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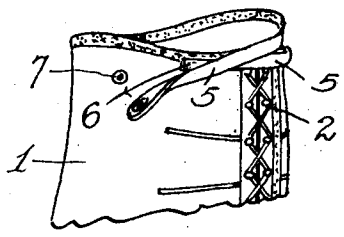
Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

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The present invention relates to improvements in corsets and its particular object is to provide a corset that will present certain advantages over the corsets used at the present time. To some extent it is a combination of the reducing garment described in my United States Patent No. 1,457,147 with certain features ordinarily found in corsets. Its principal advantage lies in its particular cut, presenting a short front and a long back which latter being partly made of elastic material reaches around and below the seat while the shortened front allows the flesh to be pushed upwardly without interfering in any manner with the free movement of the legs. A further advantage offered by my corset is the provision of means for preventing the upper front portion of the corset from projecting away from the body of the person wearing the same. Further objects and advantages of the device will appear as the specification proceeds.

The preferred form of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which Figure 1 shows a front view of my corset as worn by a model, Figure 2 a rear view of the same, Figure 3 is a perspective view of the upper portion of the corset by itself and Figure 4 is a side view.

While I have shown only the preferred form of the invention it should be understood that various changes or modifications may be made within the scope of the claims hereto attached without departing from the spirit of the invention.

My corset (1) consists of a strip of material, preferably silk jersey or any other soft, light weight material formed by the usual means such as gores and darts or by lateral seams to snugly fit the body of the person it is made for. The ends of the strip meet in front of the body and may be secured to one another by any suitable means, as for instance by the lacing (2) shown in the drawing. The principal part of the present invention is the particular form of this strip of material which is made to present a comparatively long back extending below the seat of the person wearing it and conforming to the outlines of the seat. The front edges (3) of the corset are cut away in the manner shown in Figure 1 so that the corset, although it has a long back, does not interfere with the free movement of the legs and does not exert any undue pressure when the person wearing the corset is seated. A central portion (4) of the back extending throughout the length of the same is made of elastic material such as rubber, the elastic insert being comparatively narrow at the top—say about 3 or 4 inches—and being wide at the bottom, to provide flexibility and to allow of snug fitting without hampering the motions of the wearer.

In corsets as now commonly used it happens quite frequently that due to the particular formation of the human body the upper central portion of the front of the corset projects away from the body of the wearer showing in extreme cases through the outer garments and causing the wearer to feel uncomfortable. To prevent this I provide the simple expedient of two elastic bands (5) secured to the top of the corset on opposite sides of its joint as shown at (6) and guided around the body to cross the joint and secured to the side of the corset in any suitable manner, as for instance by means of the snaps (7). It will be readily seen that the two bands arranged in the manner shown in the drawing will prevent the upper front of the corset from bulging outwardly and will hold the same against the body. After the bands are worn out they are easily replaced by new ones.

The advantages of my new corset will be readily understood from the foregoing description. The corset embracing the waist, the hips and the seat and having a short front has a tendency to press the flesh in front upwardly without causing an uncomfortable feeling or interfering with the free movement of the person wearing the corset. The elastic insert extending throughout the length of the back allows the corset to be fitted snugly against the body and particularly the lower portion of the same without hindering the wearer in any manner.

I claim:

1. A corset comprising a body portion made up of soft light weight and flexible although substantially non-elastic fabric, the upper edge of the corset being located at the waistline just above the hips throughout its extent around the body, said body having an elastic inset at the rear and having means associated with the body portion for uniting the edges thereof at the front, the corset being long at its back and having the lower portion of its back extending below, entirely across and around the seat and conforming to the outlines thereof, the lower portion of

the corset at the front being cut away on lines which incline outwardly and downwardly from the center of the corset to the sides thereof to provide a short front and to allow the wearer freedom of movement and comfort.

2. A corset having a body portion split down the front, releasable means for securing the edges defining the split to each other and in meeting relation, and auxiliary and a plurality of auxiliary releasable elastic means connected to the body portion of the corset on the opposite sides of the split and at the top of the front of the body portion to prevent the corners of the corset presented at the upper end of the split from projecting outwardly from the body, the said readily releasable elastic means being transversely aligned.

3. A corset having a body portion split down the front, releasable means for securing the edges defining the split to each other and in meeting relation, and auxiliary and readily releasable elastic means connected to the body portion of the corset on the opposite sides of the split and at the top of the front of the body portion to prevent the corners of the corset presented at the upper end of the split from projecting outwardly from the body, said auxiliary and releasable elastic means including a pair of transversely aligned elastic bands, one end of each band being permanently fastened to the body portion of the corset on one side of the split, and readily releasable fastening devices for securing the other end of each band to the body portion on the opposite side of the split from that to which the first mentioned end of the band is permanently fastened.

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