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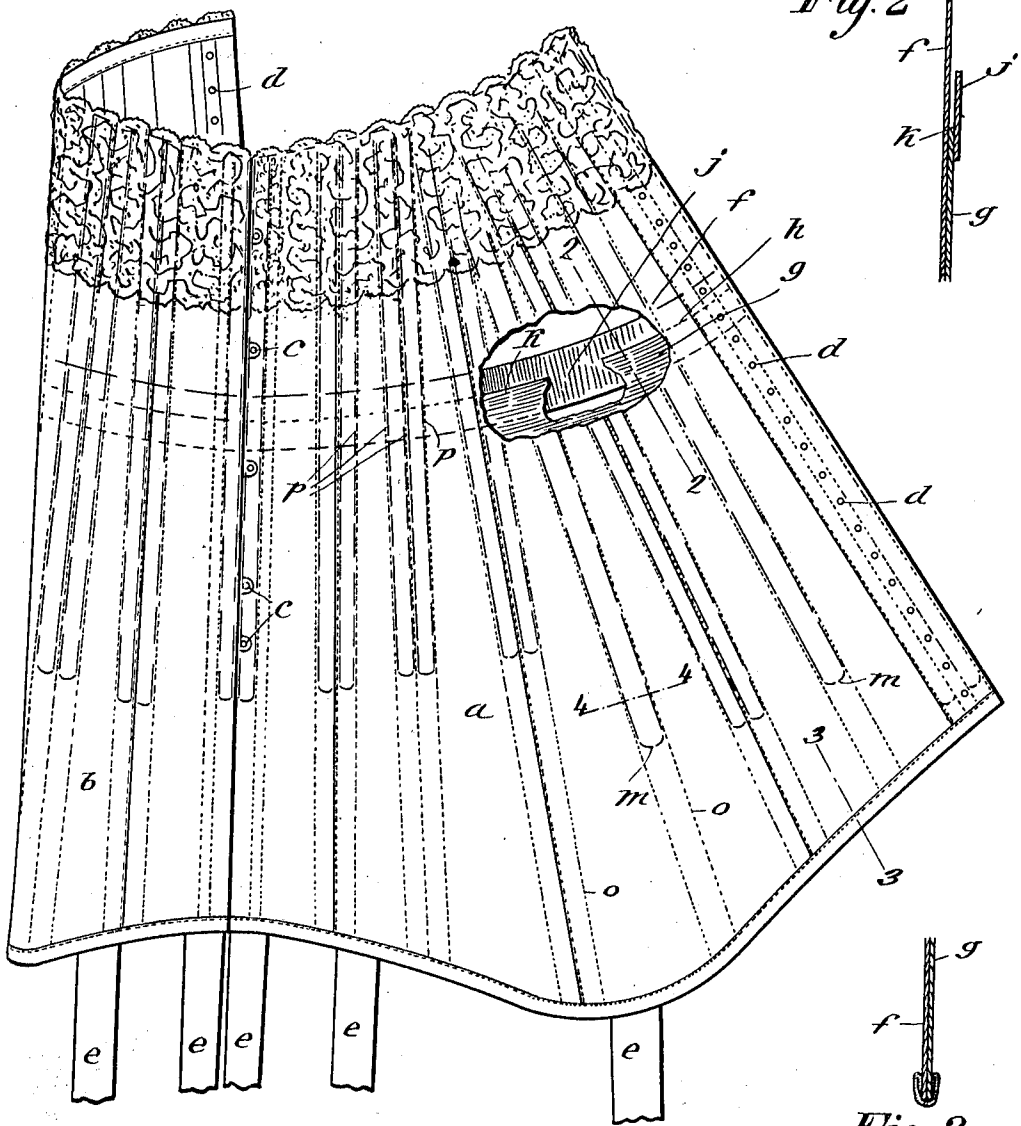
Fig. 1



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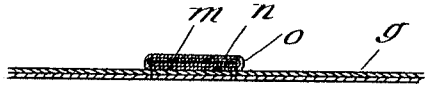

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DE VER H. WARNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in corsets with especial relation to corsets of that type wherein the corset is short above the waist and comparatively long below the waist and has as its object, a novel method of reinforcing a corset to withstand the strain that comes on the skirt of a corset.

Heretofore corsets have been made with the body cloth either of a single thickness all the way from top to bottom or of double thickness all the way from top to bottom. From time to time corsets have also been made with stiffening bands over a portion of the corset, such as a belt around the waist on the outside of the corset or a narrow strip around the bottom edge of the skirt of the corset on the outside. Such construction is bulky, awkward and ineffective. Such constructions as I have referred to have also the following objections: First. The single thickness of cloth from top to bottom is light but not strong enough for the modern construction of corset, which is very long and is strapped tightly about the hips. Second. A double thickness of cloth from top to bottom is very heavy and warm and it is especially objectionable because it is so bulky, heavy and thick above the waist line where these qualities are not needed and are decidedly objectionable. Third. Extra thicknesses of cloth in the shape of bands, belts or narrow strips placed on the outside of the corset in any way are unsightly, make ridges which show through the dress and are not refined enough for the best class of trade.

It is apparent that, from the waist line up, a corset should be as light and cool as possible, because, at and above the waist line lie the heart and lungs, which should not be too tightly compressed, as well as the soft parts of the body which not only do not need to be compressed tightly as do the hips, but on the contrary, by all means, should not be tightly compressed. From the waist line down, in the present type of corset, the strain on the cloth is so great that a single thickness is ineffective.

I have produced a new and improved corset designed to obviate the hitherto existing defects. In my new corset there is only one thickness of material above the waist, while there are two thicknesses of material from the waist down. The extra thickness may be placed on either the outside or inside of the corset and the bones or stiffening strips may be either beneath or on top of said extra thickness. If beneath they may be either between the two thicknesses or beneath them both. The extra thickness is preferably invisible from the outside of the corset. If the bones or stiffening strips are placed on the inside beneath both thicknesses of material the additional thickness of material over the bones or stiffening strips aids in preventing them from rubbing through the corset cloth.

In the following I have described, in connection with the accompanying drawings, one form of corset illustrating the application of my invention thereto, the features thereof being more fully pointed out hereinafter in the claim.

In the drawings Figure 1 is a front elevation of a corset, partly broken away, illustrating one means of carrying out my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a detail of construction along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a detail of construction along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1 and Fig. 4 is a sectional view of a detail of construction along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1. Figs. 2, 3 and 4 are on a slightly larger scale than Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views.

a and *b* indicate the two halves of a corset adapted to be fastened together in front by any suitable detachable fasteners *c* and to be fastened together in the back by a lacing (not shown) passed through the usual eyelets *d*.

e e indicate hose supporters of any suitable kind.

As each half of the corset is identical with the other I shall describe but one of the halves as *b*.

The corset as illustrated comprises an outer thickness of material *f* extending from top to bottom of the corset. Over this is

laid a second thickness of material *g* extending from the bottom of the corset to the waist line *h*. A binding piece covers the lower edges of the corset. At the waist line *h* is shown a tape *j* covering the overlapping upper edge *k* of material *g* on material *f*. The two thicknesses of material may each be made of several sections joined together in any suitable manner.

Bones or stiffening strips *m* are shown as inclosed in a folded fabric *n* in turn inclosed in a pocket *o*. Pockets *o*, thus inclosing the bones or stiffening strips *m* are shown as placed on the back of the corset extending across the tape *j* covering overlapping edge *k* of material *g*, and stitched to the thickness of material *f* and *g* by lines of stitches *p* extending through both of said thicknesses *f* and *g* through tape *j* and through pockets *o* and fabric *n*. It is thus seen that in the corset as illustrated the edge *k* and the tape *j* are free between the pockets and neither connected to each other nor to material *f* in that space. There are no longitudinal lines of stitching on the outside the corset to indicate the presence of the second thickness of material *g* and the tape *j* conceals the overlapping edge *k* on the inside.

As it is obvious that variations may be made in the construction as described without departing from the spirit of my invention, I do not restrict myself to such detailed construction further than the scope of the appended claim demands.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In a corset a single thickness of material from top to bottom of the corset, stiffening strips, a binding strip at the bottom of the corset, a second thickness of material extending from the waist-line down on the inside of the corset, said second thickness being connected to the body of the corset only by the binding strip at the bottom and being unattached at the top except by vertical lines of stitching forming the pockets for the stiffening strips, and a tape covering the overlapping upper edges of the second thickness of material on the body of the corset.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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