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Corsets.

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Fig. 1.

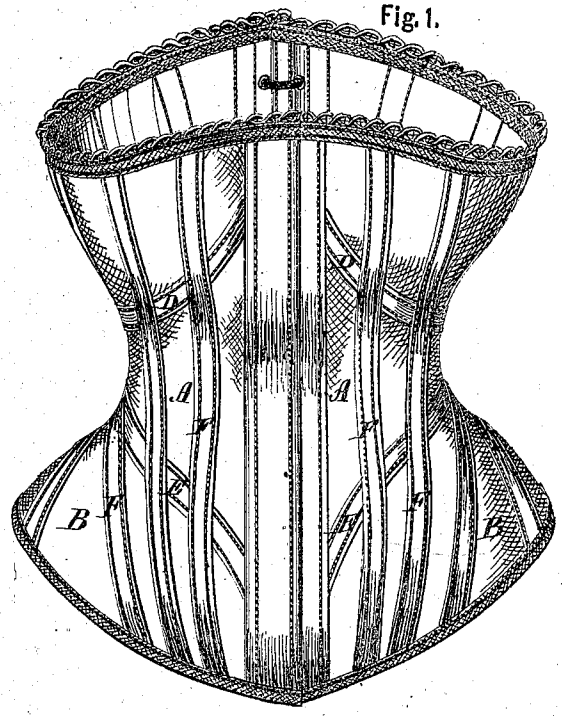
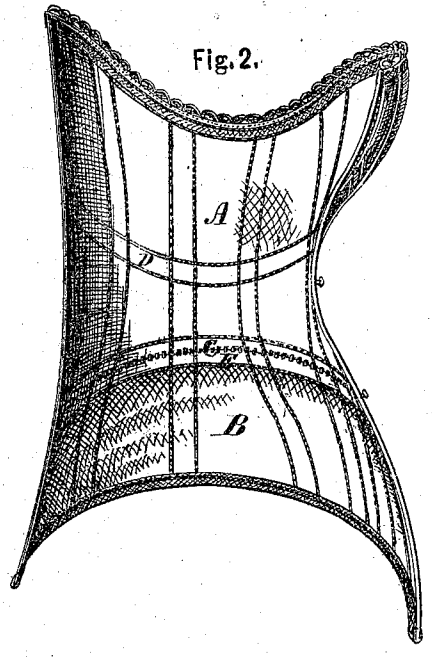


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **131,873**, dated October 1, 1872.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS S. GILBERT, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification:

The subject of this invention is a corset cut in the manner hereinafter described, with a single horizontal or circumferential seam below the waist; and the invention further consists in combining with a corset, cut substantially as specified, one or more circumferential strips, constituting ligatures, passing irregularly around the corset, serving to strengthen and sustain it at the necessary points, so as to produce a perfect fit. By these means I am enabled to produce an article equal in all practical respects to the zone-corset which is now in common use, with less expenditure either in material or labor.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a front view of my improved corset; and Fig. 2 is an elevation of the inner side of one-half thereof.

Each side or member of the corset is made up of two pieces, A and B, united by a seam at C, below the waist, the said parts A and B being cut in the shape represented, so that the lower part may have the necessary downward expansion, while the main portion from the top to the waist is tapered downward. On the outer side are applied one or more bracing or strengthening strips, D E, which, by their sustaining effect, impart a perfect symmetry and fit to the corset, prevent it losing its proper shape in use, and in addition to this have an ornamental and tasteful appearance. The lower strip E covers the seam C, and the addition of the upper strip D, applied as shown, may give the garment precisely the appearance of a zone-corset. The vertical pockets F to receive the bones may be made in the manner described in my patent of August 10, 1869, or in any other suitable manner.

I do not claim broadly making a corset in two parts united by a horizontal seam; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A "zone" corset, the sides or members of which are each made of two pieces united by a seam, C, at the lower edge of the "zone," said seam being covered by a strengthening strip or tape, E, and an additional strip or tape, D, being applied in a position corresponding to the upper edge of the zone, as herein shown and described.

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