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Fig. 4.

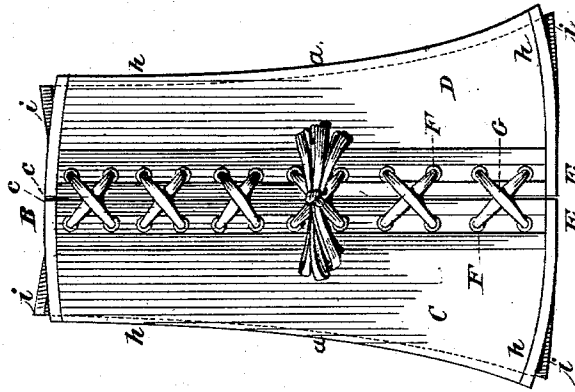


Fig. 3.

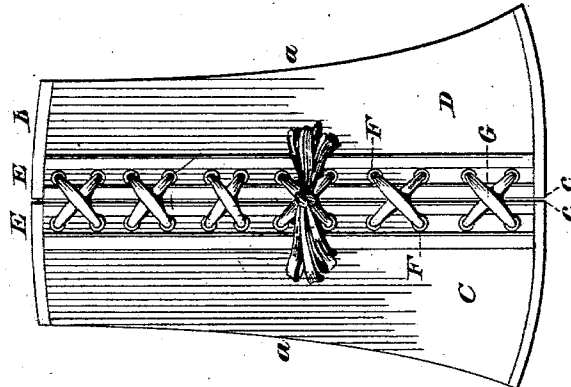


Fig. 1.

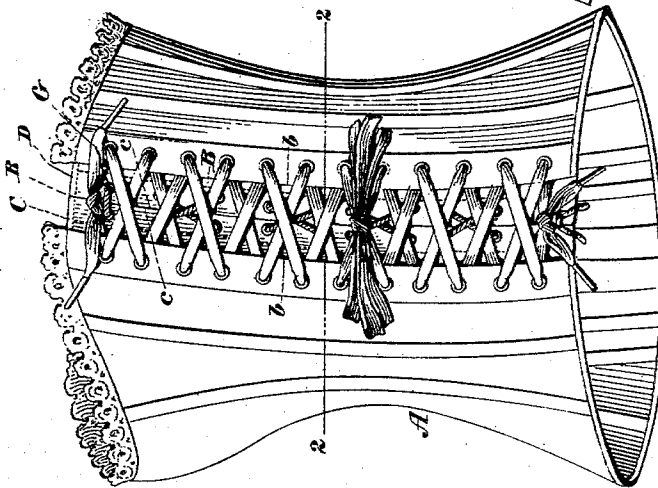
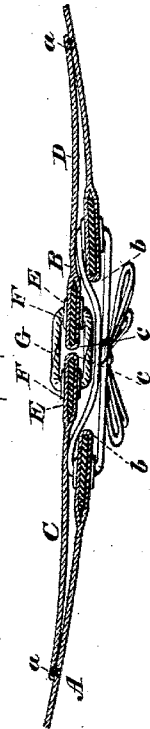


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILLIPP LIPPMANN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, 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.

The invention relates to improvements in corsets; and it consists in the novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

In accordance with my invention I provide at the inner side of the back of the corset what may for convenience be called an "independent" back, which will consist of two corresponding sections laced together at their inner meeting edges and at their outer edges sewed to the inner side of the back of the corset at a proper distance from the edges thereof. The inner edges of the sections of the independent back meet each other and effectually close the usual opening in the back of the corset, and said edges are provided with stays, which afford a satisfactory and an additional spinal support.

The invention will be more fully understood from the detailed description hereinafter presented, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset constructed in accordance with and embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse section of a portion of same on the dotted line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detached face view of the independent back separated from the corset and having its sections or flaps composed of a single thickness of material, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the independent back having its sections provided with two thicknesses of material or double flaps.

In the drawings, A designates a corset of usual form, to which the independent inner back B is applied. The back B is composed of two corresponding sections C D, having parallel meeting edges provided with stays E E, of any suitable form or construction, and eyelets F, the latter being to receive the lacing G, by which said meeting edges are held together. The outer edges of the sections C D extend outward as they approach the lower edge of the back B, as indicated in Fig. 3. Thus said back is preferably wider at its lower

than at its upper portion. When the independent back B (shown in Fig. 3) is applied to the inner side of the back of the corset, (shown in Fig. 1,) the outer edges *a a* of said independent back will be sewed to said corset at equal distances from the edges *b b* thereof, so that the meeting edges *c c* of the sections C D will come centrally at the back of the corset, and the stays E E will come between the stayed edges *b b*, as shown in Fig. 2. A person having an actual admeasurement of, say, twenty-four inches will buy a corset measuring about twenty-one or twenty-two inches, thus leaving at the back of the corset an opening about two or three inches wide, and hence the edges *a a* of the independent back will be sewed to the inner side of the corset at such distance from the edges *b b* thereof that the said opening will be entirely closed by said back B, as shown.

When the corset contains the independent back B, it is rendered thereby more durable and comfortable and affords a closed back and a spinal support of a very desirable character, and the corset thus constructed may be made a becoming fit and readily adapted to the varying conditions of the wearer. I prefer in many instances to use a rubber or elastic lacing-cord in the independent back B in order that the sections of said back may yield to the motions or conditions of the wearer and that the wearer may find rest and comfort in loosening the outer lacing-cord and allowing the yielding inner lace freedom of movement.

The nature of the independent back B is such that it enables the enlargement or retraction of the corset, as may be desired or necessary, since if the corset is too small it may be enlarged by sewing the edges *a a* of the back B nearer to the edges *b b* thereof, and if it is too large the said edges *a a* may be set farther back from said edges *b b*. The corset may thus be conveniently, accurately, and comfortably adapted to the desires and conditions of the wearer.

In Fig. 4 is shown an independent back B, whose sections C D each have two thicknesses of material or flaps *h i*.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, the corset

A having the usual open laced back, combined with the additional back B composed of the corresponding sections C, D extending from the upper to the lower portions of the corset and secured at their outer edges *a, a*, to the inner side of said corset at equal distances from the edges *b, b*, thereof, said sections having parallel meeting edges provided with the stays E, E, eyelets F and lacing G, the

whole being constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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