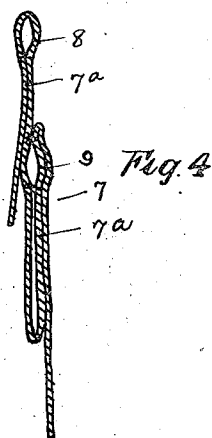
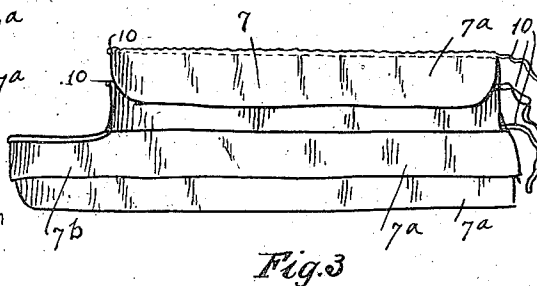
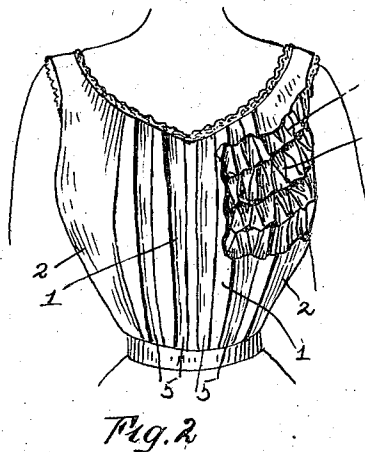
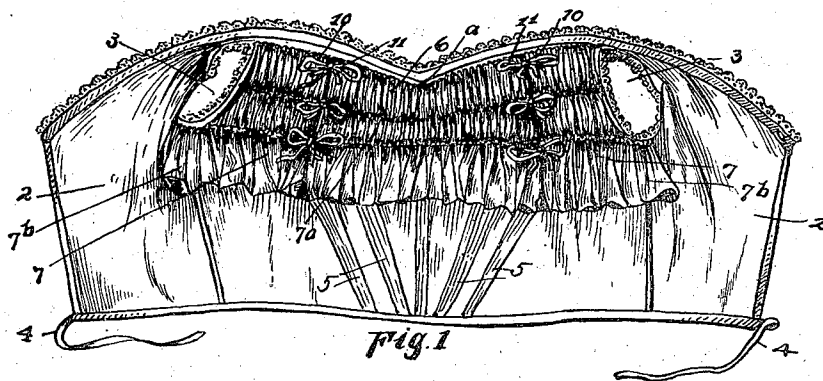


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LAURA E. MORRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lima, in the county of Allen and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Bust-Forms and Corset-Covers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to the improvement of combined bust forms and corset covers and the objects of my invention are to provide a garment of the character described of improved construction and arrangement of parts which will be adapted when properly worn, to impart a desirable bust form to the waist of the wearer; to provide in conjunction with the corset cover, an improved sectional dress form so constructed and arranged as to impart not only the desired bust-like form at the front of the corset cover, but to provide a filling beneath the arms of the wearer.

A further object of my invention consists in producing a bust form of separately formed sections, each of which is produced of one piece of material.

These objects I accomplish in the manner illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is an inner face view of my improved bust form and corset cover, Fig. 2 is an outer side view of the corset cover shown in the wearing position and with a portion of said cover broken away to disclose the body of the bust form, Fig. 3 is an outer side view of one of the end bust form sections showing the same detached from the corset cover and without shirring, and, Fig. 4 is an exaggerated sectional view of Fig. 3 illustrating the manner of forming the tucks and casings.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a corset cover body comprising a front portion 1 and extended side and back portions 2. On opposite sides of the front portion 1 and in the upper portion of the cover, are formed suitable arm-holes 3. The ends of the corset cover body are adapted to be suitably connected at the middle of the back of the wearer by buttons and tapes, the latter being indicated at 4.

In forming the front portion 1 of the corset cover, I produce the same with separated box-plaits 5 which taper toward their up-

per and lower ends and which extend throughout the height of said front portion. By the provision of these tapering box-plaits, it is obvious that a desirable outward bulge or bust form projection is provided in the front of the corset cover.

On the inner side and upper portion of the corset cover, I provide a bust form body, which comprises three separately formed sections, the central section being indicated at 6 and the end sections at 7. The central section which extends across the greater portion of the corset cover front, has the central portion of its upper side affixed to the corset cover at a point indicated at *a*. The end sections 7 have their outer ends stitched in connection with the corset cover adjacent to the arm holes thereof. I produce each of the end sections of one piece of fabric which is formed in the manner indicated more clearly in Fig. 4 of the drawing, with a plurality of longitudinal tucks 7^a arranged one above the other. At each fold in the material which is formed in the production of said tucks, I produce by suitable parallel stitching, a longitudinal casing, two of these casings being indicated at 8 and 9 in Fig. 4 of the drawing. In constructing each of these end sections 7, the inner end of each section is provided in its lower portion with an under-arm extension such as is indicated at 7^b, and the upper marginal portion of which is secured to the corset cover beneath the adjacent arm hole. Through each of the casings of the end sections, runs a tape or draw-string 10, the outer ends of these tapes being connected with the ends of the casings and the remaining ends running freely out through the inner ends of said casings.

The central bust form section 6 also comprises one piece of fabric, in which is formed a plurality of tucks corresponding with those of the end sections, and as prescribed for said end sections, each tuck fold has formed therein a casing through which runs a tape or draw-string 11. By compressing the tucks of the central section 6 toward the center of the length of the section and compressing the tucks of the end sections toward the outer ends of the latter, the tucks are shirred in the manner indicated in Fig. 1 of the drawing. This being accomplished, the ends of the draw strings or tapes 10, are tied in connection with the ends of the tapes or draw strings 11, thus

connecting the three sections of the bust form body.

By the construction described, it will not only be observed that the bowed or outwardly curved front portion of the corset cover will be properly filled, but that the usual depressions or hollows of the body beneath the arm holes, are also filled.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that simple and efficient means are herein provided for accomplishing the objects of the invention, but while the elements shown and described are well adapted to serve the purposes for which they are intended, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the precise construction set forth, but includes within its purview such changes as may be made within the scope of the appended claims.

It will be noted that by forming my improved corset cover of a plurality of sections, I am enabled to obtain a ready adjustment of the form to adapt the same to fit smoothly and snugly. Furthermore, by employing a plurality of sections, I am enabled to obtain the desired appearance of fullness, which would be impossible were the form made up of a single piece, as in the latter case, relatively long draw strings would be required and it would be impossible to obtain an even shirring. Furthermore, it will be seen that by doubling and tucking the form in the manner shown, I am enabled to obtain a desired thickness to the form at the point most necessary. It will be further seen that the bust form of the present invention, embodies in its construction a central bust form section, and

end bust form sections, the sections inclining upwardly and outwardly from the center to conform to the bust and provided with flounces, and each of the sections having draw strings at the upper edges of the flounces detachably connecting them together.

What I claim, is—

1. The combination of a central bust form section having the opposite end portions inclining upwardly and outwardly to conform to the bust, and end bust form sections forming a continuation of the end portions of the central bust form section, and draw strings carried by each of said sections, with the draw strings of one section detachably connected to the draw strings of the next adjacent section.

2. A bust form comprising a central bust form section and end bust form sections, the sections inclining upwardly and outwardly from the center to conform to the bust and having flounces, and each of said sections having draw strings at the upper edges of the flounces detachably connecting them together.

3. A bust form comprising a body constructed of a plurality of tucked bust form sections, with the tucks extending continuously across the center of the body, and draw strings connecting the said sections together.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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