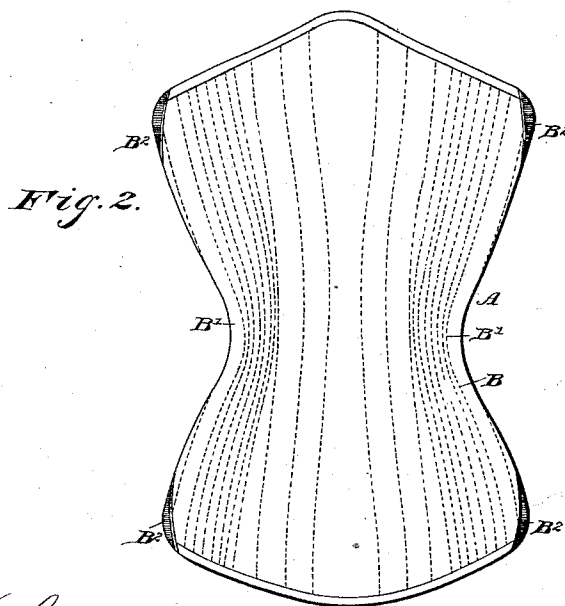
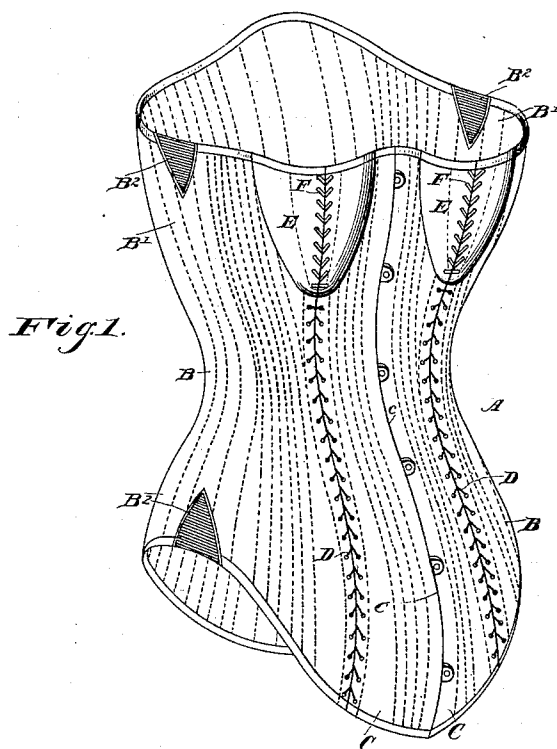


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, NANCY E. MILES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Corset, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to corsets; and it has for its object to provide an improved corset which, while answering all the requirements of ordinary corsets, at the same time possesses many advantages which are essential features in devices of this character.

Among the principal objects aimed for by this invention is to provide a corset which dispenses with the ordinary lacing on the back, and thus avoids imperfect fits of dress by showing imprints through the dress and tending to interfere with free and easy respiration; also, adjustment for the corset is provided at each side of the center and front, so that the adjustment at the waist can be readily had, together with the amount of pressure over the breasts. The corset, also, is sufficiently elastic to allow for perfect freedom of motion, and is so constructed that creasing the form across the shoulders is effectually prevented, as well as giving perfect support to the back and being easily and quickly adjusted.

With these and many other objects in view, which will readily appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the invention consists in a corset constructed in the manner hereinafter more fully described, illustrated, and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset constructed in accordance with this invention. Fig. 2 is a back view of the same.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A represents a corset-body made of any suitable material and having the usual bones and steels to give the requisite stiffness and strength to the same. The said corset-body comprises the continuous rear-and-sides section B and the two front sections C, which front sections are fastened at their meeting edges *c* by the ordinary fastening devices in the front and center of the body. As illustrated, it will be seen that the back-and-sides section is continuously connected together without lacing or connections of any description, as in the ordinary corsets, and therefore the said back-and-sides section strictly con-

forms to the contour of the body and snugly fits the same, thereby avoiding objectionable projecting lacing or other fastening devices and at the same time strengthening and supporting the back. The sides B' of the said continuous back-and-sides section are provided with elastic gores B<sup>2</sup>, directly under the arm-pits and over the hips, which allow for a perfect freedom of movement to give to all motions of the body. The connected front sections C meet the sides B' on each side of the center and front of the body and in a vertical line with the nipples. The said sections are connected with the sides portions B' by inelastic lacing D, extending from a point at the bottom of the breast enlargements E to the bottom of the corset, and thus provides means for the requisite adjustment at the waist, according to the requirements of the person. The meeting edges of said front section with the side portion at the breast enlargements E are connected by the elastic lacings F, extending from the beginning of the lacings D to the top of the corset, and thus provide means for regulating the amount of pressure over the breasts at the will of the wearer.

It is now thought that the construction, use, and many advantages of the herein-described corset are apparent without description.

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

The corset comprising the back-and-sides section, having its edges extending to the front of the body in a vertical line with the bust portions, and two front sections detachably connected with each other and meeting said back-and-sides section in said vertical line with the bust portions, non-elastic lacings connecting the meeting edges of said front and back-and-sides section from a point immediately below the bust to the lower edge of the corset, and elastic lacings connecting the bust portions from said point to the upper edge of the corset, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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