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Corsets.

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fig 1

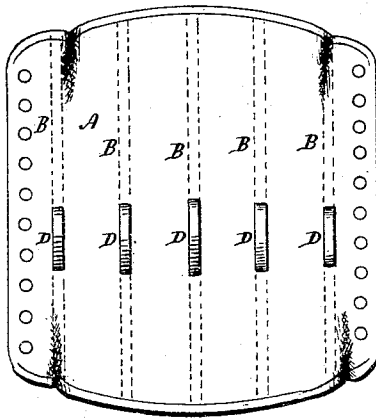


fig. 2

fig. 3

fig. 4



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BALDWIN, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view of one-half of the corset; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section through one of the pockets; Fig. 3, a stay detached; and in Fig. 4, a modification.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, the object being to combine with the corset a supporter for the skirts; and it consists in making the stays with an outwardly-projecting bend at the point where the skirts are to rest.

The general form of the fabricated portion of the corset may be that of any of the known constructions, in the drawing A representing the body of the corset provided with vertical pockets B, more or less in number, to receive the stays. The stays C, Fig. 3, are formed from any suitable material—preferably from

strips of metal—and with a bend, D, at the point in their length where the skirts will rest. These stays are inserted into pockets—preferably through openings *a* and *d*—one running up and the other down, to leave the projecting bend protruding, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. The openings *a* *d* confine the stays in their proper vertical position, and from these openings they may be easily withdrawn when occasion requires. The several projecting bends D form a rest or bearing for the skirt-bands, so as to take the weight of the skirts, and, to carry this weight to the shoulders, the corset is provided with shoulder-straps in the usual manner. These bends D may be covered or not, and, if desirable, the outer thickness of fabric may be fulled at that point, so as to cover the bend, as seen in Fig. 4; but this is immaterial to the invention.

I claim as my invention—

A corset having one or more stays, formed with an outwardly-projecting bend, D, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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