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fig. 1

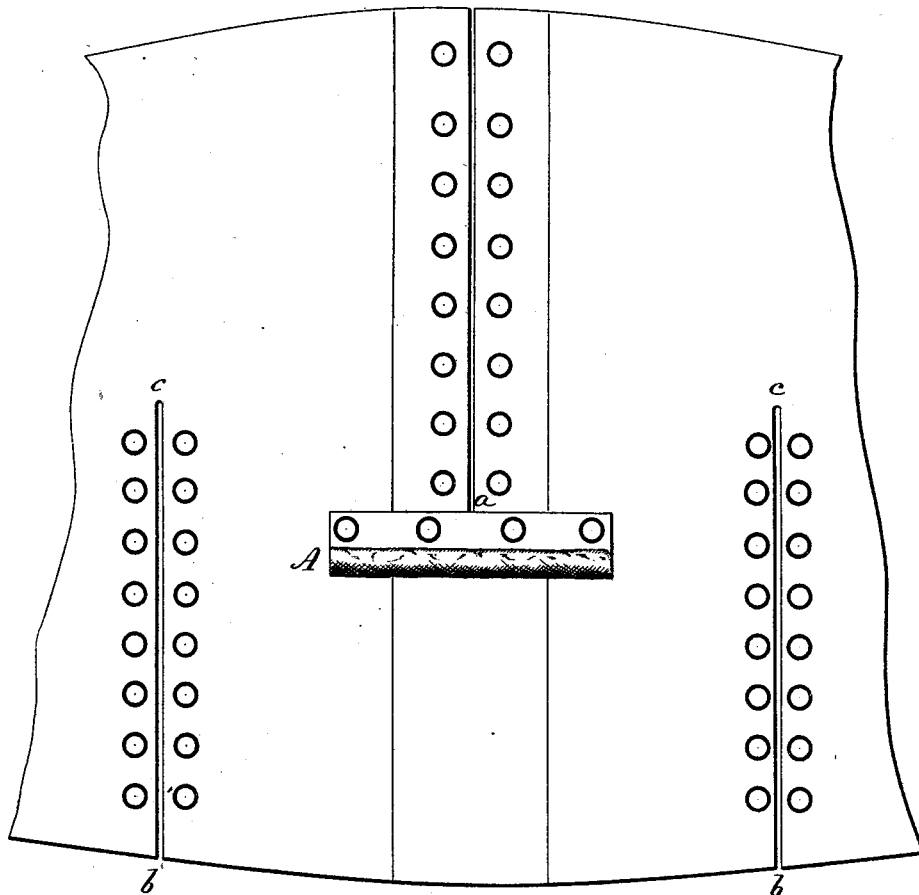


fig. 2



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. HAMILTON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new 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 rear view of the central portion of the corset, and in Fig. 2 a vertical section through the supporter.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, the object being to provide a skirt-supporter as a permanent part of the corset.

It consists in a supporting-piece attached transversely at the center of the back of the corset, at the line of the waist, combined with a slit from the supporter upward, and with a vertical slit at each side extending from the bottom to a point above the supporter, and each of said slits provided with the usual eyelets for adjustment, as more fully hereinafter described.

Instead of opening the corset at the back from top to bottom for adjustment, as in the usual construction, it is open from the top to the waist-line *a*, and each side of the slit provided with eyelets, in the usual manner. At the waist-line, across the back, the supporting-piece *A* is attached. This consists of a roll, or any suitable projection, which may be permanently attached to the corset, and extend transversely across the central portion of the back.

At each side of this supporter *A* a vertical

slit, *b*, is made, extending up to a point, *c*, some distance above the waist-line or supporter. These slits are also provided with eyelets in the usual manner for corsets.

The object of extending the slits above the support is to make the corset adjustable at the waist-line, which could not be done with the single slit above; but these two slits allow of the necessary adjustment at that point. Above the supporter *A* the skirts are secured, so that the weight of the skirts will rest thereon.

I do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming a stationary skirt-supporter arranged at the waist-line on a corset, as such, I am aware, is not new; but such support has usually been applied at each side, and not at the back, the center of the back being, however, the most desirable place for that support, and where it can only be applied by the combination of the side slits with the vertical slit above the supporter. Neither do I wish to be understood as broadly claiming a skirt-supporter made as a part of the corset, or a corset in which there are several lacing-slits, as such, I am aware, is not new.

I claim—

In a corset, the combination of the stationary skirt-supporter, arranged transversely across the center of the back waist-line, with a vertical slit from the supporter up, and side slits extending from the bottom to a point above the supporter or waist-line, substantially as specified.

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