

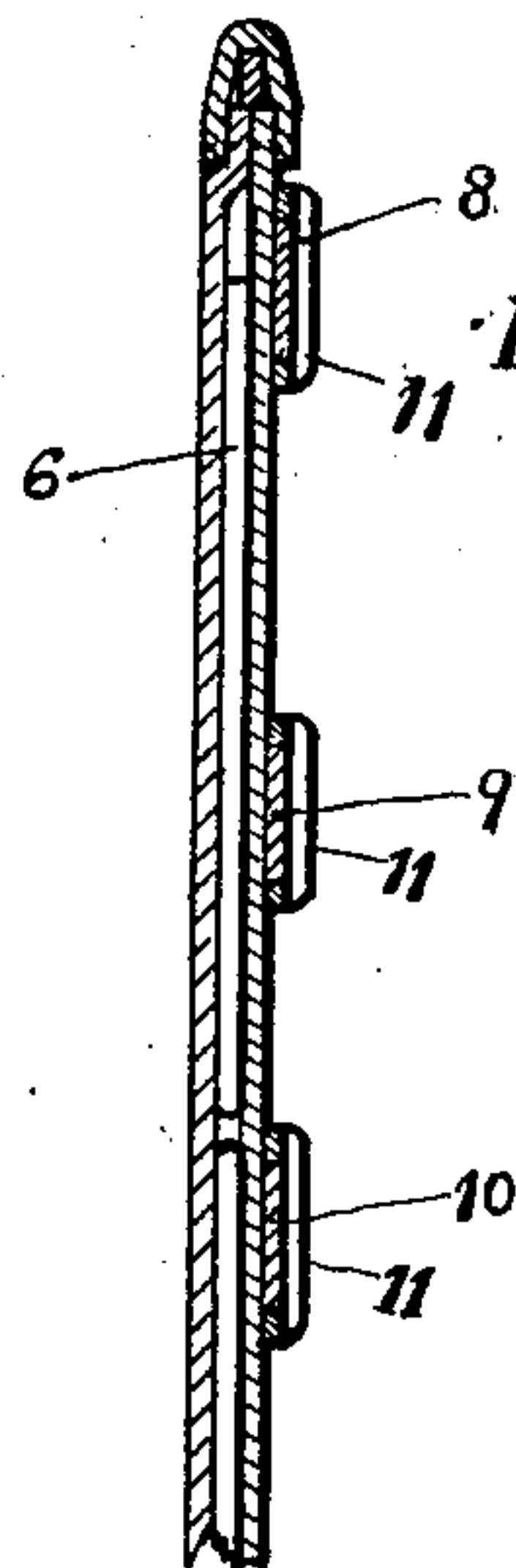
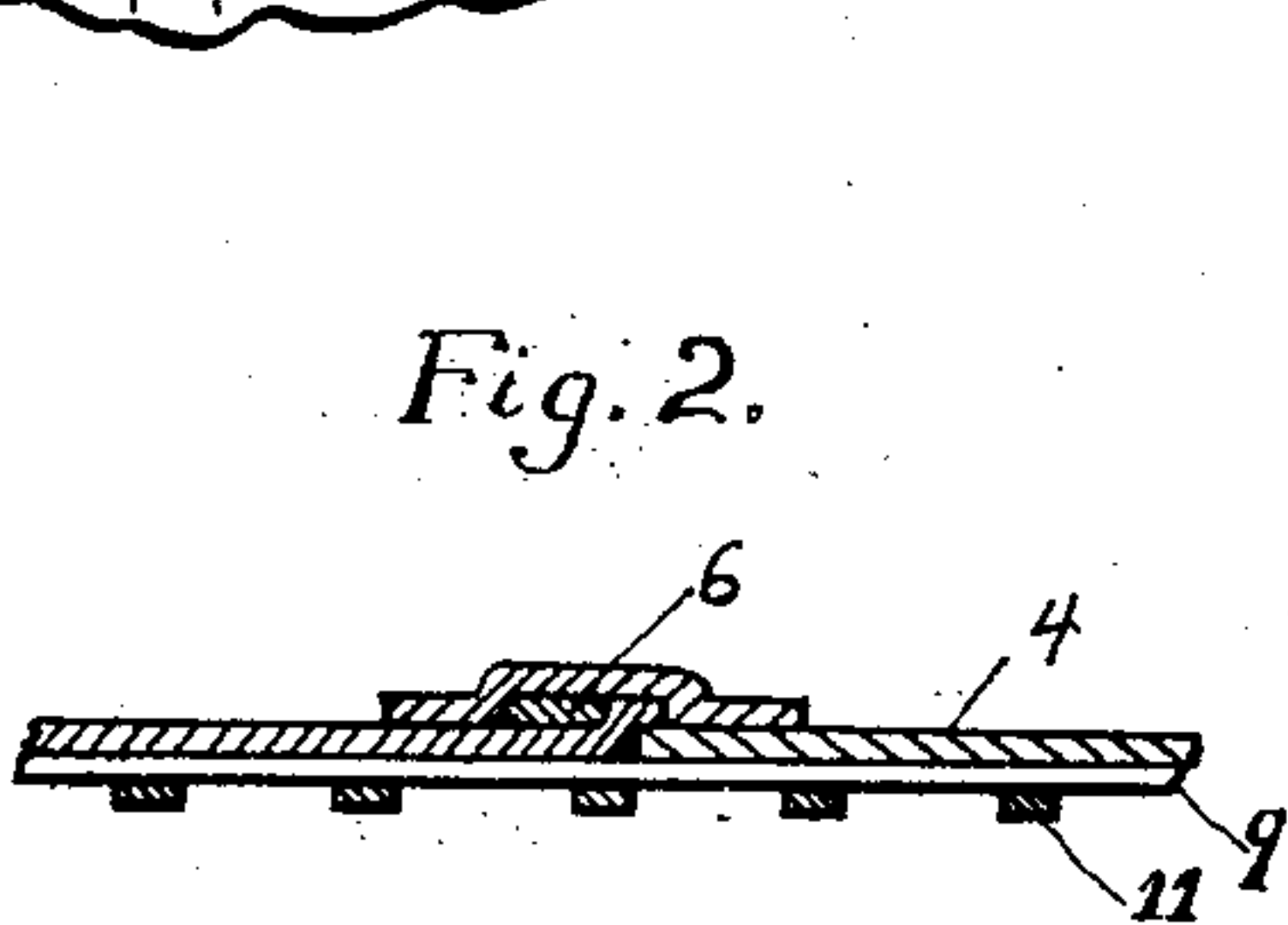
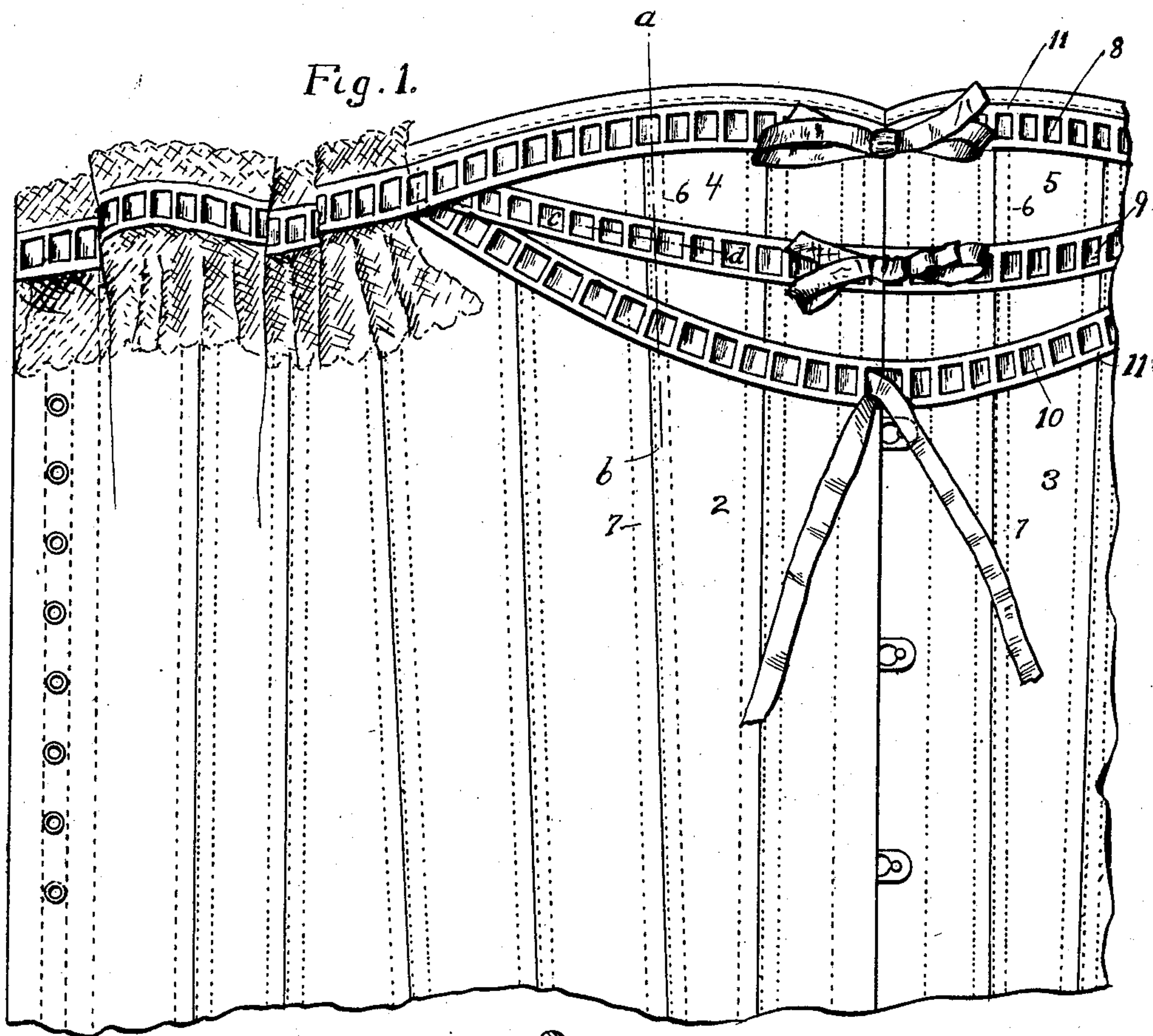
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK T. WELTON, 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 letters 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 a broken view in front elevation of the upper portion of a corset constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 a broken view in vertical section on the line *a—b* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 a broken view in horizontal section on the line *c—d* of Fig. 1.

My invention relates to an improvement in high-bust corsets, the object being to provide simple, convenient and effective means for conforming the upper portion of a corset to the bust.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a corset having certain details of construction and combinations of parts as will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In carrying out my invention, the two corset-halves 2 and 3 are formed in front with two horizontally arranged wedge-shaped bust-sections 4 and 5 corresponding to each other and extending above the normal height of an ordinary corset, the abutting inner ends of these sections being straight and abutted on the vertical line on which the said fronts are abutted, their upper and lower edges being convexed and their outer ends being pointed and extended outward in opposite directions, and both being furnished with short "bones" 6 virtually forming continuations of the main "bones" 7 and graduated in length to conform to the varying width of the said bust-sections which are not isolated from the fronts of the two corset halves in the sense of being made independently thereof and applied thereto, but are virtually isolated therefrom by having their own graduated

"bones" which, through the fabric used in making the corset, are virtually articulated, so to speak, with upper ends of the main "bones" which they virtually extend. For conforming these bust-sections to the body, they are furnished with six horizontally arranged puckering tapes, *i. e.*, two upper tapes 8, two middle tapes 9 and two lower tapes 10, these six tapes being threaded through and confined in strips 11 of "beading", so called, or strips of other material adapted by their pliability to readily pucker. The inner ends of the tapes 8, 9 and 10 project from the inner ends of the pliable strips 11 along the line of the abutment of the bust-sections 4 and 5 which may be puckered or contracted as required to conform the bust-sections to the bust by drawing upon the complementary tapes, that is to say, upon the two upper tapes 8 or the two middle tapes 9, or the two lower tapes 10. When the bust-sections 4 and 5 are sufficiently conformed to the body the tapes are tied as shown. The outer ends of the tapes 8, 9 and 10 converge in the outer ends or points of the bust-sections and are secured to the body of the corset so that the pull, so to speak, exerted in puckering the bust-sections is exerted upon the corset proper.

I am aware that it is old to furnish a corset with breast-pockets set into the body of the corset and furnished with tapes for conforming them. I do not therefore, broadly claim the conformation of breast-pockets by tapes but only my particular construction.

I claim:

In a corset, the combination with two corset-halves provided with "bones", of two horizontally arranged wedge-shaped bust-sections respectively extending upward above the normal height of the front of the said halves and provided with short "bones" graduated in length and arranged to virtually form extensions of the said main "bones" with which they are articulated through the fabric of the corset, and the straight inner ends of the said bust-sections being abutted on the vertical line on which the said corset-halves are abutted; and tapes applied to the said bust-sections, and having

their outer ends projected beyond the abut-  
ting edges of the said bust-sections, where-  
by by drawing upon the projecting ends of  
the complementary tapes, the two bust-sec-  
5 tions may be simultaneously contracted and  
fitted to the body.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this

specification in the presence of two subscrib-  
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