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Fig. 1.

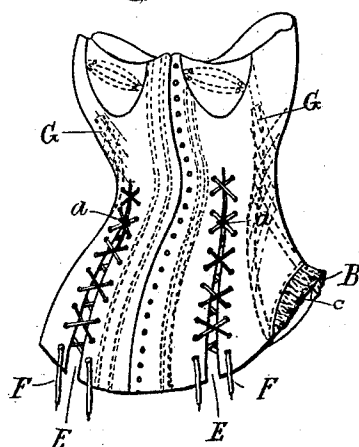


Fig. 2.

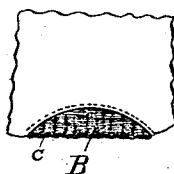
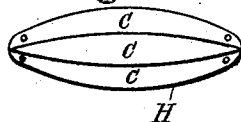


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA J. SWARTWOUT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to corsets for ladies' wear; and it consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter described, tending to insure a neat fit, and promote the comfort of the wearer.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a corset containing my invention. Fig. 2 is a side view of one of the hip-pieces. Fig. 3 is a view of the brace for the bust.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the two similar sides or sections of a corset of the usual general form, which may have buttoning-clasps in front, or spoon-busk steel, and the well-known lacers for securing them at the back.

B B are elastic hip-pieces of approximately crescent shape, which are inserted in the lower edges of the sides of the corset, so that they will be directly over the hips of the wearer.

The hip-pieces B B may be made of any elastic material; but I prefer to use elastic webbing, which allows it to stretch and conform to the form of the wearer, and to stitch them in a quilted piece of bias cloth (not shown) in such a manner that the outer edges, c, of the hip-pieces will pucker and tend to form a ruffle or fullness over the hips, and thereby act as a support for holding the clothing in proper position, while at the same time making the corset adjustable and self-conforming to any wearer, and thereby securing an easy and comfortable fit at the hips of the wearer, which is a desideratum.

In the sides of the corset, extending midway between the waist-line and where the bust begins to form, are two lace-slits, E E, provided with a lacer-cord, F, having knots a a tied in

said lacers, by which knots the corset can be made long or short waisted by the position in which the lacer is secured, as by the securing the corset-slit by means of tying the lacer the waist-line can be adjusted high or low, while the lower part of the lace-slit is allowed to adjust itself to conform to the hips of the wearer; or, in other words, by means of the lacer-slit in the sides of the corset, and by securing the waist-line at any desired point by means of the knots in the lacers or otherwise, the corset can be adjusted both at the waist and over the hips to suit either a stout or thin person with ease and comfort.

In order to support that portion of the corset above and below the waist, I place a side pocket, G, in the corset, in which is inserted a steel or bone, which prevents wrinkling when the corset is adjusted by the lacer and knots, and at the same time allows a flexible motion of the bust.

In order to strengthen and hold the busts in position I provide a novel brace, H, which I make of three approximately-elliptical pieces, CCC, of cloth or suitable material, as shown in Fig. 3, and secure them together, by stitching or otherwise, to form an oval, each seam as well as the outer edges covering a bone or steel, thereby fitting the bosoms perfectly, not only giving support to a heavy lady, but also acting as dress-pads for slender ones.

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

In a corset, the ruffled crescent-shaped elastic hip-pieces B, inserted on the lower edges of both sections, the lacer-slits E, extending upward from the lower edges of both sections to a point approximately opposite the waist-line, and provided with a lacer, and the stays arranged in pockets of both sections to extend above and below said waist-line, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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