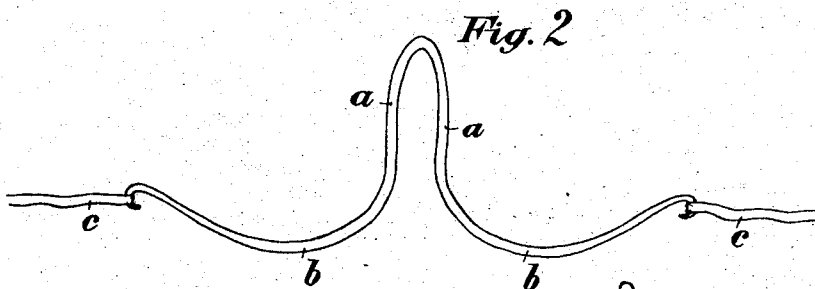
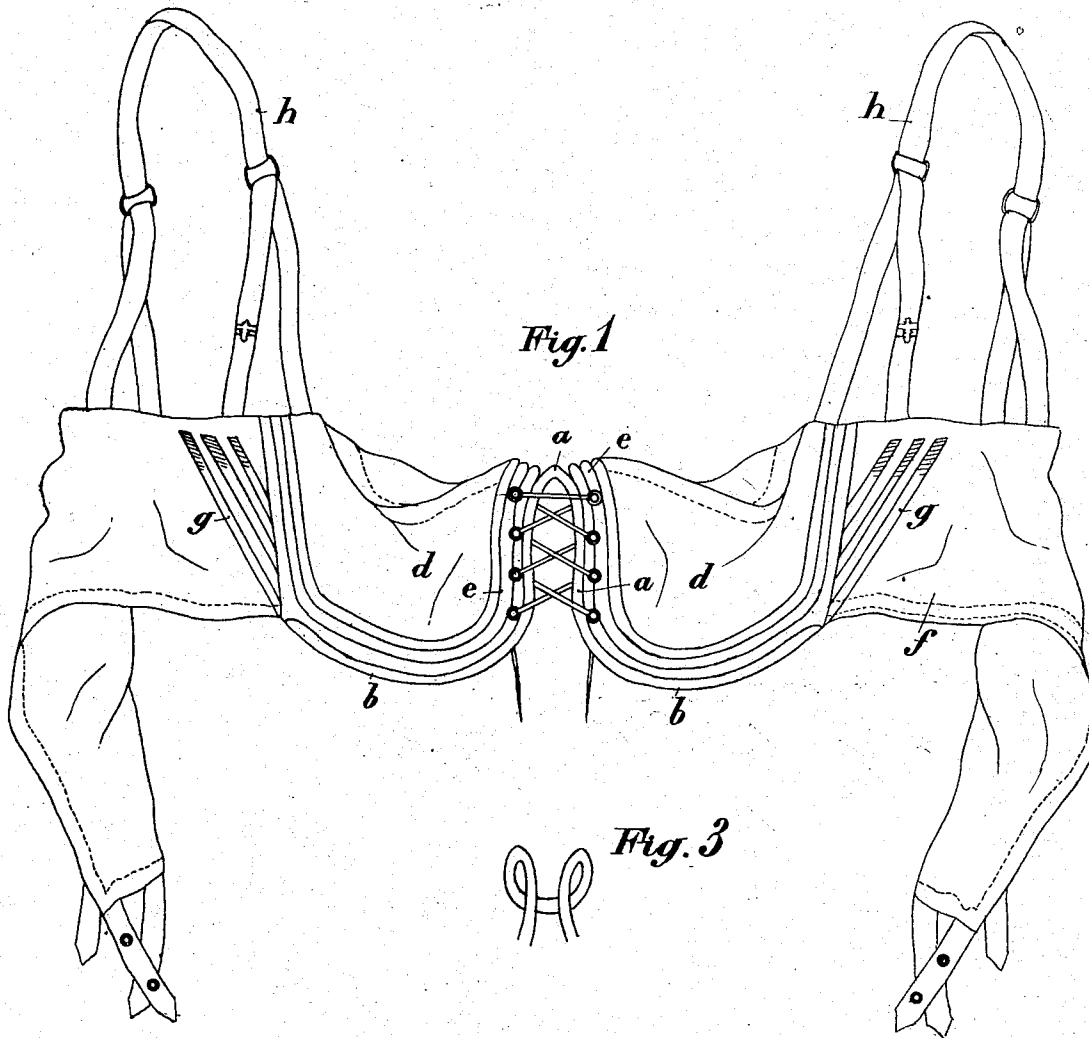


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BREAST-SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MADELEINE GABEAU, a citizen of the Republic of France, and a resident of Paris, France, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Breast-Supporters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to carry out the same.

This invention has relation to an improved means whereby the female bust may be supported in a manner permitting adjustment of the position of the breasts without disguising their form and without danger of discomfort to the wearer.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 shows a perspective view of the complete device, Fig. 2 shows one form of the outlining band, and Fig. 3 shows a modified form given to the upward breast-separating extension of said band.

The support proper consists of a flexible textile covering *d* suitably shaped to more or less envelop and protect the whole of each breast. In order to sustain this envelop and permit of drawing it more or less tightly, so as to adjust it across the bosom, I prefer to employ bands *f* which pass around the body and can be secured by straps or otherwise at the back. The bands *f* preferably carry busks *g* to afford a better attachment for the shoulder straps *h*.

It is obvious that, if the supporting device were formed solely of textile material drawn across the bosom, the natural form of the bust would be disguised and the breasts be disagreeably and uncomfortably flattened. In order, therefore, that the edges of the material *d* may be carried close along the inner and under contour of the breasts, so as to preserve their form, I employ an outlining band of metal *b* which is bent to conform to the lower curves of both breasts, and has an upward extension *a*, shown in Fig. 2 as having an inverted V shape. This extension separates the breasts and carries

the inner edges of the coverings *d* down between the breasts so as to outline their form. If desired, the top of this extension may be given the curve shown in Fig. 3, and of course other forms may be given to it without departing from my invention.

In some cases it is found advisable to provide means whereby the form of the upward extension of the band *a* may be somewhat modified to suit the wearer. For this purpose I provide the lacing shown in Fig. 1 whereby the sides of the upward extension may be drawn together to the extent desired.

I am aware that wire cages have been proposed, with and without a cloth covering whereby an artificial form is given to the bust. These are intended to supply a deficiency in the bust, whereas my device is to support the same in a natural position without detracting from the individual form and without danger of discomfort from contact with hard metallic parts, since the only metal in my device extends merely along the breast contour and not across it.

What I claim is—

A device for supporting the female bust without disguising its form comprising an enveloping support of flexible textile material for each breast and suitable means for drawing the same adjustably across the breasts, in combination with a metallic outlining band secured along the lower and inner edges of said textile support, bent to follow the lower contour of the breasts and curving sharply upward to afford a separating means between the breasts, and a lacing between the opposite sides of said upwardly curved portion of the metallic band, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two witnesses.

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