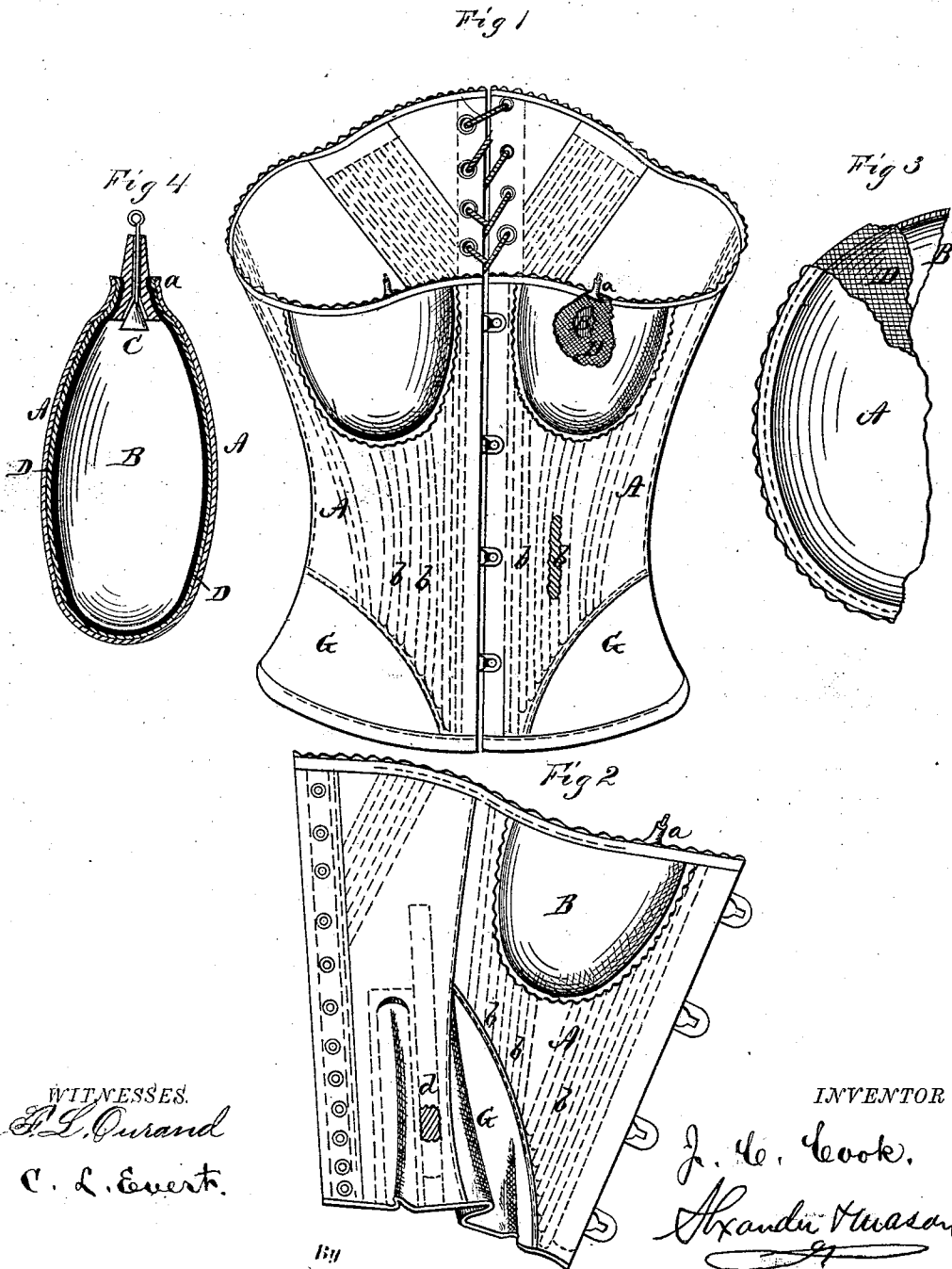


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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. COOK, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and in the State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in a corset with inflatable pads firmly attached thereto, in combination with non-porous packing, to prevent heat or pins and needles from injuring and puncturing the pads.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a corset embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, and Figs. 3 and 4 are sections of the inflatable pad with packing.

A A represent the two halves of a corset, constructed of any suitable material and of any desired dimensions. In each part A is an inflatable pad, B, made of rubber, and provided with a mouth, *a*, having an inward-opening valve, C, closed by the pressure from the inside; or a simple plug may be used to close the mouth *a* when the pad is inflated. The pad B is entirely surrounded or inclosed

within a packing, D, of oil-silk or other suitable non-porous material, and the whole pad, with the surrounding packing, is permanently attached to the corset by being placed between two thicknesses of the material of which the corset is made, and these two thicknesses then stitched together all around the pad. By surrounding the pad B with the non-porous packing D the pad is protected from injury by heat or from pins or needles puncturing the same. G represents the hip-gore of each part A of the corset. This gore has no bones, except over the point of the hip. The bones *b b* terminate at the junction of the gore, as usual; but right at the point of the hip one or more bones, *d*, are extended over and below the same, thereby giving more ease and comfort to the wearers.

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

In combination with an inflatable pad, B, permanently attached to a corset, A, non-porous packing D, surrounding or inclosing the pad, substantially for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of November, 1873.

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