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Abdominal Corsets.

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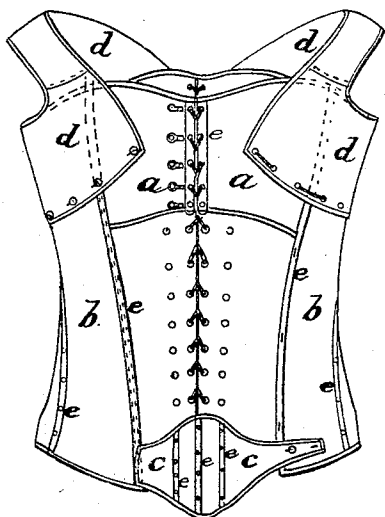


Fig. 1.

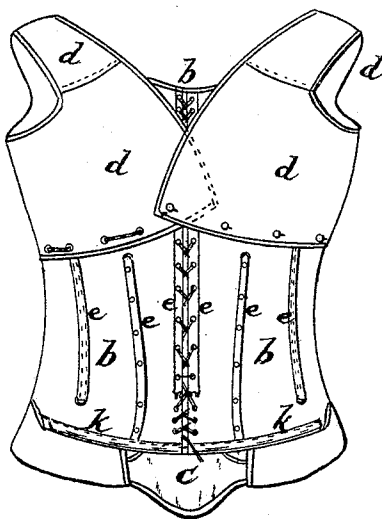


Fig. 2.

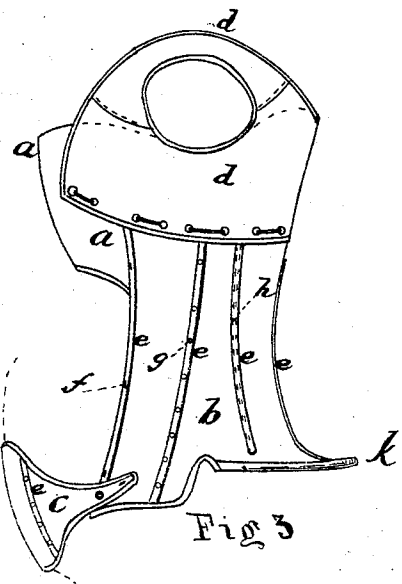


Fig. 3.



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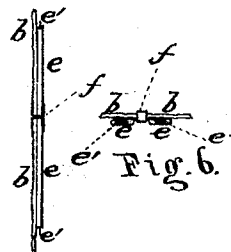


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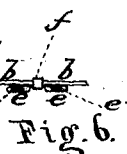


Fig. 6.

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IMPROVEMENT IN ABDOMINAL CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. ASKIE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Abdominal Corsets, of which the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, is a full, clear, and exact specification.

The nature and objects of my invention in detail are fully described below.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a front view of a corset embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

a a are the pieces at the front of the corset, which form the breast-pads. They may be laced, hooked, or otherwise joined together, as desired. *b b* are the two pieces which form the remainder of the body of the corset, and are laced at the rear. *c* is a support for the abdomen. This is a padded support attached firmly at one end, and capable of being lengthened or shortened at the other, as necessity may require. It is particularly useful to women when heavy with child.

It will be seen, by reference to Figs. 1 and 3, that the corset is left entirely open in front, between the breast-pads *a a* and the abdominal support *c*.

d d are removable armhole-pieces, attached to the body of the corset by buckles, buttons, hooks, lacing, or by means of any other method. These are not shoulder-straps, those being injurious to the shape of the shoulder, but are merely armhole-pieces made detachable, instead of being a fixture upon the corset. *e e* are stiffeners. The ordinary way of placing stiffeners or whalebone in a corset is to place it between the two thicknesses of cloth of which the corset is made. In my corset but one thickness of cloth need be used, and my stiffeners *e* are attached to and upon the outside of the corset. They are placed upon all portions of the corset, and may be attached by means of clasps or clamps, as in *f*, Fig. 3, eyes, as in *g*, Fig. 3, or they may be sewed upon the corset, as in *h*, Fig. 3. They are susceptible of any method of attachment.

Figs. 5 and 6 show, respectively, a longitudinal and a transverse section of my stiffener, when attached to the corset by means of a clasp, *f*. *e'* represent strips of wire, leather, or other suitable stiffening material, covered and attached to the outside of the corset. As many such strips *e'* may be used as practicable.

k is an extensible and adjustable bustle or skirt-supporter, an interior detailed view of which is shown in Fig. 4. The rear side of the corset, as seen in Fig. 2, is made in two pieces, *b b*, as is also the pocket *k'*, and pieces of rattan, reed, or other stiff material *k''* are placed therein, and connected by means of the short tube *k'''*.

Thus, if the bustle needs to be enlarged, the lacing, in the rear may be loosened and the ends of the pieces *k'' k'''* in the tube *k'''* drawn apart, as they are slightly in Fig. 4, and the bustle made any size. The two rear stiffeners *e e*, which extend down to the bustle *k*, are bent, (see Fig. 3,) so as to raise the bustle somewhat.

The bustle *k*, and also the armhole-pieces *d d* and stiffeners *e e*, may be used with any corset or stay, or similar garment, either for ladies or children.

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

1. The removable armhole-pieces *d d*, constructed substantially as described, and buttoned, laced, or otherwise attached to the corset *a b*.

2. The bustle *k*, consisting of pockets *k'* and parts *k'' k'''*, supported by bent stiffeners *e e*, and extensible by means of unlacing the two pieces *b b*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

3. A corset opening entirely in the front below the breast-pads *a a*, and with or without the abdominal supporter *c*, substantially as herein specified.

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