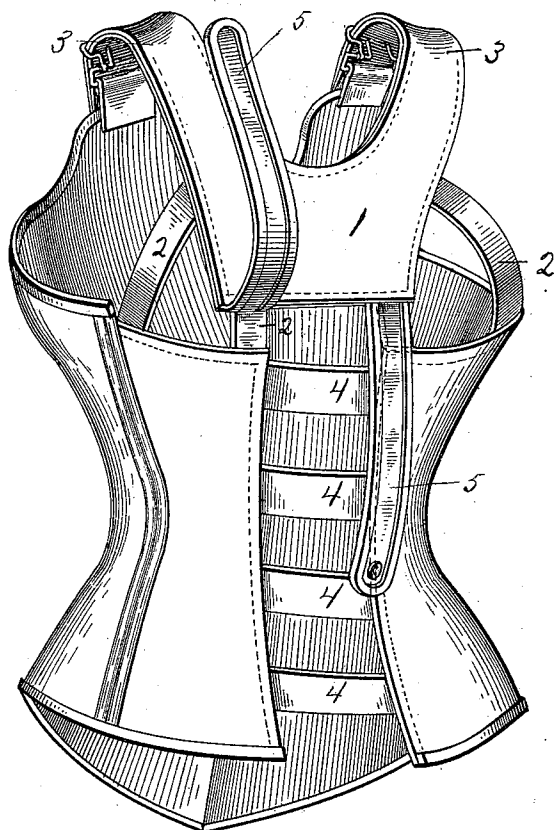


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLOTTE A. MCGEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets, and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The object of my invention is to produce a corset, which, by reason of the peculiar formation and elastic connection of its parts, will permit more free and easy motion of the shoulders and arms than can be obtained by the use of other corsets, and which will consequently be more healthful and comfortable to the wearer.

My invention also has for its object the supporting of the weight of the skirts from the shoulders, and not from the waist, by the use of skirt supporting strips or bands properly placed on the corset.

I accomplish the objects of my invention by constructing my corset with the two pieces forming the same cut lower than is usually the case in the back, and connected together in the back by elastic strips or ties, and by the use of a yoke, fitting in between the shoulders of the wearer, and connected to the back of the corset by a plurality of elastic strips or bands, and to the front of the corset by shoulder straps, which are elastically attached to said front of the corset. The reaction of the various parts of the corset upon each other, thus elastically connected at three points, is such as to make the corset especially easy and comfortable to the wearer. The low cutting of the pieces forming the corset at the back prevents the same from showing through the dress at the back, as the common corset usually does, and a perfect fit over the upper portion of the back and the shoulders is secured. By attaching skirt supporting bands to the shoulder yoke above

mentioned, I remove the weight of the skirts entirely from the waist, and place it upon the shoulders.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which the same reference numerals refer to the same or corresponding parts, and which is a back view of my improved corset, showing the portions in which my invention resides.

Referring to the drawing, 1 represents the shoulder yoke, which is formed of such a size and shape as to fit between the shoulders of the wearer, and is elastically connected to the pieces forming the corset at the back by a plurality of elastic strips 2. Non-elastic strips, coiled wire, strips of cloth, or even the laces usually employed with corsets might also be used to make this connection between the back pieces and the shoulder yoke, but the elastic connection is to be preferred. The shoulder yoke is connected across the shoulders to the front of the corset by the straps 3, and these are preferably buckled, not to the said front of the corset directly, but through the mediation of buckles elastically connected to the front of the corset, so that an elastic connection is made at these points.

By the use of a yoke such as described, I am able to cut the pieces forming the corset much lower in the back than can usually be done, thus preventing the corset from showing through the dress at this place, as the connection across the shoulders is made by parts which fit closely to the form; and also to secure a partial bracing action, which tends to hold the shoulders back and in upright position. As the yoke is connected to the back of the corset by several bands, there is no particular strain on any one of them, as the strain is equally divided.

If desired, non-elastic connections may be used to connect the straps 3 to the front of the corset, elastic connections being however preferred, as greater ease and grace of movement are thereby secured. The yoke and shoulder straps are preferably made of a single piece of cloth, though they may be made of several pieces equally as well.

As before stated, the pieces forming the corset are cut lower than usual at the back,

and are fastened together by pieces of elastic web 4, though elastic ties may be used instead, or even non-elastic connections.

5 The skirt-supporting bands 5 are attached to shoulder yoke 1, and are suitably provided with buttons or hooks. The weight of the skirts is thus thrown entirely upon the shoulders.

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

15 1. As an article of manufacture, a corset having the back portion cut low and divided throughout its entire length, the edges thereof of being united in a suitable manner, and having a yoke portion, connected to said back portion by a plurality of connecting straps, and to the front portion by shoulder straps, substantially as described.

20 2. As an article of manufacture, a corset having the back portion cut low and divided

throughout its entire length, the edges thereof of being united by the parallel strips 4, and having a yoke portion connected to said back portion by a series of straps 2, and to the 25 front portion by shoulder straps 5, substantially as described.

3. As an article of manufacture, a corset having the back portion cut low and divided throughout its entire length, the edges thereof of being united in a suitable manner, having 30 a yoke portion connected to said back portion by a plurality of straps, and to the front portion by shoulder straps, and having skirt supporting bands attached to said yoke portion, substantially as described. 35

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

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