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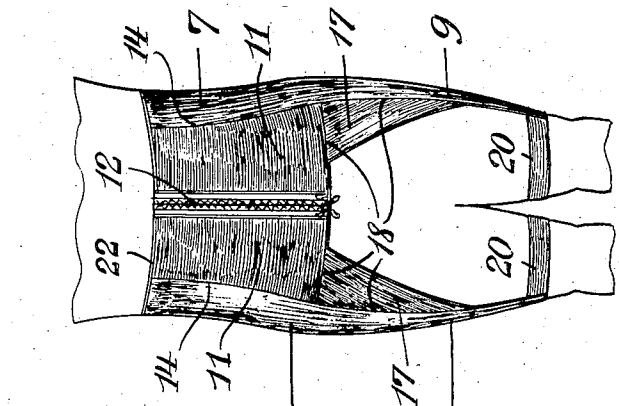


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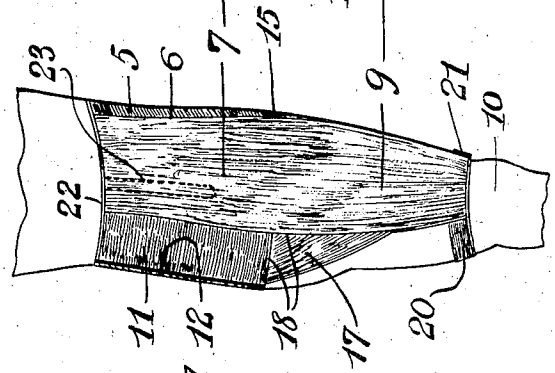


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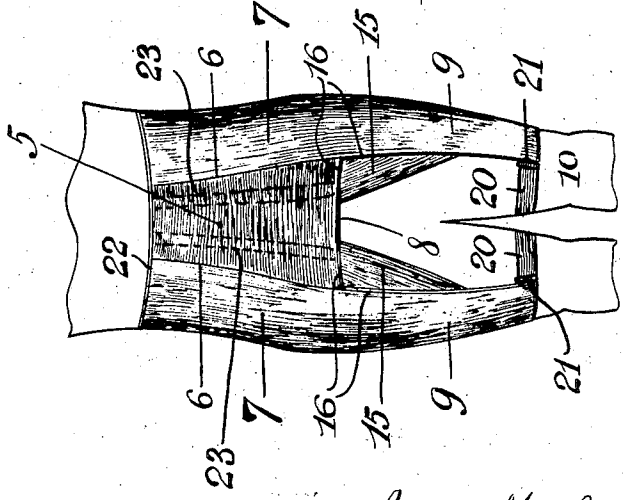


Fig. 1

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA M. ANCHORSTAR, a citzen of the United States, and resident of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to corsets, and the object of the invention is to provide a generally improved and novel corset embodying novel features of form fitting without restraint, shapeliness, freedom of movement combined with proper body support, as well as means preventing the creeping upwards of the corset when the wearer sits down.

With the above and other objects of general improvement in corsets, my invention is embodied in an all-elastic corset constructed and designed as hereinafter set forth, while reference is had to the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of my improved corset.

Fig. 2 is a right side view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the corset.

My improved corset is constructed of several pieces of suitable elastic fabric capable of being stretched more in one direction than in any other direction, so cut, arranged and put together that the utmost advantage is taken of the "stretch" of the fabric to accomplish the ends desired.

In the drawing, in Figures 1 and 2 the reference numeral 5 denotes the front of the corset which is solid or stretches across the body unbroken. The stretch of the fabric in the front piece is more horizontal than vertical as indicated.

Joined to the front 5 by sewing as at 6, 6 are two sidepieces 7, 7 which extend below the lower edge 8 of the front 5 to form knee or side extensions 9, 9, which terminate just above the knee 10 of the wearer.

The stretch of the sides 7—9 extends more in an up and down direction than vertically.

The back of the corset is in two pieces 11, 11 which extend from the sides toward the centre of the back, where the said two back pieces are adapted to be united as by suitable corset lacing 12.

The stretch of the back is more in a horizontal direction as is the stretch of the front.

The numerals 6 indicate seams for uniting the front and sides, and the numerals 14 indicate seams for uniting the sides with the back.

Between the front 5 and the side extensions 9 there are provided triangular pieces 15, 15, one to each side. The stretch of the fabric of these pieces extends more obliquely or at an angle to the stretch of both the sides and the front. 16, 16 indicate seams for uniting the pieces 15 with the front and sides, and it will be noted that the pieces 15 do not extend clear across the front at the lower edge 8 thereof.

Similarly, there is provided in the back, between the pieces 11, 11 thereof and the side extensions, triangular pieces 17, 17 in which the stretch of the fabric also runs obliquely to the horizontal and to the vertical. The pieces 17 do not extend clear across the back. The seams 18 unite the pieces 17 with the corset as shown.

The side extensions 9 as aforesaid terminate immediately above the knees of the wearer and are provided with elastic straps 20, 20 adapted to be buttoned or fastened outside the stockings by suitable fasteners 21, 21 which are located in front.

The top of the corset at 22 forms an even unbroken line, and if desired, corset boning 23 may be provided at suitable points.

As stated above, all the material entering into the construction of the corset is elastic, but suitable edgings of lace or other ornamental material (not shown) may of course be provided.

It will be seen that by reason of the fact that the front and back stretch more in a horizontal direction than in a vertical direction, necessary pressure, or rather, tightness is provided to give the wearer the feeling of corset support and a foundation is provided for the dress.

On the other hand, too tight a fit is provided against because the fabric does not stretch entirely around the body, and the horizontal stretch is to a certain extent neutralized by the side pieces.

Again, proper horizontal fit may be obtained by adjusting the lacing 12 in the back in the usual manner.

The side pieces, because of the vertical pull of the fabric when the wearer is sitting down, as well as when standing up or walking, together with the straps 20 prevent the

corset from creeping upwards on the body and gives the slender "line" required by present day fashion.

An important feature of the side extensions 9 consists in maintaining a good body fit along the hips and legs when the wearer is sitting down, because the fabric will then naturally stretch and conform to the body, and the bulging or folding of the dress around the body at the lower edge of the corset is prevented.

The triangular pieces 15 and 17 may be termed compensating portions, in that they prevent bulging or crimping along the seams 16 and 18 and take up or compensate for the difference in the stretch of the elastic fabric in the back, front and sides in that said pieces because of their diagonal or oblique stretch cause the corset garment to follow the lines naturally and smoothly.

A corset constructed as herein disclosed gives the wearer a comfortable feeling of freedom and comfort combined with body support due to the tight yet yielding pressure in all parts of the corset.

A feeling of security is also obtained due to the fact that the corset cannot creep up on the body because the side extensions together with the straps and the triangular pieces keep the corset firmly, yet yielding in place.

I claim:

As a new article of manufacture, a corset made substantially of pieces of elastic material capable of being stretched more in one direction than in another, comprising a solid front portion and a two piece back portion adapted to be stretched more in a horizontal direction, two symmetrical side portions secured to the front and back portions, said side portions extending on each side down to the knees of the wearer and forming leg portions extending from the front to the back of the legs on the outside thereof, said side portions being formed so as to stretch more in a vertical direction, limb encircling straps or bands attached to the lower ends of said side portions adapted to retain the stockings of the wearer in position, the upper edges of said front, back and side portions extending flush, triangular shaped portions secured to the free lower edge of the said front and back portions and the adjacent edges of the said leg portions, said triangular shaped portion being formed and adapted to stretch more in an oblique direction to the stretch of the adjacent other portions, and lacing means for lacing the two parts of the said back portions together.

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