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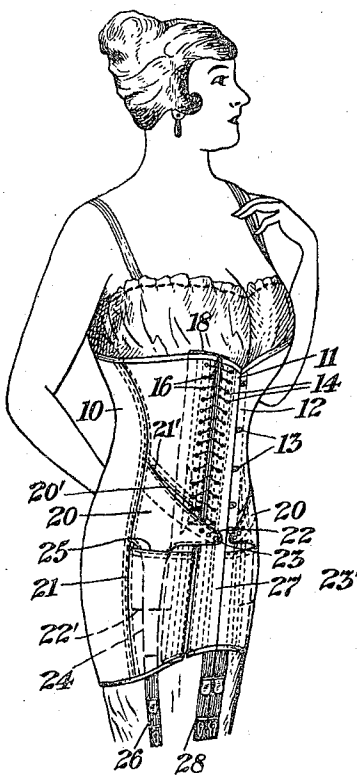
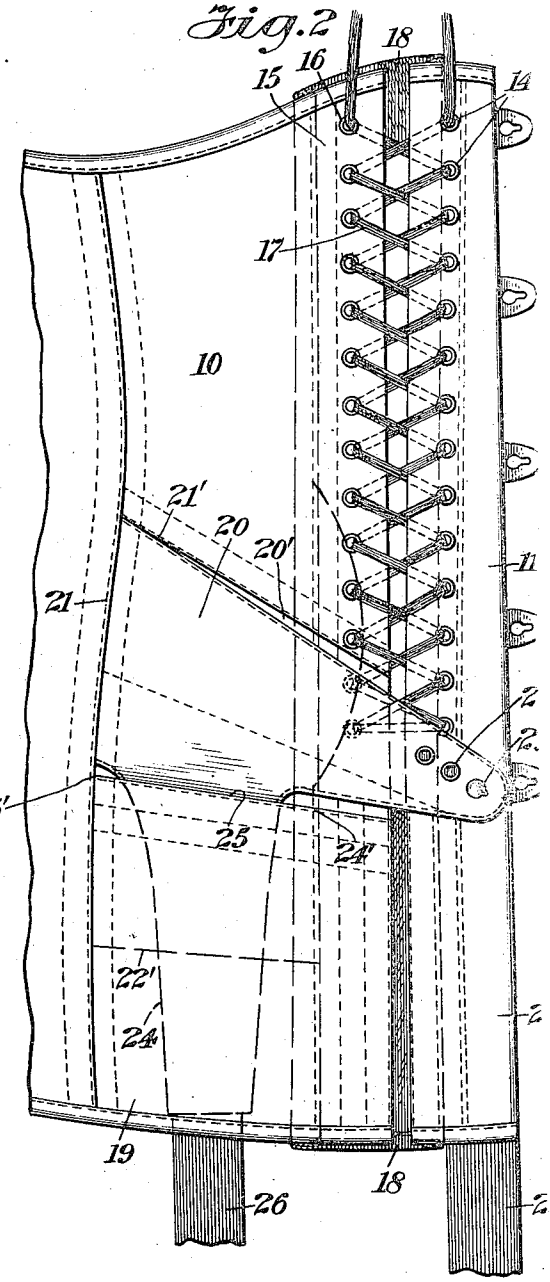


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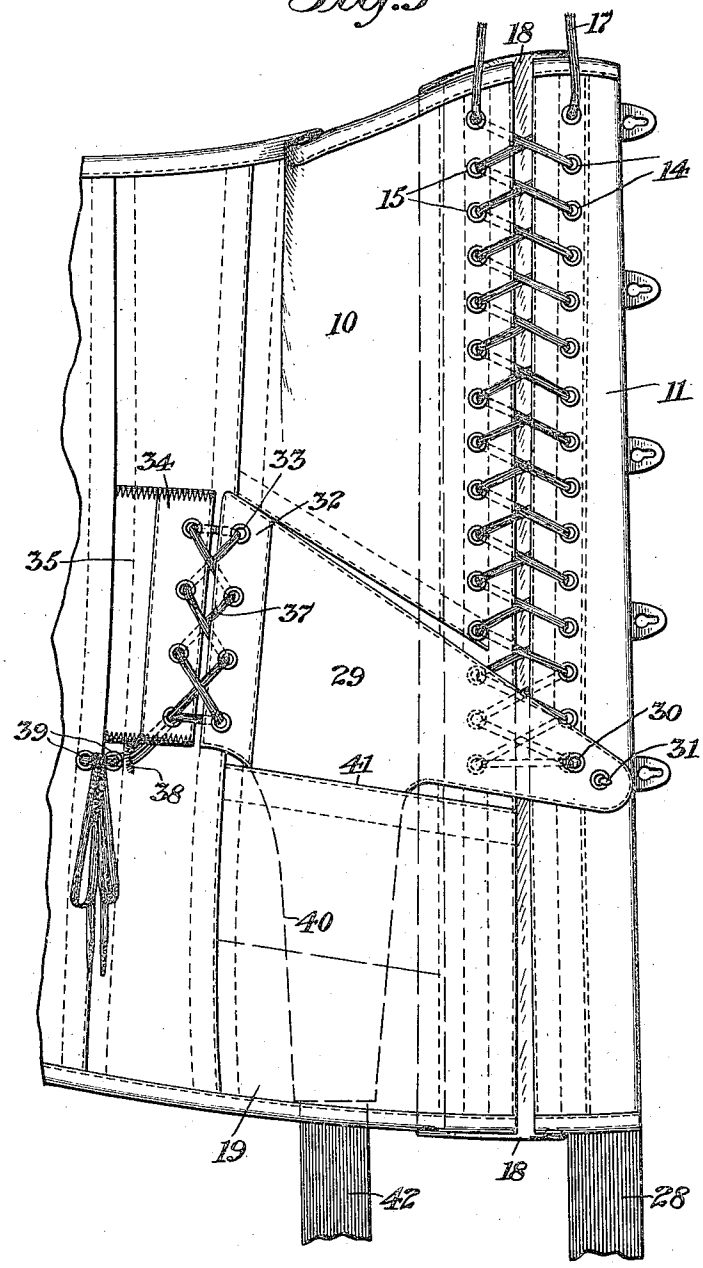
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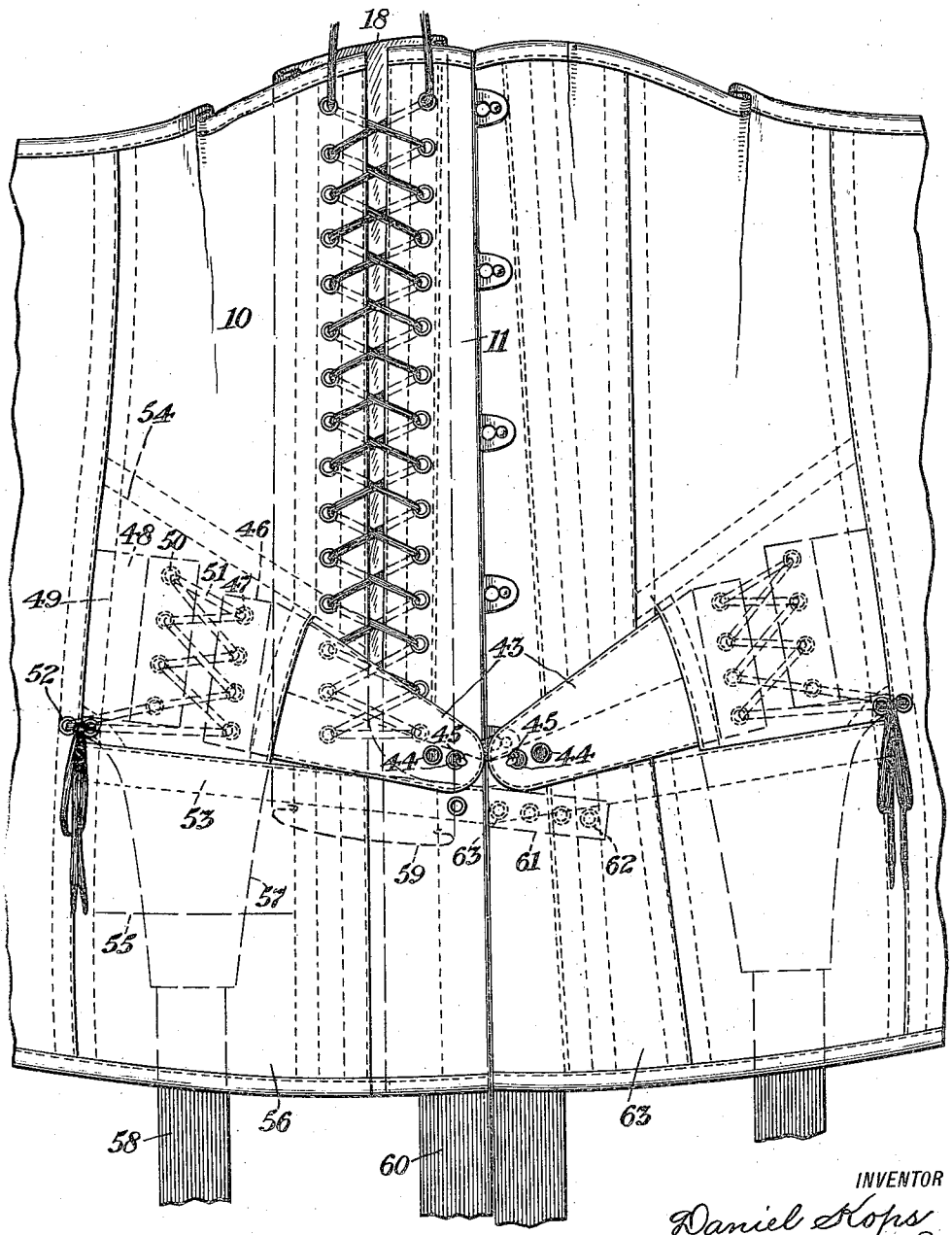
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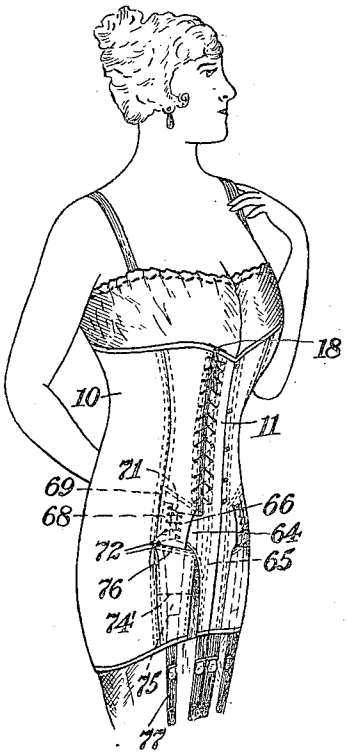
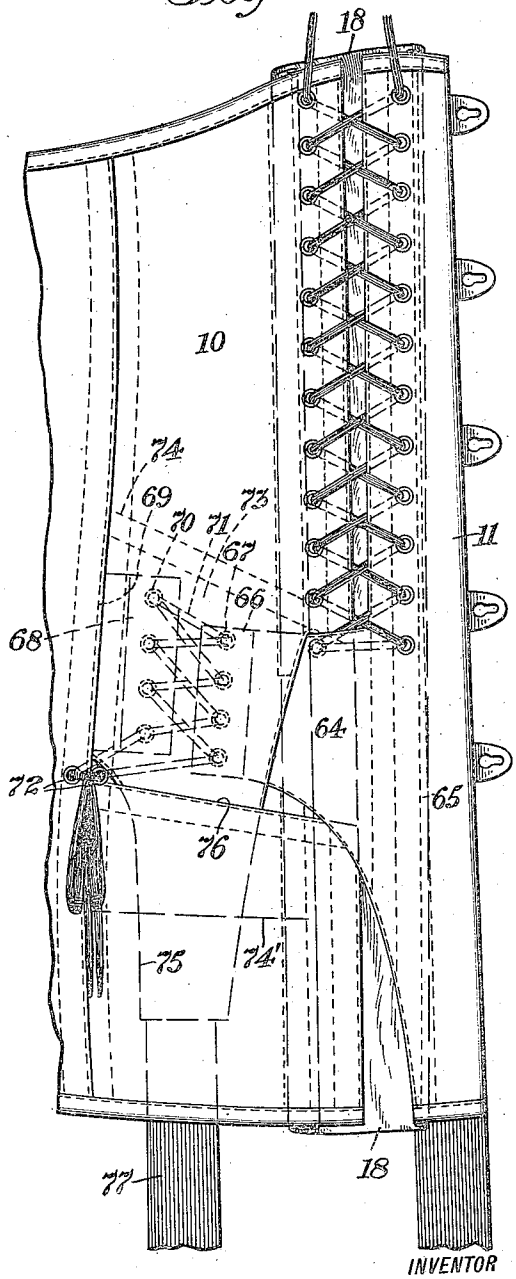


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL KOPS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Apparel-Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an apparel corset and more particularly to a front lace and closed back corset garment. Heretofore various forms of apparel corsets have been constructed in which front lace devices have been employed, and in some instances as for example in Letters Patent No. 1,233,251 granted to me July 10, 1917, together with these front lace devices there have been employed tension straps so placed in the lower front portion of the garment as to simultaneously effect an inward and an upward pressure against the abdomen of the wearer to properly support the same, these tension straps being suitably adjustable to perform this function. In this type of garment there has also been employed devices for co-acting with the lacing devices to determine the extent to which the lacing devices must be adjusted to make the garment symmetrical on the body of the wearer, and such devices are shown and described in Letters Patent No. 1,241,400 granted to me September 25, 1917.

In the present case I prefer to utilize the front lace device together with the devices for determining the extent to which these lacing devices must be adjusted to make the garment symmetrical, and in addition to these features I employ self-reducing straps to effect a circumferential pressure and the corresponding flattening effect upon the abdomen of the wearer instead of the uplift tension devices as shown and described in the first aforesaid Letters Patent. In this construction the front lace devices are adapted to produce the same results as the uplift tension devices heretofore employed by adjusting the abdominal section of the garment to the proper position for obtaining this effect, and the garment made in accordance with my present invention will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating one form of garment made in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevation illustrating the front portion of one side of the garment illustrated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 illustrating another form of the invention.

Fig. 4 is an elevation of the outer side of the front portion of an apparel corset illustrating another form of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view illustrating the application of a still further form of the invention, and

Fig. 6 is an enlarged elevation of a front portion of the garment shown in Fig. 5.

Referring to the drawing and particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, the corset made in accordance with this invention comprises a body portion 10 preferably closed at the back and provided at the front with front steel sections 11 and 12, these as usual being fitted with suitable clasps 13 by which these front steel sections are connected when the garment is in use. These front steel sections are adapted to come at the front central portion of the body of the wearer and on the left hand side of the garment the front steel section 12 is permanently secured to the body of the garment while on the left hand side of the garment as illustrated, the front steel section 11 is provided along one edge with a series of eyelets 14. The adjacent edge of the body of the garment is fitted with a reinforcing edge section 15 in which there are eyelets 16 corresponding in number and position with the eyelets 14 in the front steel section 11. A lace 17 is threaded through the eyelets 14 and 16 so as to adjust the garment to the proper position on the body of the wearer. The lace extends from the lower edge of the abdominal section of the garment upwardly to the top edge of the corset so that in the adjustment to position thereof the lower part of the lace adjusts the abdominal section of the corset to produce a simultaneous inward and upward pressure. In this divided part of the garment there is also a tongue 18 connected at one edge to the front steel section 11 and at the opposite edge to the reinforcing strip 15 in the adjacent edge of the body of the garment, and this tongue 18 may be fitted with suitable longitudinal and transverse stays to act as gages in determining the extent to which the lacing devices must be adjusted to make the parts of the garment symmetrical on the body of the wearer as shown and described in Letters Patent to which reference has hereinbefore been made. In this instance however, the tongue 18 preferably extends from the upper to the lower

edge of the garment, and as will be understood, the longitudinal and transverse bonings or stiffening devices are co-extensive with the lacing devices.

In this form of garment I employ a skirt section 19 which completes the continuity of the depending skirt to the edge of the reinforcing strip 15 by which, as hereinbefore described, this edge of the garment is connected by lacing devices to one front steel section thereof. I also employ a self-reducing strap in each side of the garment as indicated at 20. These self-reducing straps and parts associated therewith are similar in both sides of the garment, and consequently the structure as illustrated, in one side in Fig. 2 only will be described. At the end distant from the front steel section the self-reducing strap 20 is secured to the body of the garment along a line of stitching 21 appreciably forward of the hip section of the body member. From this line of stitching the self-reducing strap extends forwardly and at its opposite end is provided with series of eyelets 22, any one of which is adapted to engage with the hook 23 provided therefor in the lower portion of the front steel so as to adjust the self-reducing strap at this end to the desired position for use, and thus, as it will be observed, the self-reducing strap at its forward end overlies a portion of the lacing devices at the lower end thereof. In this form of the invention there is a depending hose supporter strap 24 secured to or integral with the lower portion of the self-reducing strap 20. This depending hose supporter strap passes through a slot 25 provided therefor in the skirt section 19 so as to lie immediately beneath and act independently of this portion of the garment, and at its lower end this hose supporter strap is fitted with a hose supporter 26. The depending portion 27 of the front steel member 11 may also be fitted with a hose supporter indicated at 28. In this form of garment I also employ an insert indicated at 20′. This extends from the lines of stitching 21 by which, at its upper end, the insert is secured in the body of the garment to a line 22′, and is secured at one edge in the line of stitching 21, by which as hereinbefore described, one end of the self-reducing strap 20 is attached, and also at its opposite edge to the reinforcing strip 15 on the front edge of the body of the garment. This insert 20′ is therefore unattached to the upper portion of the skirt member 19 from the points 23′ and 24′, thereby forming the slot or opening through which the depending hose supporter strap 24 is passed. In the use of this form of the invention as will be apparent, the lacing devices are employed to adjust the garment to position on the wearer, and the self-reducing strap to produce the desired circumferential pressure to effect the desired flattening of the abdomen while the depending hose supporter when connected properly to the hose coacts with the self-reducing strap to produce this effect.

Referring to Fig. 3 the front portion of the body of the garment is similar to that hereinbefore described, that is to say, the front steels and the lacing devices are constructed in the same manner as those shown in Figs. 1 and 2. In this form of the invention however, the self-reducing strap is indicated at 29. At the forward or front steel end of this strap the same is fitted with eyelets 30, any one of which may be caused to engage with a hook 31 fixed in the lower portion of the front steel for this purpose. At its opposite end this self-reducing strap is fitted with a reinforcing strip 32 in which there is a series of eyelets 33. Associated with the self-reducing strap is an anchor strap 34, one end of which is fixed in the body of the garment appreciably forward of the hip section by means of a line of stitching or otherwise, indicated at 35. In the anchor strap 34 there is a series of eyelets 36 corresponding in number and position to the eyelets 33 in the reinforcing strip 32. A lace 37 is threaded through the eyelets 33 and 36 and also through a slot 38 in the skirt of the garment and through eyelets 39 so that the lace may be drawn up to adjust the self-reducing strap to the desired position when the garment is in use. The depending hose supporter strap 40 in this form of the invention is made integral with the lower edge of the self-reducing strap 29. This strap similar to the corresponding strap 24 in the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2, passes beneath the skirt member 19 at the upper edge thereof so as to lie on the underside of the garment when in use, the opening at the upper edge of the skirt section being indicated at 41. At its lower end the depending hose supporter strap 40 is fitted with a hose supporter 42 for being connected to the hose of the wearer. The adjustment of the self-reducing strap in this instance is possible as will be apparent at both ends thereof, that is to say, it may be adjusted at the front steel end by means of eyelets 30 and the hook 31, and also at the opposite end by means of adjustable lacing devices whereby a double adjustment is possible. The depending hose supporter strap in this instance co-acts with the self-reducing strap in the same manner as that hereinbefore described in the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

In the form of the invention shown in Fig. 4 the construction of the front portion of the body of the garment including the lacing devices and the tongue and the parts associated therewith, are similar to those hereinbefore described in the other forms

of the invention. In this construction the self-reducing strap is indicated at 43 and in the forward end thereof is provided with eyelets 44, any one of which is adapted to engage with a hook 45 provided for this purpose in the lower end of the corresponding front steel. At its opposite end the self-reducing strap 43 is fitted with a reinforcing strip 46 in which there is a series of eyelets 47. Associated with this end of the self-reducing strap is an anchor strap 48 fixed in the body of the garment forward of the hip section thereof by lines of stitching 49 or otherwise. In the anchor strap 48 there is a series of eyelets 50 corresponding in number and position with the eyelets 47 in the reinforcing strip 46. A lace 51 is threaded through the eyelets 47 and 50 and also through eyelets 52 so that the lace may be drawn up exteriorly of the garment to adjust the parts of the self-reducing strap to position. In this form of invention I employ an insert 53 similar to the insert 20′, and in this instance extending from the lines of stitching 54 by which it is secured in the body of the garment to a line indicated at 55, and the lower end of the insert lies beneath the lower front portion of the skirt 56 of the garment. In this form of the invention however, the depending hose supporter strap 57 instead of being directly connected to the self-reducing strap is secured at its upper end in the lines of stitching 54 in the body of the garment and also along one edge for a predetermined distance on the same lines of stitching 49 by which the anchor strap is secured to the body of the garment so that a portion of this depending hose supporter strap overlies the lacing devices employed to adjust the self-reducing strap at the distant edge thereof to position when in use. The depending hose supporter strap in this instance similar to those in the other forms of the invention passes beneath the skirt section 56 and a portion thereof lies between this skirt section and the underlying part of the insert which is similar in this instance to the inserts described in the other forms of the invention, and at its lower end the depending hose supporter strap is provided with hose supporters 58.

In this form of the garment however, the tongue member 18 extends only an appreciable distance below the lower end of the front lacing devices as indicated at 59 and the front portion of the skirt is separate from the overlying front portion depending from the front steel section 11, so that one end of the hose supporter strap 60 is connected to the lower end of the depending front steel section and the opposite end of the hose supporter 60 to the overlying edge of the skirt section 56. Also in this form of the garment the upper edge of this skirt section is fitted with an adjusting strap 61 in which there is a series of eyelets 62. The corresponding skirt section on the other or left hand side of the garment as indicated at 63, is not divided but immediately below the lower end of the corresponding front steel is fitted with a hook 63′ by means of which the upper end of the divided portion of the front skirt 56 may be suitably adjusted and held in position. In this form of the invention the self-reducing strap is also doubly adjustable and the overlying and depending hose supporter strap coacts therewith to effect the desired flattening of the abdomen in the same manner as these parts produce this effect in the forms of the invention hereinbefore described.

Referring to Figs. 5 and 6 the lacing devices, the tongue and parts associated therewith for adjusting the garment to position are similar in all respects to those hereinbefore described. In this form of the invention however, the forward or front steel edge of the self-reducing strap 64 is permanently connected to the front steel section 11 along a line of stitching indicated at 65 or otherwise. At its inner end this self-reducing strap is fitted with a reinforcing strip 66 in which there is a series of eyelets 67. Associated with this end of the self-reducing strap is an anchor strap 68, secured to the body of the garment forward of the hip section by a line of stitching 69 or otherwise. In the anchor strap 68 there is a series of eyelets 70 corresponding in number and position with the eyelets 67 at the distant end of the self-reducing strap. A lace 71 is threaded through the eyelets 67 and 70 and also through eyelets 72 so as to be drawn up exteriorly of the garment to adjust the parts of the self-reducing strap to position. In this form of the invention there is employed an insert 73 extending from the lines of stitching 74 by which it is secured to the body of the garment to a line 74′. Similar to the corresponding parts of the other forms of the invention this insert is also connected at one edge to the reinforcing strip at the edge of the body of the corset and for a portion of its length is also connected to the body of the garment in the lines of stitching 69 which also secure the anchor strap 68 in position therein. Similar also to the other forms of the invention the insert for a portion of its length is unconnected along these lines of stitching so as to leave a space through which the laces may be passed to be adapted to be threaded through the eyelets 72. The depending hose supporter strap 75 in this instance is similar to that shown and described in the form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 4 and extends from the lines of stitching 74 by which it is secured at its upper edge in the body of the garment to a point beneath the front skirt section passing beneath the same

at the upper edge thereof as indicated at 76. In its lower end this depending hose supporter strap is fitted with a hose supporter 77 so that the same co-acts with the self-reducing strap in the same manner and to produce the same effects as those described in the other forms of the invention.

While I have hereinbefore described corset garments in which the lacing devices apply only on one side of the front steels of the garment, it will be understood that similar lacing devices may be employed if desired on both sides of the garment without departing from the nature and spirit of my invention.

In my co-pending application Serial No. 193,892 I have shown and described a corset garment in which the lacing devices and the functions performed by the same are similar in all respects to like parts described in the present case. In the former application however, there is shown and described a form of self-reducing strap which also acts as a hose supporter strap, and which is permanently associated with a skirt section of the garment, whereas in the present case the hose supporter strap shown and described in connection with that portion of the garment to which this invention relates is associated and co-acts with the self-reducing strap, but is entirely independent of the skirt section of the garment. Furthermore, in this application I have shown and described a self-reducing strap in certain instances, which is adjustable at a plurality of its sections, that is in more than one place, between the extremities thereof, and in this feature also, the corset shown and described in this application varies from that disclosed in the copending application aforesaid.

I claim as my invention:

1. An apparel corset comprising a body member, front steels, lacing devices for connecting one front steel to the adjacent portion of the body member, a self-reducing strap adjustable at a plurality of its sections to position in the garment, and a depending hose supporter strap coacting with the self-reducing strap to exert a circumferential pressure on the underlying part of the body of the wearer.

2. An apparel corset comprising a body member, front steels, lacing devices for connecting one front steel to the adjacent portion of the body member, a self-reducing strap adjustable at its forward end relatively to the front steels of the garment and at its opposite end forward of the hip sections of the garment, and a depending hose supporter strap associated and coacting with the self-reducing strap to exert a circumferential pressure on the underlying part of the body of the wearer.

3. An apparel corset comprising a body member, front steels, lacing devices for connecting one front steel to the adjacent portion of the body member, a self-reducing strap, means for adjusting the forward end of the self-reducing strap relatively to the lower front portion of the corresponding corset steel, lacing devices for adjusting the opposite end of the self-reducing strap to position forward of the hip section of the garment, and a depending hose supporter strap associated and coacting with the self-reducing strap to exert a circumferential pressure on the underlying part of the body of the wearer.

4. An apparel corset comprising a body member, front steels, lacing devices for connecting one front steel to the adjacent portion of the body member, a self-reducing strap, hook and eye devices at the forward end thereof for adjustably connecting the same to the lower front portion of the front steel, lacing devices adjustable from the exterior of the garment for determining the position of the inner end of the self-reducing strap forward of the hip section of the garment, and a depending hose supporter strap associated and coacting with the self-reducing strap to exert a circumferential pressure on the underlying part of the body of the wearer.

5. An apparel corset comprising a body member having depending skirt sections, front steels adapted to be connected to one another, lacing devices for connecting one front steel to the adjacent portion of the body member and extending upwardly from the lower edge of the abdominal section of the garment whereby in the adjustment thereof the lower portion of the lacing devices acts to produce an upward pressure, self-reducing straps extending below the lower ends of the lacing devices and adjustable to position in the garment, and hose supporter straps independent of the skirt sections of the garment and associated and co-acting with the self-reducing straps to exert a circumferential pressure against the body of the wearer.

6. An apparel corset comprising a body member, front steels adapted to be connected to one another, lacing devices for connecting one front steel to the adjacent portion of the body member and extending upwardly from the lower edge of the abdominal section of the garment whereby in the adjustment thereof the lower portion of the lacing devices acts to produce an upward pressure, self reducing straps each adjustably connected along one edge adjacent the hip section of the garment and adjustably connected at its opposite edge at the lower front steel section of the garment, and depending hose supporter straps each associated and coacting with the self-reducing strap in the

corresponding side of the garment to exert a circumferential pressure against the body of the wearer.

7. An apparel corset comprising a body member having depending skirt sections, front steels adapted to be connected to one another, lacing devices for connecting one front steel to the adjacent portion of the body member, self-reducing straps extending below the lacing devices and adjustable to position in the garment, insert members each extending from a line above the corresponding self reducing strap to a line beneath the corresponding front skirt section and appreciably below the corresponding self reducing strap, and hose supporter straps each coacting with the corresponding self reducing strap and independent of the skirt section of the garment and underlying the corresponding skirt section, and between the same and the lower portion of the said insert.

Signed by me this 1st day of October, 1917.

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