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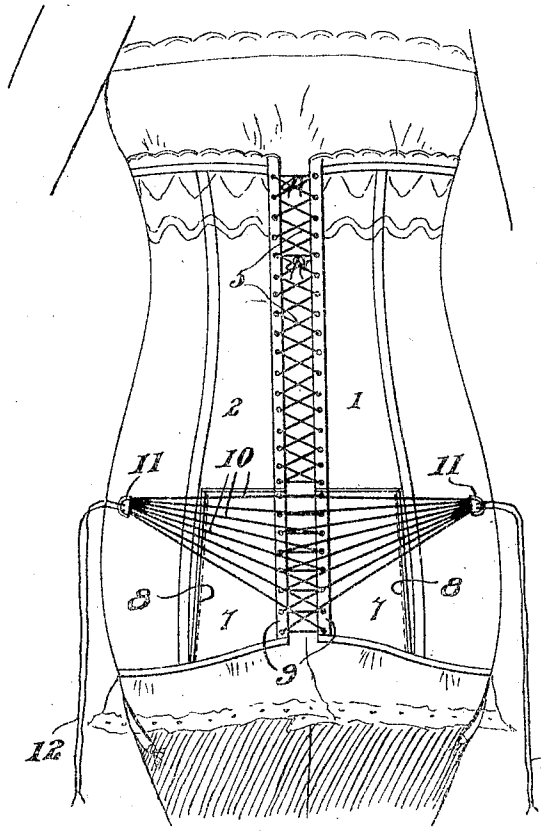
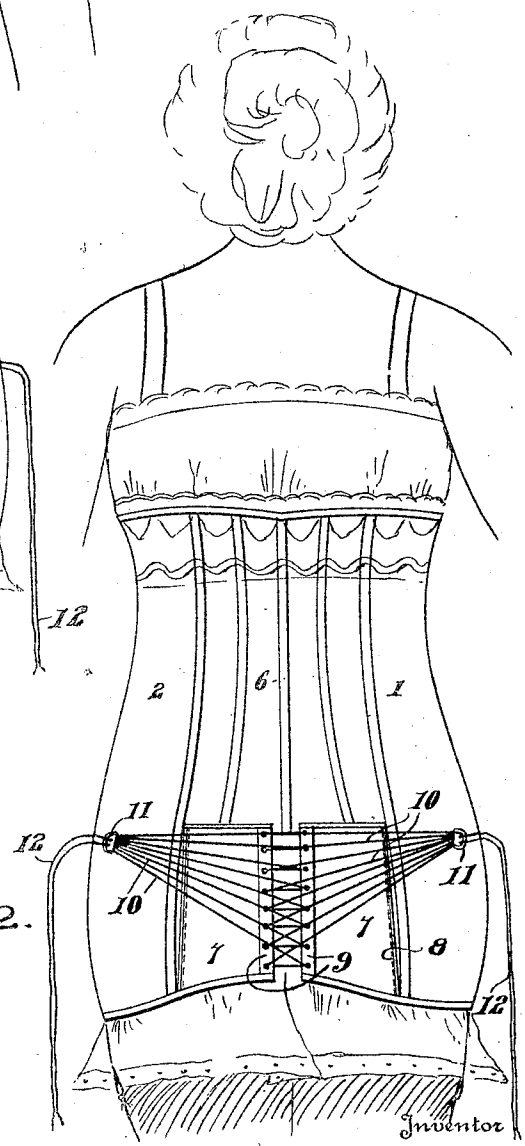


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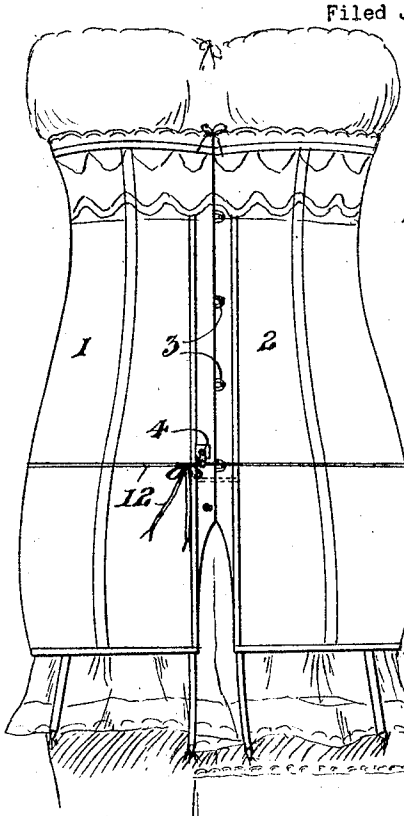


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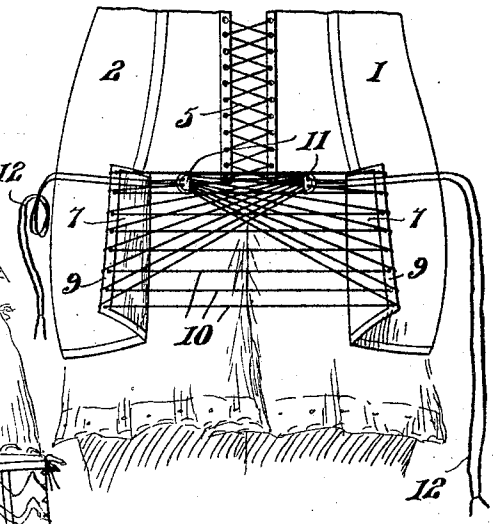
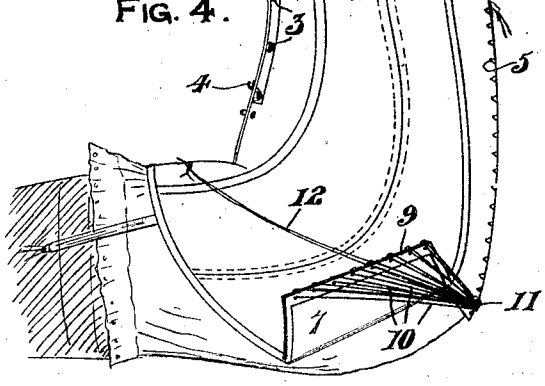


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KATE LOUISE LAMBERGER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachment or Adjustable Backs for Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in corsets and embodies an improved construction in the rear portion thereof permitting a section of the rear portion to be separated or opened, with the remaining section of the corset retaining its proper closed condition upon the body of the wearer.

The primary object of the invention resides in the provision of an adjustable back section associated with the lower rear edge of the corset, and embodying side flap sections that may be opened and closed, preferably by lacing clusters independently of the remaining portion of the corset to permit free and unrestricted movements of the lower portion of the body in performing the natural functions thereof.

Another object of the invention comprises the combination with a corset having either a laced, or permanently closed rear side, a flap section carried by the side sections at the lower end of the rear side that forms an adjustable back adjacent the lower end of the corset, normally closed and regulated by lacing clusters, and adapted to be opened or separated whenever desired to permit free movement of the lower portion of the body of the wearer.

With the above general objects in view and others that will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists of the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawing and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application and in which like designating characters refer to corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of a corset constructed in accordance with the present invention, showing the rear vertical edges of the side sections of the corset laced together and the adjustable flap sections carried by the lower end of the corset with the lacing cluster and tie cords for retaining the adjustable flaps in their closed position, the corset being illustrated in its operative position upon the body of a wearer,

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view, similar to Fig. 1 showing the adjustable flap sections associated with a corset having a permanently closed upper rear side,

Figure 3 is a fragmentary rear elevational view showing the lower portion of the corset with the adjustable flap sections in a separated or opened position,

Figure 4 is a side elevational view of the corset in position upon the body of the wearer and in a sitting posture showing the adjustable flap sections separated or opened to permit free movement of the lower portion of the body, and

Figure 5 is a front elevational view of a corset in position upon the body of the wearer, showing the usual hooks and eye connectors and the tying cords for retaining the adjustable flap sections and lacing clusters in closed position.

The type of corset disclosed in this application is especially adapted for use by large or stout women where it is desired to more fully confine the lower portion of the body adjacent the hips to present what is generally known as a straight or long hip effect, the lower end of the corset extending a considerable distance below the waist line for tightly bracing those parts of the body confined within the corset. The type of corset now in use for accomplishing these results, affords many inconveniences to the wearer, rendering it quite difficult in performing the natural functions of the body and in many instances it is necessary to partially or entirely remove the corset in performing such functions. To overcome this difficulty, applicant has provided a hinged or stitched flap section associated with each vertical side edge of the rear side of the corset sections, the flap being permanently attached to the body of the corset with the free edges thereof laced in the usual manner, and with the laces extending around the body of the corset to be secured together at the front side thereof, such lacing being released to permit opening or separating movement of the flap sections, the remaining portion of the corset being properly laced and hooked together and permitting free movement of the lower parts of the body confined by the corset at any time desired without the necessity of entirely removing the corset.

Referring more in detail to the accompanying drawings, and particularly to Figures 1, 2 and 5 there is illustrated a corset, generally known in the art as a straight or long hip corset embodying opposite sides 1 and 2 secured together at the front side thereof at the vertical edges by the usual hook and eye connectors 3, the side section 1 adjacent the waist portion carrying a hook 4, for purposes presently to appear. As shown in Fig. 1 the corset is formed of separable sections 1 and 2 having the vertical adjacent edges thereof secured together at points spaced from the lower end thereof by lacing cords 5 that are adjusted to properly position the corset upon the body of the wearer. In the form of the invention shown in Fig. 2, the upper rear portion of the corset is formed continuous with the side sections 1 and 2, as a single section of material as indicated at 6, while the front side of the corset may be secured together, either by hook and eye connectors or lacing devices.

The invention residing in this corset, more particularly refers to an adjustable back or closure for the lower rear sides of the corset, each side section 1 and 2 carrying an adjustable flap 7 foldable upon a vertical stitched line 8, each flap section being substantially rectangular in plan view as indicated. When the flap sections 7 are in the closed position shown in Fig. 1, the adjacent edges thereof extend in alinement with the adjacent edges of the rear side of the side sections 1 and 2 to provide a continuous lacing effect for the rear side of the corset, and when said flaps are closed as illustrated in Fig. 2, the tension thereon placed by the lacing devices associated therewith provides a continuous, even and smooth rear side to the entire adjacent portion of the corset.

For controlling the movement of the flap sections 7, the adjacent edges of said flaps are provided with reinforcing strips 9 having eyelets therein for the threading of lacing clusters 10, the free ends of the lacing clusters 10 being secured to semi-circular members 11 for the purpose of permitting the wearer to easily renew the lacing clusters when they have worn out. By referring to Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings, it will be noted that the strings of the lacing clusters graduate, or are successively shorter from the lower ends of the flap sections 7 in directions toward the upper ends thereof to cause the lower ends of the side sections 1 and 2 of the corset and the adjustable flap sections 7 to properly position themselves relative to the body of the wearer. Each semi-circular member 11 carries a tying cord 12 for adjusting the lacing clusters 10, the ends of the cords 12 being tied in a bow as indicated in Fig. 5 and supported upon the hook 4 at the front side of the corset.

In the use of the corset, the same is placed upon the body in the usual manner, the rear lacing 5 and the lacing clusters 10 being loosened to permit engagement of the front connection for the corset. The upper strings 5 are then tightened to close the upper ends of the corset sections 1 and 2 upon the body of the wearer, the string clusters 10 being subsequently operated by the tying cords 12 to cause the rear flap sections 7 to be moved to their closed positions as shown in Figures 1 and 2, tightly confining the lower portion of the body adjacent the hips, and cooperating with the remaining portion of the corset to produce a straight hip or long line effect, the tying cords 12 being knotted or tied in a bow and secured to the hook 4 at the front side of the corset. With the corset so positioned, the entire portion of the body of the wearer confined therein is effectively restrained for the purpose of reducing the hips, preventing undue movement of the body and further presenting an unusually neat appearance. In corsets of the ordinary type, wherein the lower portion of the body adjacent the hips is substantially rigidly confined within the corset, and said corset being formed of immovable sections, considerable difficulty is encountered in performing the natural functions of the body, in many instances it being necessary to partially remove the corset to permit proper body movement, thus working great harm and injury to the wearer of a corset of that type. By the provision of the rear adjustable flap sections 7, the string clusters 10 may be loosened to permit free swinging movement of the flaps 7 upon the vertical lines of stitching 8, this position being shown in Figures 3 and 4, Fig. 3 showing the flap sections entirely separated and completely exposing the lower rear portion of the body of the wearer, while Fig. 4 shows the position assumed by the corset and flap sections when the wearer of the corset is in a sitting position, the rear laced section 5 of the upper portion of the corset remaining in its closed position as shown. With a corset of this type, the natural functions of the body may be performed without any great inconvenience, merely by loosening the adjustable flaps 7 as above set forth, while adjustment of the flaps for moving the same to their closed position is accomplished by the lacing clusters and tying cords associated therewith. While the type of corset disclosed herein is capable of manufacture in various sizes and dimensions, it is believed that the same will be found to be especially desirable by stout women, providing a hip and lower back reducing feature and also being readily operable so as not to interfere with the performance of any function desired.

It is further important to note that the lower edge of the corset is a considerable

distance from the waist line for the purpose of providing a corset that will place a desired pressure upon the hips, thighs, and fleshy part of the lower back for the purpose of reducing and giving these parts long slim lines to produce the straight, long hip effect before referred to. By inspecting Figs. 1, 2 and 4, it will be seen that the separate adjustability of the corset, provided by the sections 7, for these parts of the body will allow added pressure to be placed at these points without necessitating injurious pressure being placed upon the abdomen by the upper part of the corset. Further, due to the positioning of the flaps 7, a considerable distance below the waist line, the back will at all times be supported with ease and comfort.

While there is herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of the present invention, it is nevertheless to be understood that minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is:—

In a corset of the type herein set forth, a body portion having its upper edge disposed adjacent to and upwardly of the waist line, the lower edge of the corset extending below the hip portions of the wearer throughout its circumference to present a long straight hip effect, the central portion of the lower end of the corset back being cut away with the side walls of the cutaway portion being disposed adjacent the sides of the hips of the wearer when in use, horizontally swinging closure flaps for the rear cutaway portion of the back overlying the buttocks with each closure flap having the outer vertical edge secured to the adjacent side wall of the cutaway portion to form a hinge connection therewith, each closure flap being substantially rectangular in plan view, the free adjacent vertical edges of the closure flaps being reinforced and parallel and having eyelets therein, lacing clusters associated with the eyelets and tying cords carried by the lacing clusters having their ends adapted to be secured together at the front side of the corset.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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