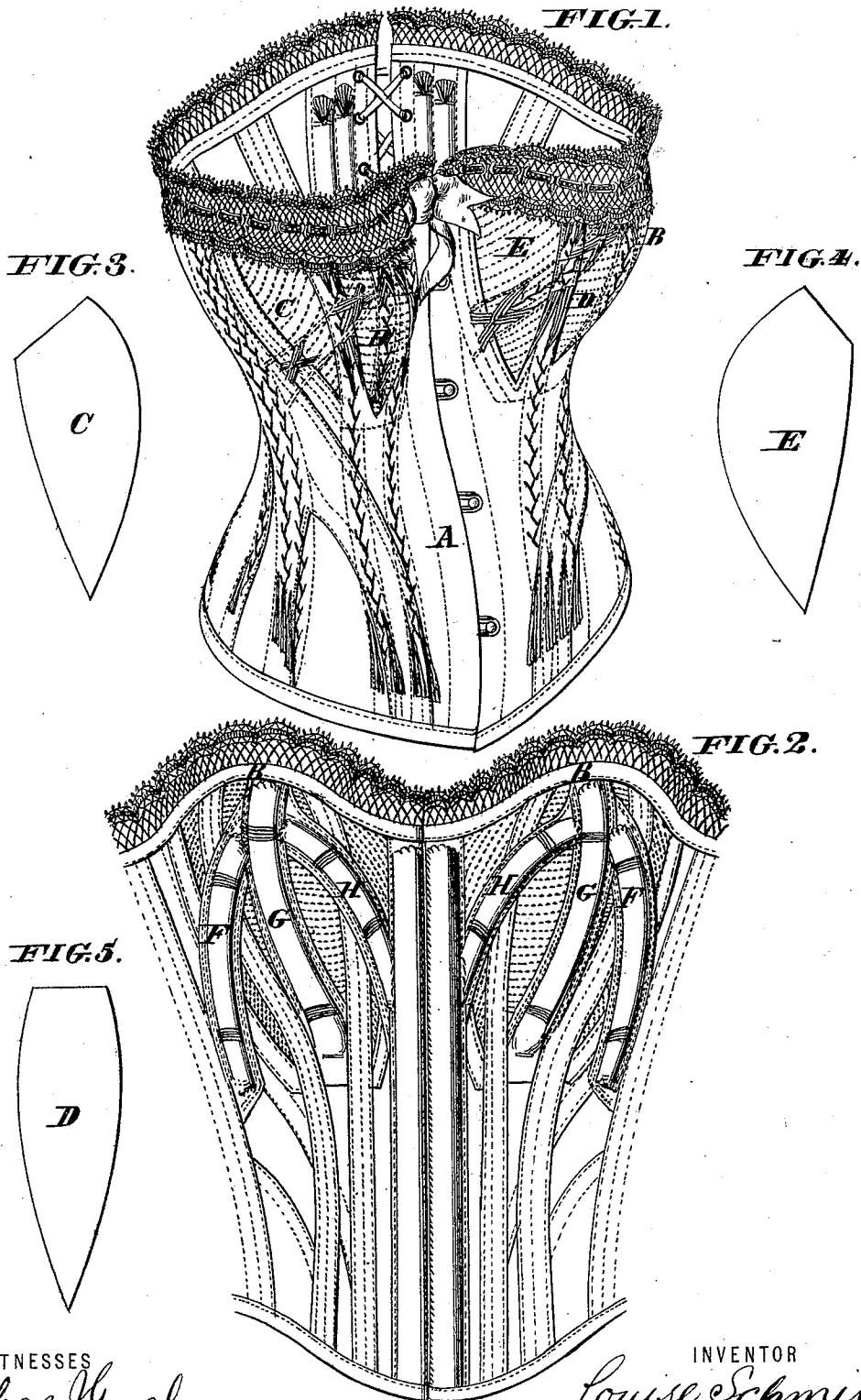


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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, LOUISE SCHMITT, of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification :

This invention relates to the production of the breast portions of corsets, which will give the appearance of a natural breast without the use of padding, which is injurious to the wearer, and which are supported so that they shall not touch the person; and consists in forming said breast portions each of three suitably-shaped gores, supported, when combined, by braces of steel or whalebone, or other suitable material, arranged as hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the corset. Fig. 2 is an inside view of the front half of the corset. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are detached views of the gores that form the breast.

A may represent a corset, and B a breast portion formed thereon by three gores, C D E, of the peculiar shape shown, the gore D being placed in the center, the gore C on the inside, and the one E on the outside. F G H are braces of steel, whalebone, or other suitable material, which keep the breast as formed

in proper position and support the dress. They are inserted in pockets in the gores or covered with tape, the ends being firmly fastened to keep them in place, the brace G being straight, and the ones F H being arranged diagonally to it, as shown.

By the described arrangement of gores and supporting-braces the appearance of a natural breast is given by the corset, in such a manner as to completely dispense with the unhealthy padding, which is injurious to the wearer. These breast portions are cool and comfortable, retain their shape, and support the dress, so as to prevent its bearing against the person.

The following is what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent :

1. The combination of the gores C D E, constructed and arranged as set forth, for the purpose specified.

2. The combination of the gores C D E and braces F G H, arranged to operate as set forth, for the purpose designated.

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