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Fig. 1.

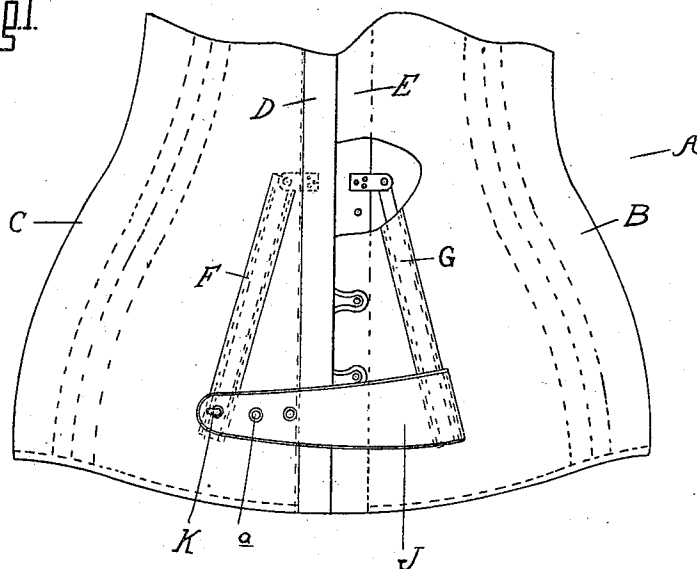
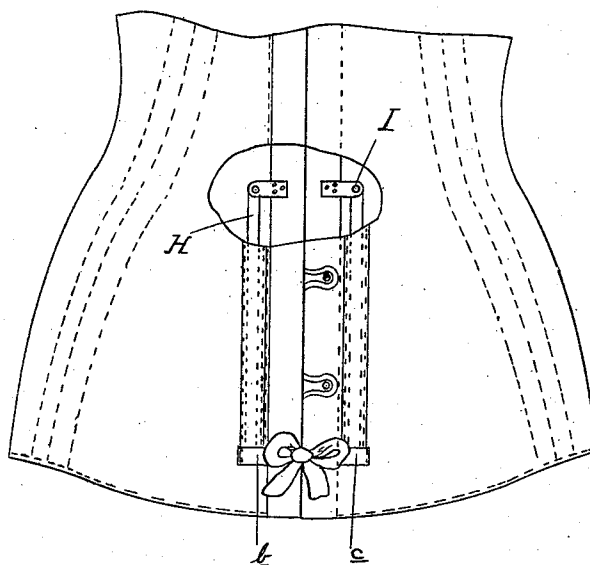


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. COLLEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at the city of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates generally to corsets, and consists primarily in a novel construction of a garment of this character wherein by suitable adjustment as hereinafter set forth the abdominal portion of the garment may be contracted to a greater or less extent, so as to repress the abdomen, thereby producing the flat front effect at present in vogue.

The invention further consists in the peculiar construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts, and in certain details of construction as will be more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of the lower portion of my improved corset; and Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the parts in their adjusted position.

A represents the corset, B and C the complementary front sections or members thereof, and D and E the usual clasp members of any preferred construction.

For varying the width of the abdominal portion of the garment I provide complementary stiffened sections, as indicated by the reference-letters F and G, each section extending longitudinally along its respective corset member over the abdominal portion thereof, and further provide means for effecting a relative adjustment between the sections whereby they may be brought nearer together, as indicated in Fig. 2, with the resulting repression of the abdomen.

The sections are preferably formed by stitching in each front portion of the corset a steel or other stiffening member, as H (Fig. 2), and these steels are preferably arranged in angular relation to the clasp members, as indicated in Fig. 1, their upper ends lying in proximity to the clasps, while the

lower ends are at a considerable distance therefrom as shown. Also, for the purpose of permitting a ready adjustment to be effected, I preferably pivot the upper ends of the steels H to the complementary clasps, a suitable clip, as I, being secured to the clasp, and the steel pivoted to the clip.

The stiffened sections are of such rigidity that merely an adjustment of their lower ends is essential in order to lessen the distance or space between the members. Any means may be employed for effecting this adjustment, as for instance a strap, as J (Fig. 1), which may be stitched to one of the sections, as B, at the lower end of the stiffening member, and a suitable hook, as K, upon the complementary stiffening member adapted to engage suitable eyelets, as *a*, in the strap; or, if desired, tapes, as *b c*, may be stitched to the garment sections at the lower ends of the stiffening members and the adjustment effected by tying the tapes in different positions as shown.

What I claim as my invention is,—

1. In a corset, the combination with the front members or sections and the clasp members connected to the meeting portions of the members throughout their length of a stiffening member for each section pivoted at its upper end in proximity to the clasp and extending normally in angular relation thereto downwardly along the abdominal portion of the garment, and means at the lower ends of the stiffening members for varying the distance between said members.

2. In a corset, the combination with the front members or sections and the clasp members connected to the meeting portions of the members throughout their length of a stiffening member for each section connected at its upper end to the clasp and extending normally in angular relation thereto downwardly along the abdominal portion of the garment, and means at the lower ends of the stiffening members for varying the distance between said members and for holding the members in adjusted position.

3. In a corset, the combination with the front sections and clasp members connected

to the front meeting edges of the sections for
a substantial distance from the bottom of
said sections upward, of a stiffening member
for each section pivoted at its upper end
5 directly to a part carried by the clasp and
extending normally in angular relation
thereto downwardly along the abdominal
portion of the garment, and means adjacent

the lower ends of the stiffening members for
changing the distance between said members. 1

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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