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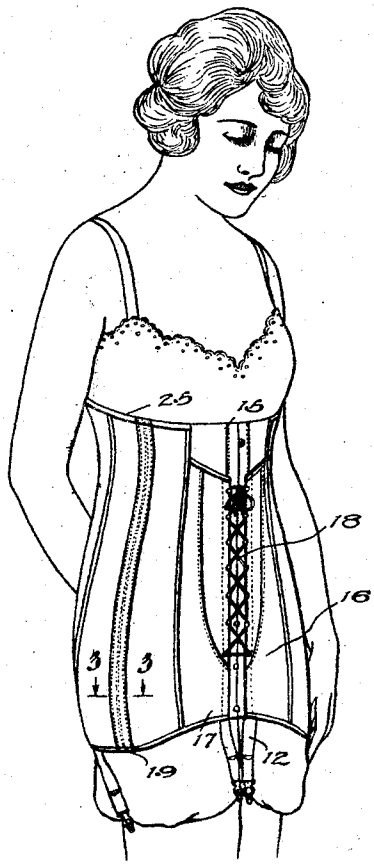


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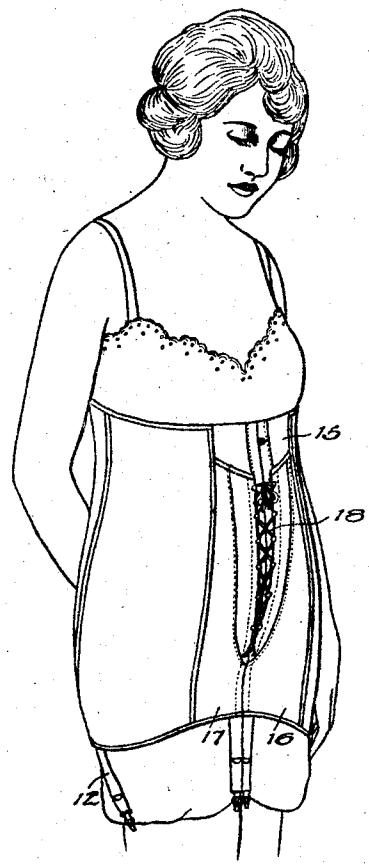


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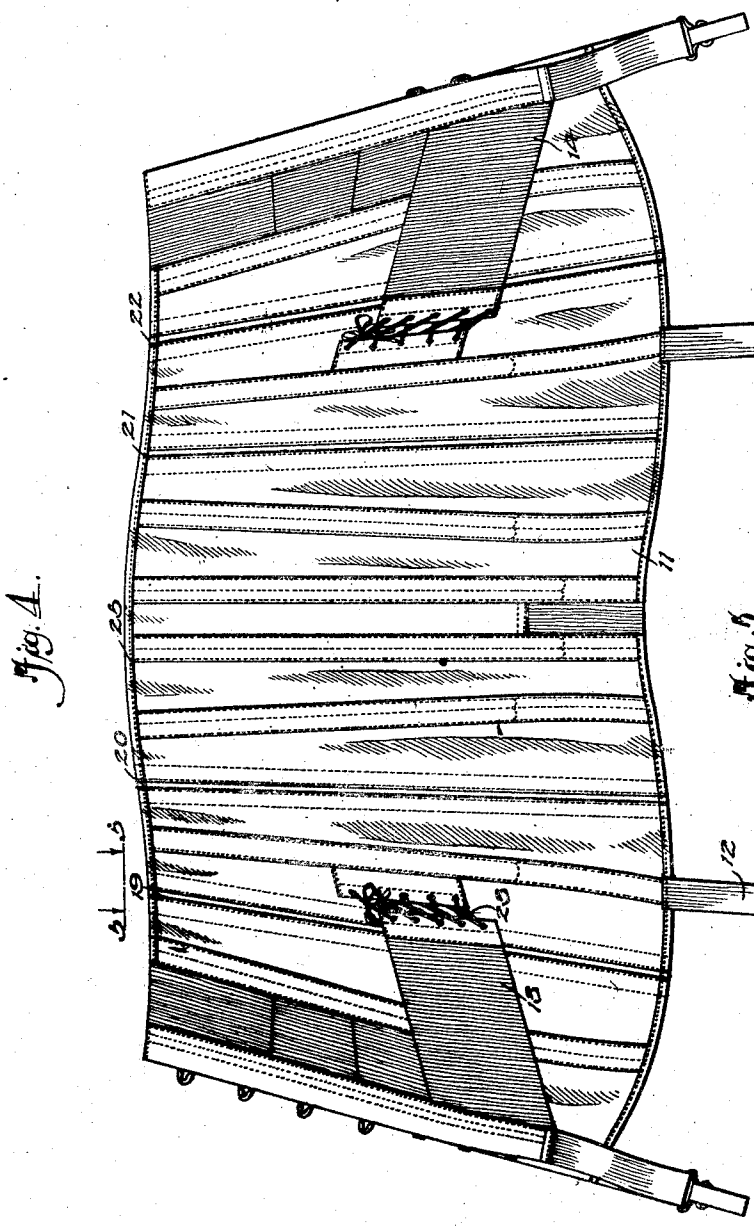


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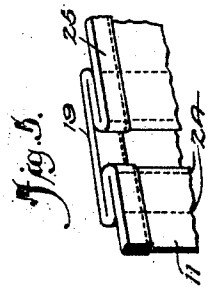


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL J. NEWMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and Improved Corset, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to corsets and particularly to an improved corset capable of adjustment for different sizes within prescribed limits.

The object of the invention is to provide a corset of the usual shape and appearance which may be from time to time adjusted so as to be varied in size throughout or at different sections thereof.

Another object of the invention is to provide a corset having the usual shape wherein the parts are so constructed that certain seams may be ripped out for enlarging the corset without injuring the corset or varying the shape to an undesirable extent.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a corset particularly adapted for maternity use wherein abdominal elastic supports are provided and wherein the corset is so formed as to be readily enlarged from time to time throughout the body thereof.

In the accompanying drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a figure with a corset embodying the invention applied thereto as the same leaves the factory.

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 but showing a larger person with the corset readjusted to produce the desired fit.

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view through Figure 1 approximately on line 3—3.

Figure 4 is an elevation of the interior of the corset when the same is in a spread out position.

Figure 5 is an enlarged fragmentary perspective view taken approximately from line 5—5 from Figure 4.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numeral, 11 indicates the body of the corset which is provided with any desired form of hose supporters 12 and also provided with elastic abdominal supports 13 and 14. The general design of this corset is identical with my prior Patent No. 1,256,358, which patent discloses a front laced corset provided with an elastic vest 15 over which the front flaps 16 and 17 overlap, said front flaps being drawn toward each other by suitable laces 18.

When the corset embodying the present invention is first constructed, it is shaped identically with the ordinary corset and is adapted to fit an ordinary person either large or small as may be desired. However, in the construction of the body 11 an extra supply of material is used and this extra amount of material is taken up by the box plaits 19, 20, 21 and 22. As indicated in Figure 4 there are four of these box plaits but if desired a greater or even a less number could be used. When these box plaits are in the position shown in Figure 4 the corset will appear in use as shown in Figure 1. In case a person should increase in weight, one or more of the box plaits could be opened up as may be desired. This structure is especially advantageous for pregnant women as either an entire box plait or half a box plait on both sides may be opened up from time to time to accommodate varying conditions and the gradual increase in size. When the corset has been fully adjusted by removing the various box plaits, the structure will appear substantially as shown in Figure 2. The arrangement of the abdominal supports 13 and 14 provides a proper support and yields as the size of the person increases. In addition, one end of the supports 13 and 14 is connected by lacings 23 whereby a proper adjustment may be secured. Preferably, the lacings 23 are arranged beyond the respective box plaits 19 and 22, that is, further toward the back than these box plaits though they could be arranged in front if preferred to accommodate increase in size gained in opening plaits 19 and 22.

In forming the various box plaits, the construction is as disclosed particularly in Figures 3 and 5. It will be noted that two lines of stitching 24 are provided for each half of the box plait and, therefore, each half may be ripped out independently. By ripping out each half of each box plait independently, there will be eight adjustments of the structure shown in Figure 4. It will also be noted that the upper and lower binding tapes 25 are stitched in place before the box plaits are formed so that when these box plaits are formed the binding strip or tape will be formed therewith and, consequently,

when the lines of stitching 24 are ripped, the binding tape 25 will not be cut. This will leave the corset in good shape after each adjustment or cutting of any particular set of threads 24.

What I claim is:—

A corset provided with a body open at the front, means for drawing said front edges together, and an elastic abdominal support formed in two sections, a lacing for each section for adjustably securing the same in place, said body being formed with a box plait stitched in place extending from the top to the bottom and located between the lacings of said abdominal support and the front edges of the corset.

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