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FRONT LACED CORSET.
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Fig. 1.

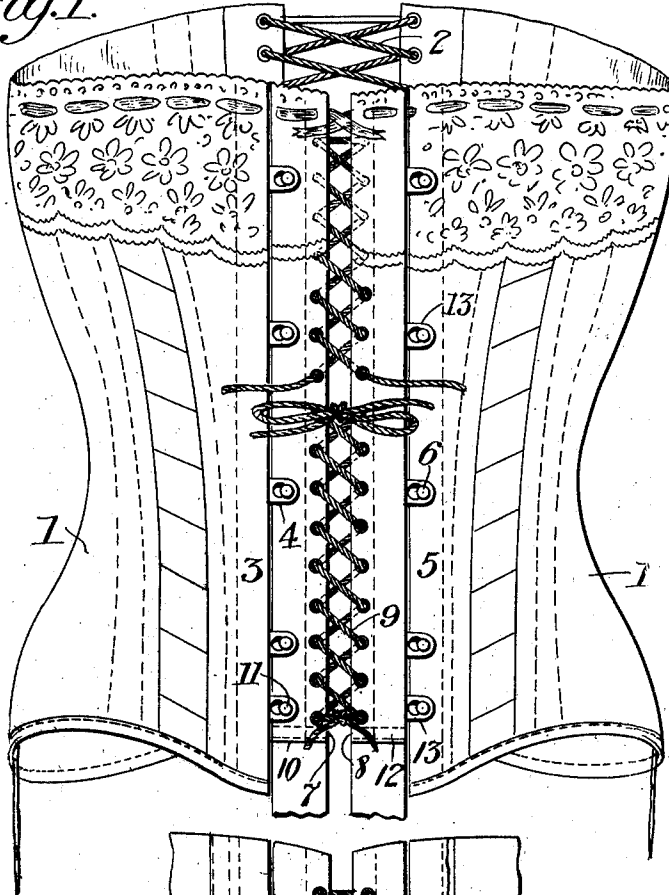


Fig. 2.

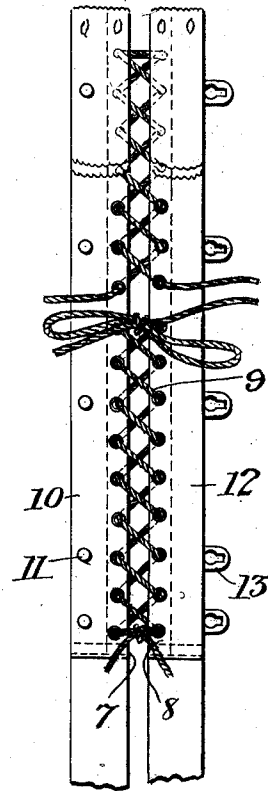


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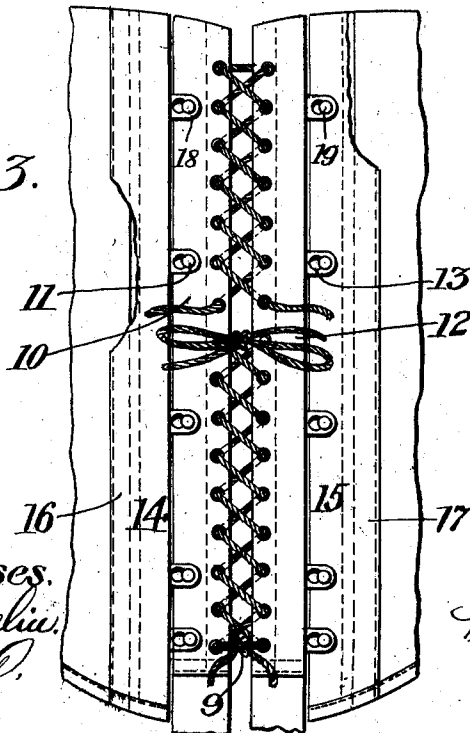
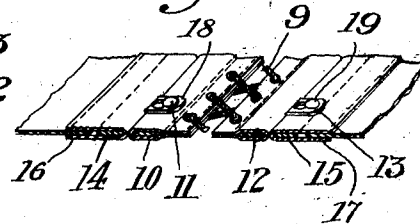


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VICTOR A. FAEGRE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Front-Laced Corsets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of this invention is to provide an attachment for corsets by which a corset may be worn as an ordinary corset or converted into a front laced corset, and whereby also, a corset made to a certain measure or size for ordinary wear without the attachment may be temporarily or otherwise enlarged in size.

In the simplest embodiment of my invention, I provide an attachment comprising a pair of eyeleted bones, steels, or stays adapted to receive lacings for permanently and adjustably connecting them together, and also provided at opposite edges with clasps arranged oppositely to the clasps on the corset, so that by means of these clasps, the device may be removably fastened in the front of an ordinary corset and the lacings be made available at front irrespective and independent of the back construction. Thus, a back laced corset may be converted into a front laced corset, and its size increased several inches, more or less; or, a corset, irrespective of its back construction, may have the front lacing attachment applied to it to convert the corset into a front laced corset, and increase its size.

Not only is it possible by the invention to convert a corset into a front laced corset irrespective of its back construction, but the dealer may supply customers with a variety of sizes from a very much smaller stock of sizes than is now necessary to be carried.

Having thus stated the principle of the invention, I will proceed now to describe the best mode in which I have contemplated employing that principle, and then will particularly point out and distinctly claim the part or improvement which I claim as my invention.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating the invention, in the several figures of which like parts are similarly designated, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a back laced corset having my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the attachment detached. Fig. 3 is an elevation

showing a modification, and Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating the application of the modification.

The halves of the corset 1 may be of any usual or approved construction, either with or without the ordinary back lacing appliances 2. The fronts of these halves are supplied with any usual stay 3, having the eyes 4, and the stay 5 having the heads or buttons 6, adapted to be clasped together to fasten the corset about the person.

The attachment of this invention has two eyeleted strips 7 and 8, in which are applied the lacings 9 adjustable in any usual manner and permanently connecting the strips. The strip 7 is provided with a stay 10, inclosed therein, having heads or buttons 11, and the strip 8 has inclosed in it the stay 12 provided with the eyes 13, so that the device equipped as shown in Fig. 2, may be detachably fastened in the front of a corset to its permanent stays, and thus convert the corset, irrespective of its back construction, into a front laced corset; and at the same time the application of the attachment enlarges the waist measure. The owner of a back laced corset desiring to use the front laced attachment might make up for the increase in size by taking in the corset by means of the back lacings.

I have merely indicated without fully showing the application of the hose supporter straps to the attachment as well as to the corset itself. In order to adapt the front laced attachment to corsets having a variety of stays differing from the stays on the attachment, it is necessary to supply the attachment with extra or independent stays that can be sewed on to the corset in place of the stays already on it, and this feature of my invention is clearly illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, where 14 and 15 are the extra stays having the edge strips 16 and 17 on their inclosing pieces of cloth and the usual complementary eyes 18 and heads 19; and as shown in Fig. 4, it is intended to use this construction on a corset by cutting out the misfit stays that may be on it and replacing them by the stays 14 and 15, which are sewed to the edges of the corset from which the misfit stays have been removed, through the medium of their strips 16 and 17.

The foregoing and other variations by which the invention may be applied to all

styles of ordinary corsets are within the scope and intent of the invention as herein-after claimed.

A great objection to the ordinary front laced corset is that it has no opening in the back over the spine, and this is considered to be detrimental to the health and is severely criticised by many reputable physicians. Moreover, the ordinary front laced corset has a lopsided appearance in front. These objections are overcome by my invention, inasmuch as it gives a well-proportioned and symmetrical front and permits of the retention of the back opening. My device also lends itself readily to any adjustment of the corset that the wearer may desire, since it is open and laced both in the front and in the back. The corset may be readily tightened or loosened above or below the waist line, as well as in the waist line. The abdominal and hip portions of the torso may be readily compressed and reduced, and the abdomen held up and supported. The corset in all of its parts may be easily adjusted so as to conform to the body, smoothing out all jogs and angles and thus rounding out the figure into graceful lines.

By the use of the device a great saving is effected in that it enables the manufacturer or dealer at a comparatively small extra cost to fit twice as many customers from the same quantity of stock of corsets on hand as was possible before. Each one of these attachments fitted to a back laced corset will render that corset a front laced as well as a back laced corset, and, besides, add from two to four inches to its size. Its use doubles the manufacturer's or dealer's styles and more than doubles his sizes. The double lacing, at front and back, enables the wearer, without the assistance of another person, to adjust the tension on any portion of the torso so as to give the utmost sense of feeling of comfort. While I prefer to use lacings in the attachment, I may replace them by other connecting or adjusting mediums.

The invention is not limited to eyes and heads as the clamping mediums, as it is obvious that other approved forms of detachable or separable complemental fastening devices may be used instead thereof.

What I claim is:—

1. An attachment for corsets having usual

complemental separable fastenings at the front opening, comprising a pair of corset stays having fastenings on their most remote edges adapted to be readily engaged with and disengaged from said complemental separable fastening members at the opposite edges of the front opening of the corset, and means to permanently and adjustably connect said stays to one another, the whole constituting an attachment to be readily applied to the corset for increasing the size thereof and rendering the corset adjustable in front, and adapted to be readily removed from the corset to permit the use of the corset with its usual complemental fastenings without such attachment.

2. A front lacing member for corsets having usual complemental fastenings at the front opening, comprising eyeleted strips, a pair of stays connected with the eyeleted strips, attaching members on said stays adapted to be readily engaged with and disengaged from the said complemental separable fastening members on opposite edges of the front opening of the corset, and lacings engaging the eyeleted strips and permanently and adjustably connecting said stays, said lacing member being adapted to be readily applied to the complemental separable fastenings of the corset to increase the size thereof, and to be readily removed therefrom to permit the use of the corset with its attached complemental fastenings without the attachment.

3. A front laced attachment for corsets, comprising a pair of stays having fastening devices on their outer edges, eyeleted strips connected to the inner edges of the stays, lacings permanently and adjustably connecting said eyeleted strips and their attached stays, and a pair of independent stays having complemental corset fastenings adapted to be affixed to a corset and to detachably cooperate with the stays on the attachment, whereby the corset may be converted into a front-laced garment and its size increased, and the attachment removed to permit the corset to be used without the attachment.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of March, A. D. 1911.

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