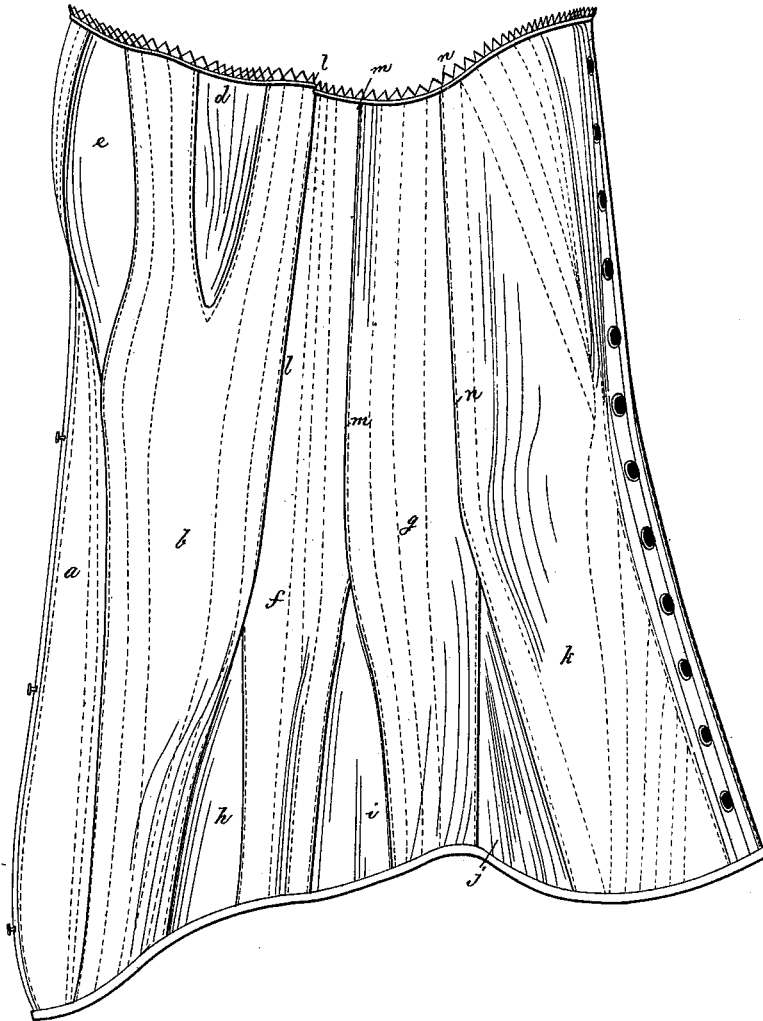


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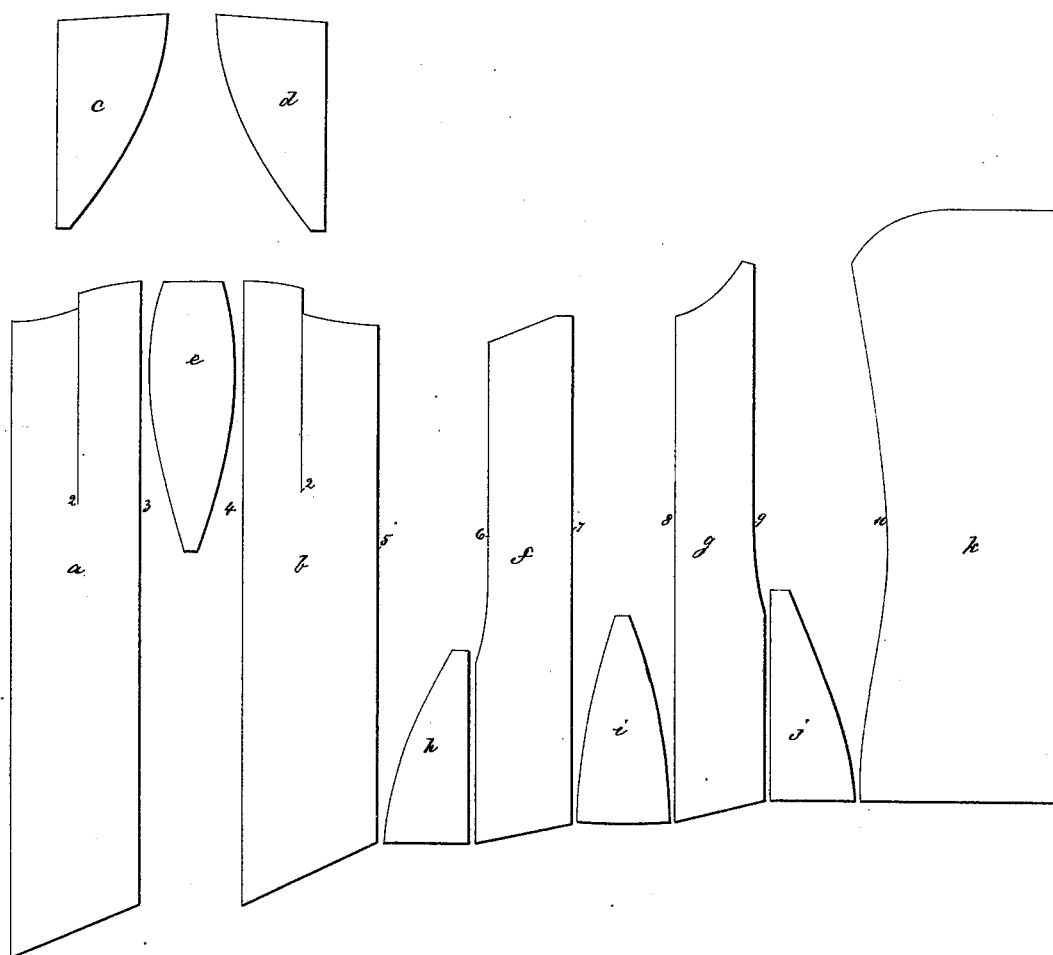
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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID H. FANNING, of Worcester, county of Worcester, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following description, in connection with the drawing forming a part thereof, is a specification.

This invention relates to corsets, and has for its object to give more perfect shape to the corset, especially about the waist and hips, and to reduce the cost of construction and material, by the employment of a greater number of small gore-pieces, which are inserted between the side pieces, and between the side pieces and front and back pieces at their lower ends, the upper and smaller ends of the gore-pieces intersecting seams which extend along the side pieces to the top of the corset.

Figure 1 represents, in side elevation, one-half of a corset constructed in accordance with this invention; and Fig. 2, the separate pieces composing one-half of this my improved corset, said figure showing the pieces in their relative positions.

The front of the corset is composed of pieces *a b*, slashed or cut, as at 2, for the reception of the side gores, *c d*, of the bust, and double tapered gore *e*, which is sewed between the edges 3 4 of the pieces *a b*, so as to form what is known as a "full-bust corset."

The side of the corset is composed of two independent pieces, *f g*, shaped as shown in Fig. 2, they extending from the top to the lower edge of the corset, and of three gore-pieces, *h i j*. (See Fig. 2.)

The back of the corset is composed of piece *k*. The edges 5 6 and 7 8 and 9 10 are stitched together at the waist and top part of the corset, and at the lower end thereof the edges of the gore-pieces *h i j* are stitched to the adjacent

edges of pieces *b f g k*, as shown in Fig. 1, seams *l m n* extending from the small ends of gore-pieces *h i j* to the top of the corset.

I am aware that it is not new to slash or cut a piece of fabric for the reception of a gore-piece to form the hip part of a corset, seams, however, not extending from the gore-pieces to the top of the corset.

I am also aware that it is old to insert hip-gores alongside of but not intersecting seams extending from top to bottom of corset; and I am also aware that a single elastic gore-piece has been inserted at the hip to intersect a seam.

By shaping the pieces *b f g k* and inserting the small gore-pieces, as shown in Fig. 2, I am enabled to more perfectly fit and fashion the corset than by slashing a piece of fabric for a short distance from its lower edge upward, or by the use of a single gore.

I claim—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a corset composed of front and back pieces, side pieces, *f g*, and gore-pieces *h i j* at the hips, the said gore-pieces intersecting seams *l m n*, extending to the top of the corset, as shown and described.

2. In a corset, the pieces *a b*, gores *c d e*, independent pieces *f g k*, and gore-pieces *h i j*, intermediate between pieces *b f g k*, and intersecting the seams uniting the said pieces, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of subscribing witnesses.

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