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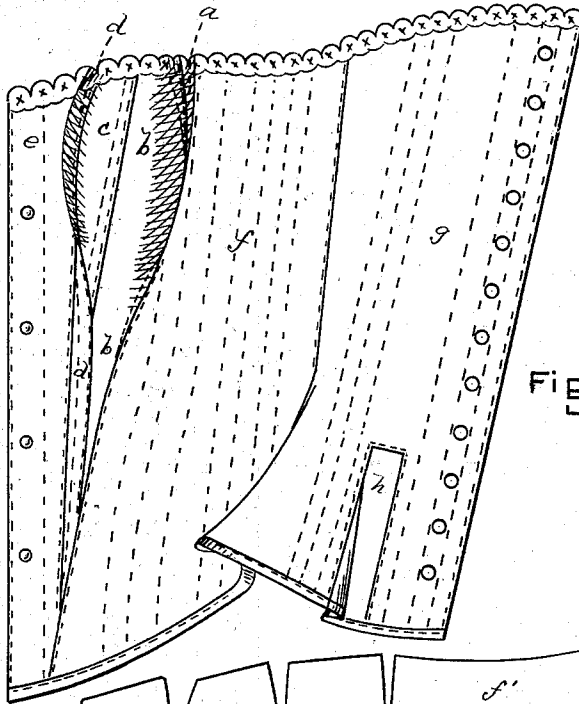


Fig. 1.

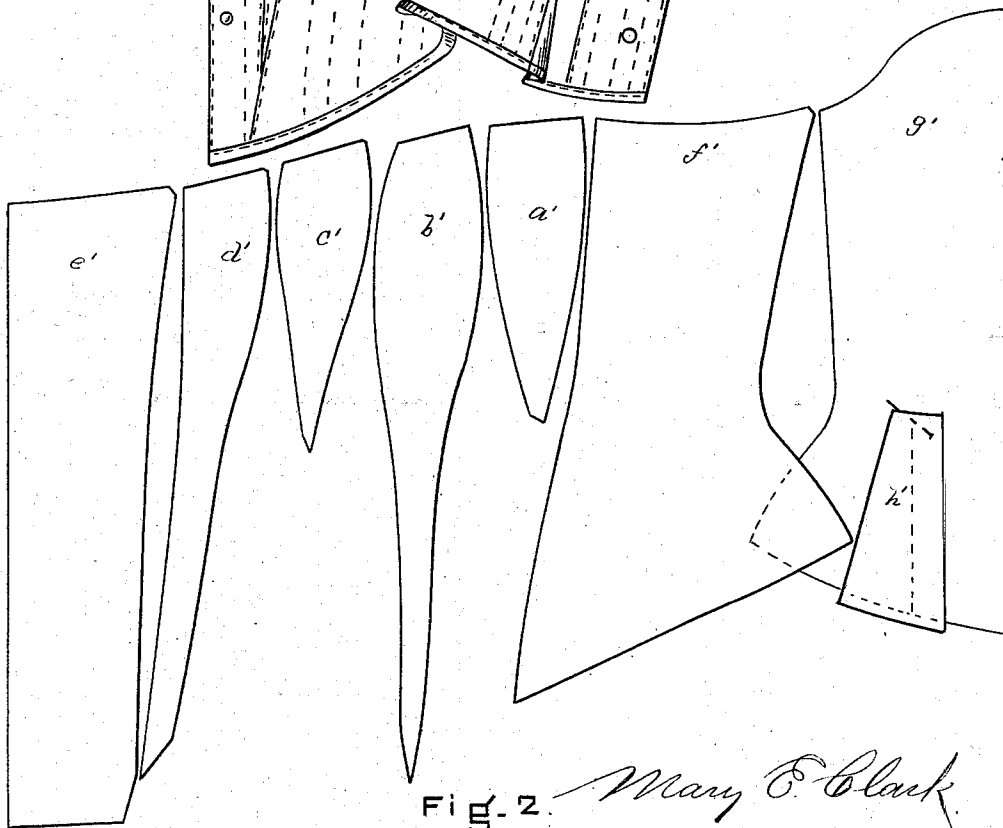


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. CLARK, of Wakefield, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object the production of a corset whose bust portions shall be more perfect and self-sustaining in perfect shape than any heretofore produced, and in which the pieces constituting the bust serve, by their shape, to form the bones into a true bust shape without the need of the assistance of pads.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of one-half a corset embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan of the patterns from which and in the shape of which the various pieces constituting the corset are cut and made.

Each half of the corset consists of the seven pieces *a b c d e f g*, the last provided with a gore, *h*, said pieces and gore being made from and in the exact shape of their respective patterns *a' b' c' d' e' f' g' h'*.

e is the front piece, and *g* the back piece, constructed after the patterns *e'* and *g'*, and having nothing especially new in their shape.

f is the side piece made in the shape of the pattern *f'*, and *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* are the bust-pieces, of which *a'*, *b'*, *c'*, and *d'* are, respectively, the patterns.

It will be noticed that none of the bust-pieces extend to the lower edge of the corset, but that the side piece, *f*, joins the front piece,

e, near the lower edge, below the lower extremity of the longest bust-piece. The bust-pieces are alternately long and short, so that the side piece, *f*, joins the bust-piece *b* first, then the bust-piece *d*, and last the front piece, *e*. The bust-piece *a* is sewed only to the bust-piece *b* and side piece, *f*, and the bust-piece *c* is joined only to the bust-pieces *b* and *d*.

By means of the shapes of the bust-pieces, their relative lengths, and their terminating above the lower edge of the corset, and, in connection with the bust-pieces of the said lengths and shapes, by making the front piece, *e*, and the side piece, *f*, separate, and bringing them together at an angle below the bust-pieces, thus producing a shape impossible in a corset where the front and side pieces are integral, the bust is made of a perfect shape, and it compels the bones to form themselves into the same shape, thus making a firm bosom, and one that requires no padding to keep it in shape.

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

The bust-pieces *a b c d*, made after the patterns *a' b' c' d'*, in combination with the front and side pieces, *e f*, made after patterns *e' f'*, and meeting below the bust-pieces, all as shown, and substantially as and for the purpose described.

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