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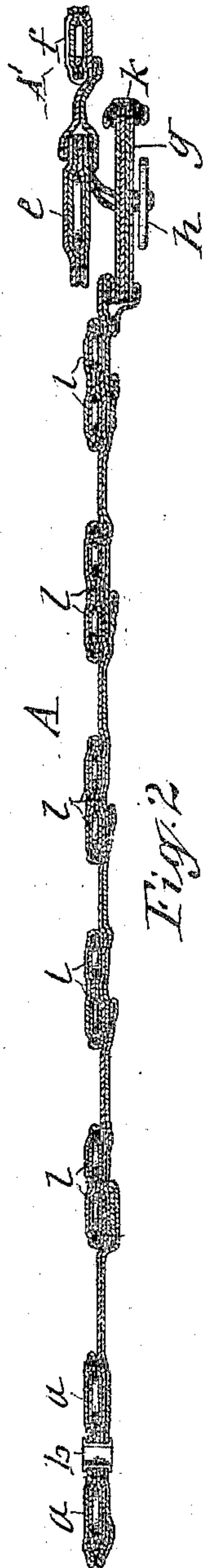
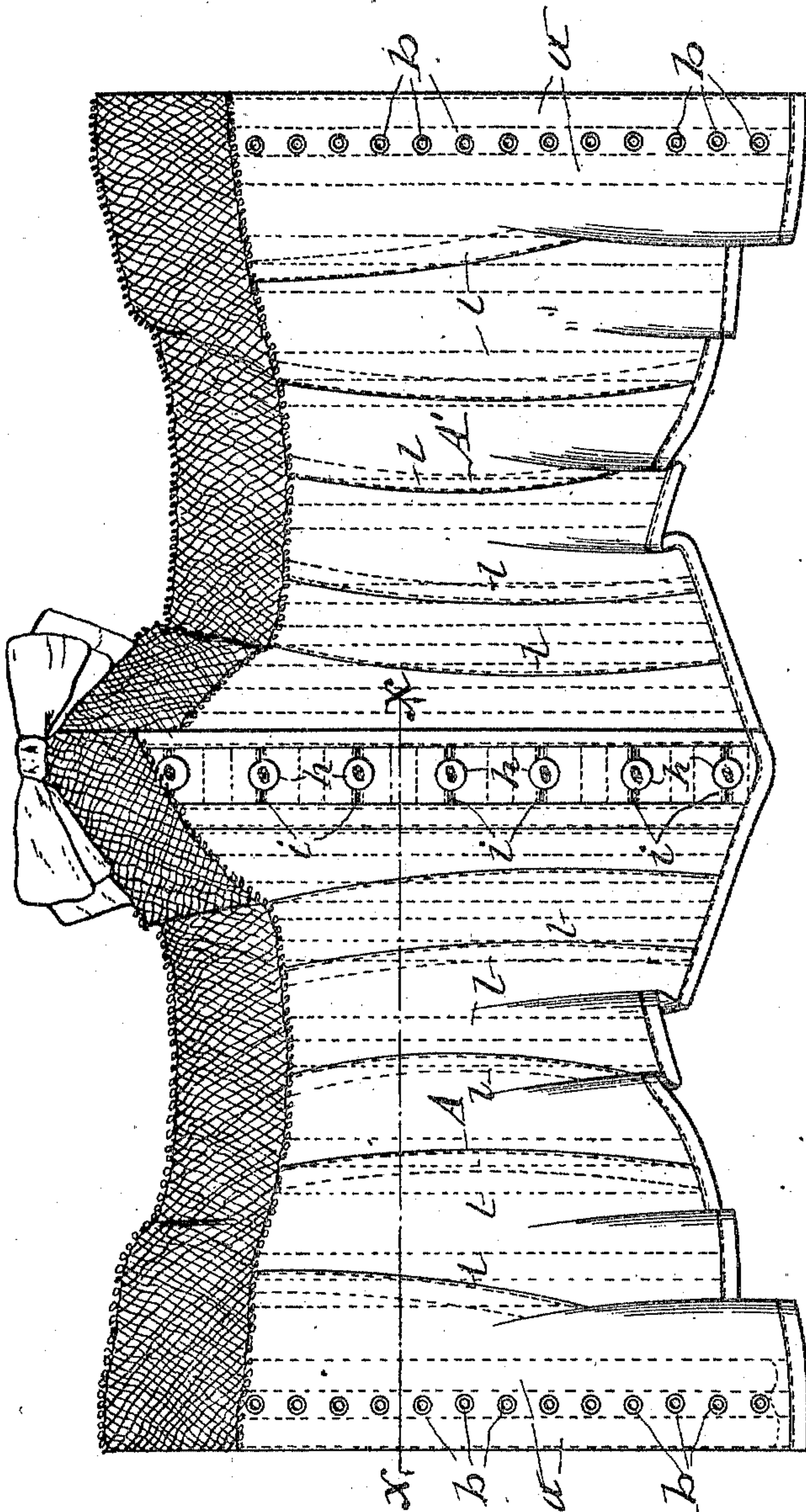


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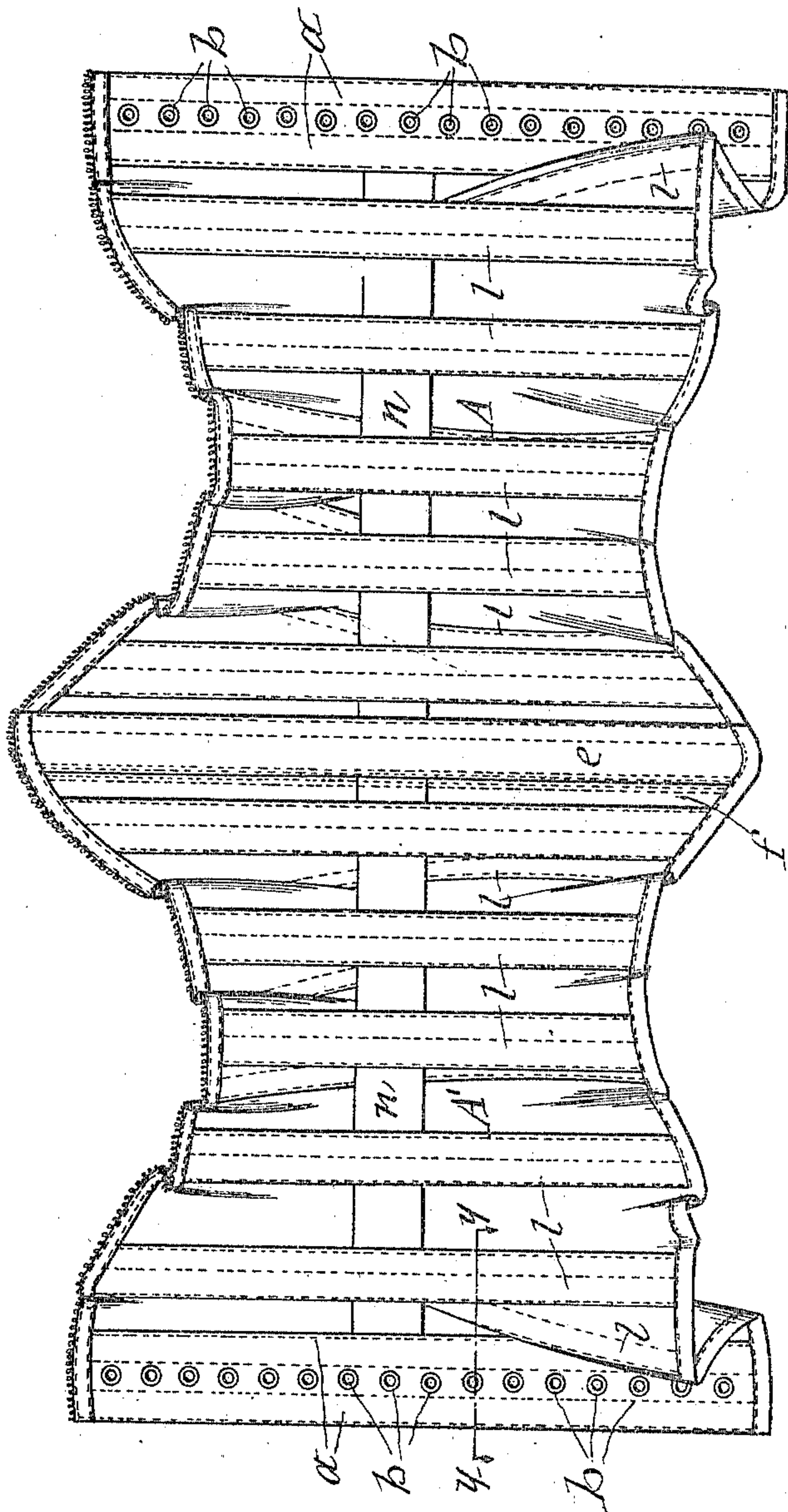


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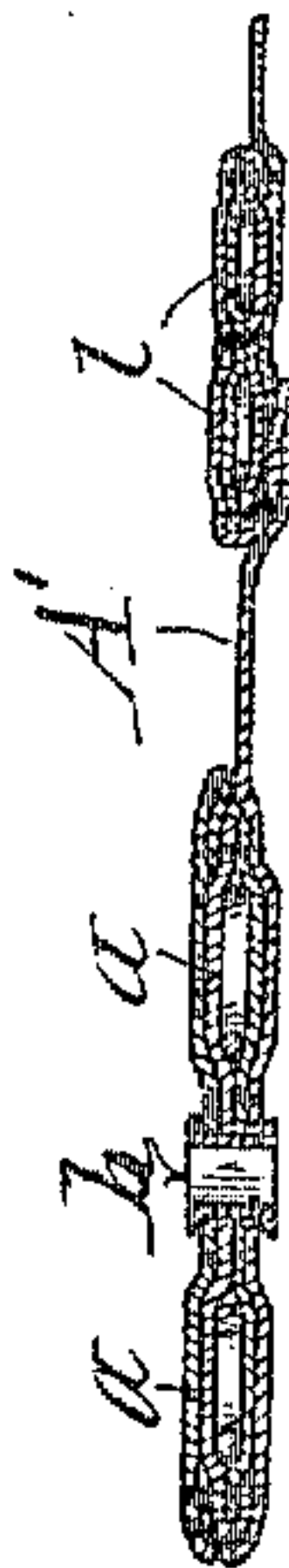


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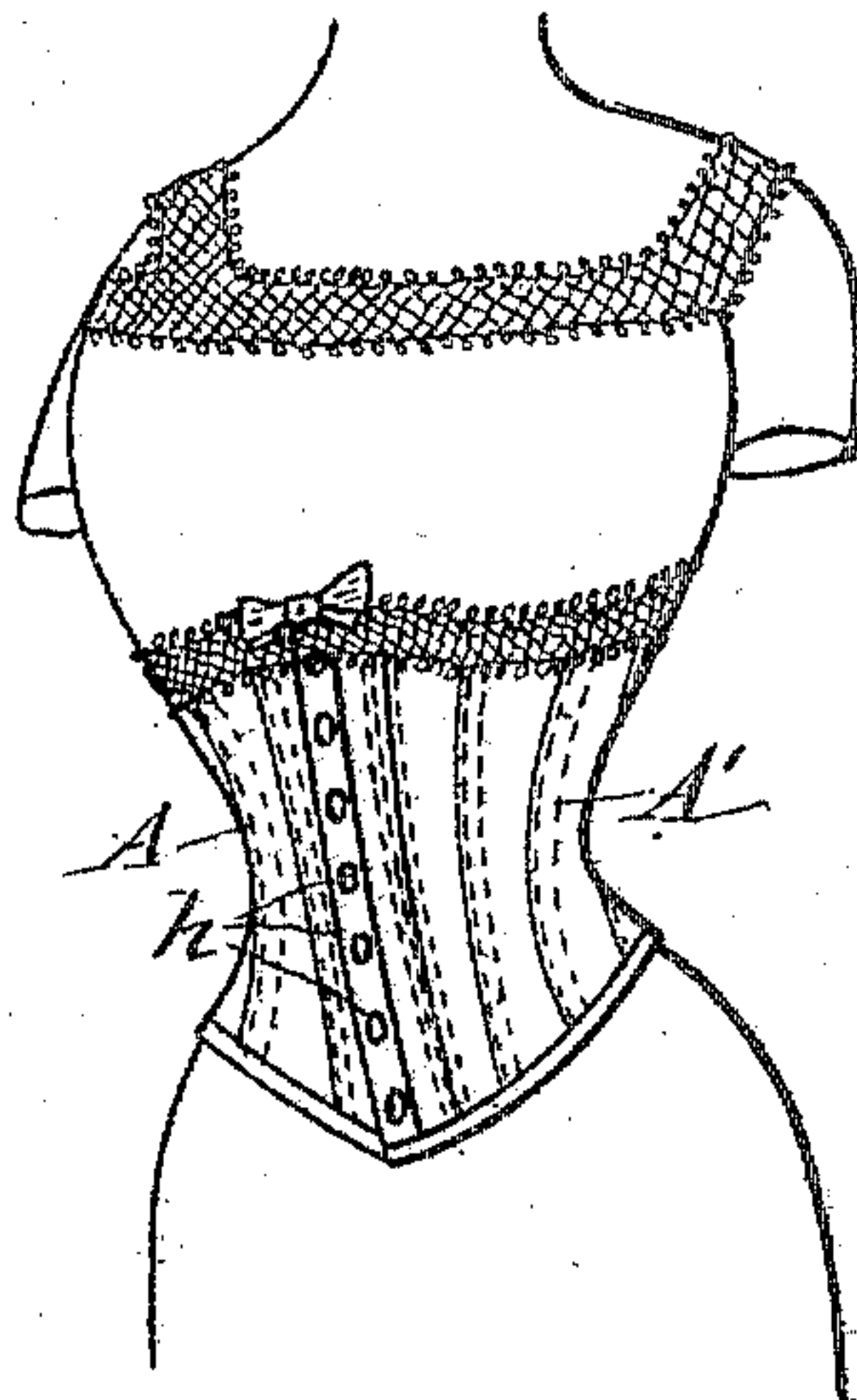
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. GILBERT, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Meadville, in the county of Crawford, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Waist-Girdles, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a novel construction of a waist girdle which is designed chiefly for college girls, growing young ladies or any type of figure not requiring corset support, or objecting to the pressure of a rigid front clasp of the character usually applied to corsets.

The purpose of the said waist girdle is to furnish the most desirable garment for gymnastic and athletic exercises.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a detached plan view of a waist girdle embodying my invention; Figs. 2 and 3 are enlarged transverse sections respectively on lines —X—X— and —Y—Y—. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the inner side of the waist girdle; and, Fig. 5 illustrates the position of the waist girdle upon a person or form viewed partly from the side and front thereof.

In the said drawings, —A— and —A<sup>1</sup>— designate the two sections or halves of the fabric body of the waist girdle, which extends above and below the waist line and terminates remote from the breast and hips of the wearer as shown in Fig. 5 of the drawings. Said waist girdle thus allows free movement of the wearer in practicing gymnastic and athletic exercises. The rear marginal portion of each of said body sections —A— and —A<sup>1</sup>— is provided with a pair of parallel flexible stays secured in pockets —a—a— formed in the body sections in the usual manner. Between each of said parallel stays is a row of eyelets —b—b— receiving through them an elastic lacing for adjustably connecting the two sections —A—A<sup>1</sup>— at the rear of the waist girdle. One of said body sections is provided near its front edge with a vertical elastic stay secured in the pocket —e— formed in the front marginal portion of the body section.

Adjacent to the pocket —e— and parallel

therewith is a narrower pocket —f— in which is secured a light elastic stay preferably formed from light wire curved transversely in serpentine form. Between the pocket —f— and fabric body are sewed a series of loops formed from tapes and having connected to them suitable buttons —h—h—. The adjacent vertical marginal portion of the other of the aforesaid body-sections is provided with a series of button-holes —i—i— formed in a vertical band —g— sewed at one edge to the fabric body and provided on its opposite edge with a binding —k—. Said band is thus amply flexible to facilitate the connection of the buttons to the button-holed band —g—.

The main portion of each of the two sections —A—A<sup>1</sup>— is provided with a plurality of light flexible vertical stays distributed and secured in pockets —l—l— formed in the fabric body and disposed in vertical and variously inclined positions to yieldingly sustain the waist girdle in proper position on the person wearing the described waist girdle and permit said person to freely practice gymnastic or athletic exercises without disarranging the garment worn over the said waist girdle.

—n—n— represent straps of fabric extending across the inner sides of the body-sections —A—A<sup>1</sup>— at the waist line thereof. Each of these straps terminates at the marginal portions of one of the body-sections and is sewed at intervals to the fabric body at the pockets —l—l— and sewed at its ends to the marginal portions of said body section. Said straps serve to retain the described girdle neatly around the waist of the wearer.

What I claim as my invention is:

A waist-girdle consisting of a fabric body composed of two separable sections extending partway above and below the waist-line and terminating remote from the breast and hips, each section provided with a pair of parallel flexible stays in its rear marginal portion and with eyelets between the said stays, elastic lacings in said eyelets, a vertical band secured to the front marginal portion of one section and provided with button-holes, tape loops fastened to the front marginal portion of the other section, buttons fastened to said loops, a vertical stay

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cured in vertical pockets distributed  
throughout the body sections, and straps ex-  
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