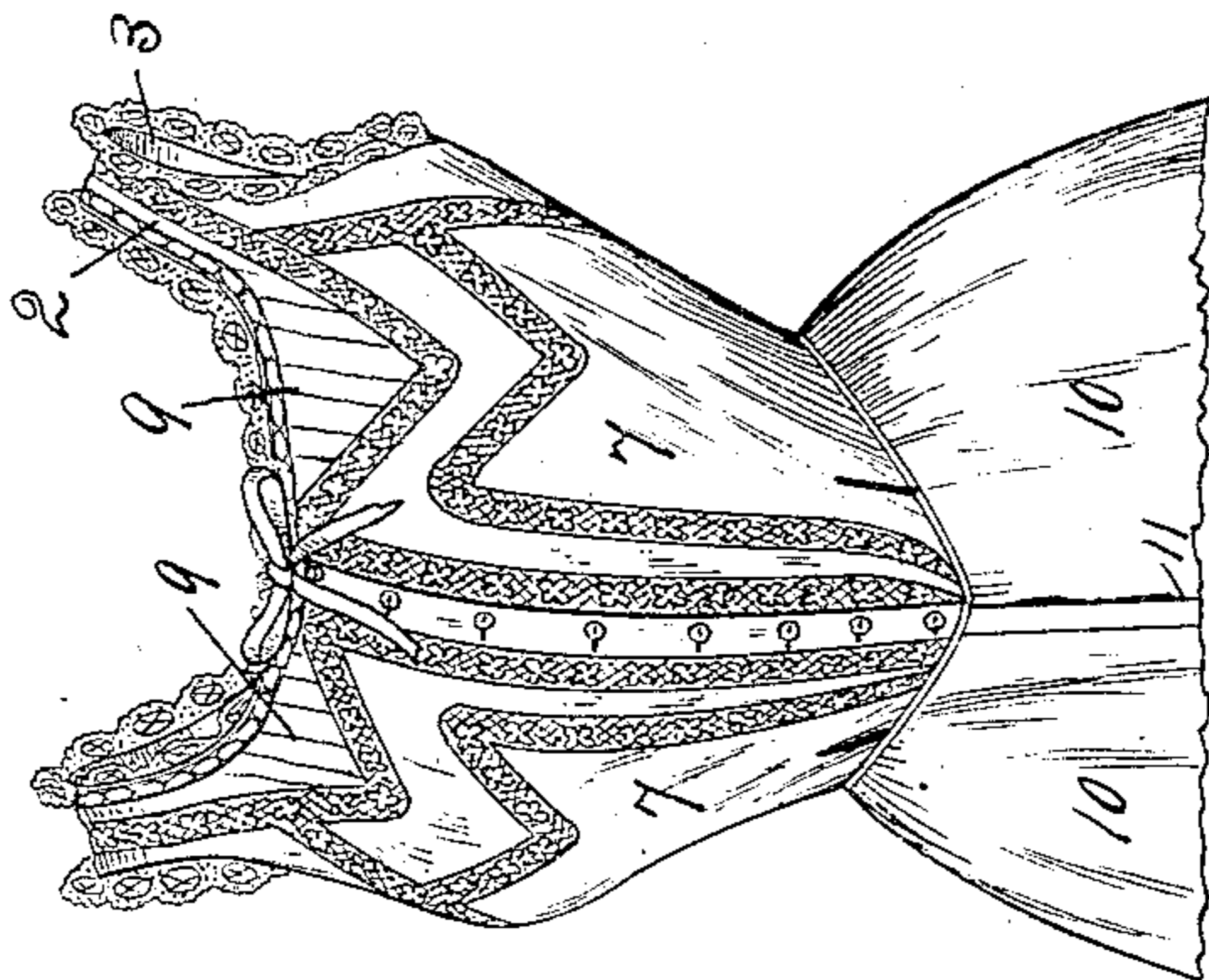


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE B. KEGG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Toledo, in the county of Lucas and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Combination-Undergarment; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to undergarments, and particularly to ladies' undergarments which combine several garments in one, and are all applied to the body in one operation.

The object of my invention is to provide a neat, graceful and perfect fitting undergarment for ladies which combines a corset-cover, bust-supporter, drawers and skirt in one piece, and which is of such novel construction and cut as to provide a practical, comfortable and commercially valuable garment.

The invention is fully described in the following specification, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which,—

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment embodying my invention applied to a figure with the front of the corset cover held open to disclose the bust-supporter fastened across the busts of the figure. Fig. 2 is an inner view of approximately one-half of the upper or waist portion of the garment, the center of the back being indicated by the line *a—b*. Fig. 3 is a plan of the pattern from which one-half the waist portion is made with one side of the corset-cover front shown in dotted lines. Fig. 4 is a plan of the pattern of one side of the corset-cover front, and Figs. 5 and 6 are front and back views, respectively, of the upper portion of the garment as it appears fitted to a form.

Referring to the drawings, 1, 1 designate the two like parts which form the major waist portion of the garment, each forming one half of the back and one side and being joined together by a seam down the back as designated at *a—b*.

Each part 1 is formed at its top with front and rear extensions 2 and 3, respectively, which join in a seam on the shoulder to form the usual shoulder straps, and is cut to form a bias under the arm, as shown. The latter feature is a very important one as it gives more freedom and comfort to the wearer and

lessens the liability of being torn due to the wearer raising her arm. The cutting of the portions 1 on a bias also forms a circle 4, at the waist line which takes away the fullness and makes it fit snugly at the waist without any gathers, and also eliminates the seam under the arm which adds to its simplicity.

The front edges of the parts 1, 1 are formed in substantially ogee curves so as to curve out over the busts and in at the waist as shown by the line 5. To these edges are attached the pieces 6, 6 which combine with the forward portions of the parts 1, 1 to form the bust-supporters, said pieces being adapted to button, or join together in any other suitable manner, in front. It is evident that this forms a waist that fits snugly around the back and sides and over the busts, thus holding the busts in place.

To the rear of the lines of attachment of the pieces 6, 6 to the parts 1, 1 are attached the pieces 7, 7 as along a line 8 in Fig. 3. These pieces form the front portions of the corset cover and are intended to fit loosely over the busts and to fasten together by buttons or otherwise. The fullness of the pieces 7, 7 allowed for the busts is taken in at the top by fine tucks or gathers, as at 9 in Fig. 5, to make a close fitting yoke, and the fullness of these parts at the waist line is taken in by darts, gathers or in any other suitable manner as may be desired.

The drawers, 10 are attached to the corset cover at the waist line and are cut full at the bottom to have the appearance of a skirt. While the drawers may be of any desired pattern, each leg preferably comprises a single piece which is joined to the other leg along central front and backseams 11 and 12, respectively, said two seams coinciding, as at a point 13, to form the separation of the leg holes. To facilitate the application of the garment to the body, the upper front portion of the drawers is slit, as shown in Fig. 1, to open with the front pieces 7, 7 of the corset-cover.

It will be seen that I have provided a single garment which practically forms an entire underwear outfit for ladies' use, as it combines in one a bust-supporter, a corset-cover, drawers and skirt, which, as a whole, may be easily and quickly applied to the wearer. Further, it will be observed that each half of the upper or waist portion of the garment comprises but three pieces which are so cut and attached to each other as to form, with

the other half, a snugly fitting bust-supporter and a loose front corset cover, which perfectly fit the form, lend freedom and comfort to the wearer and perform all of the functions of the usual separate piece bust supporter and corset cover.

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

10 In combination, in an undergarment, like major waist portions joined in a center back seam and extending forward to partially cover the busts, said portions being provided with extensions which join with seams to
15 form arm holes and being cut on a bias under such holes, and each having its forward edge cut in an ogee curve to form a bust line, a bust-supporter piece joined to the curved
20 edge of each waist portion and adapted to be detachably joined to the other bust piece,

a front corset-cover piece joined to each waist portion at the rear of its curved forward edge and adapted to detachably join with the other front piece to form a loose corset-cover front, and drawers attached to the waist-line 25 of the waist portions and front pieces and being cut full at the bottom to have the appearance of a skirt, each leg preferably comprising a single piece which is joined to the other leg along central front and back 30 seams respectively, said two seams coinciding at a point to form the separation of the leg holes, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name to this specification in the 35 presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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