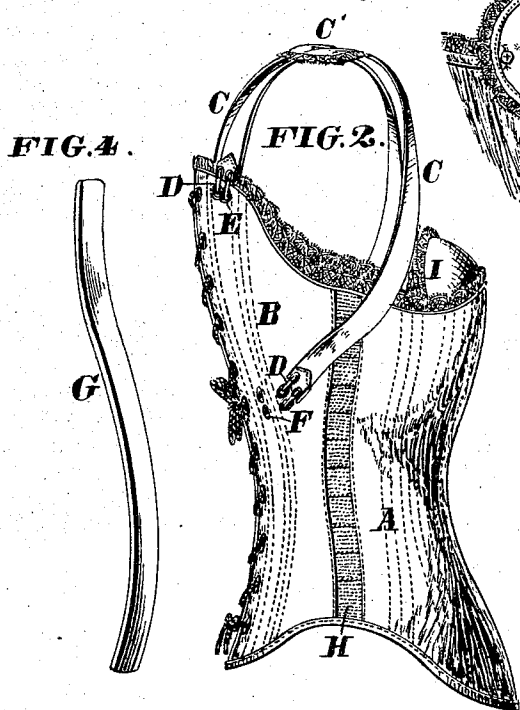
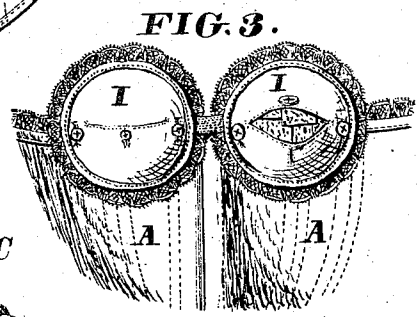
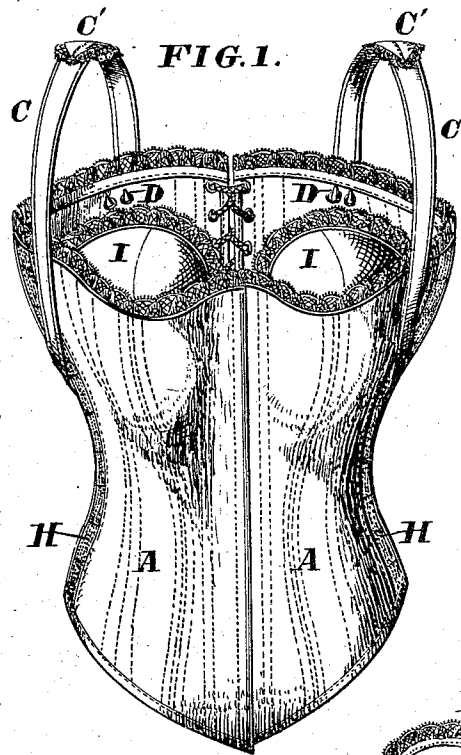


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES GUY LA FONTE, M. D., of Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain Improvements in Corsets and Bosom-Pads, of which the following is a specification:

The invention consists in the mode of attaching the shoulder-straps, which are removable and adjustable; also, in the construction of the bosom-pads, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

Figure 1 is a front view of the corset with the bosom-pads in position. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a view of the back of the bosom-pads, showing the mode of attachment to the corset. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of one of the spine-supports.

In the accompanying drawing, A A represent the front parts, and B B the back parts, of a corset, which are connected by strips of rubber webbing H H. C C represent the shoulder-straps, each of which is composed of two strips of elastic material united by means of non-elastic pads C' C', said pads acting to prevent chafing of the shoulders. Both ends of said straps are provided with hooks D, which render the straps entirely detachable from the corset. These two straps C are first attached to the top of the corset near the back by the hooks D entering perforations E. The straps are then passed over the shoulders and under the arm, and are hooked in the perforations F, a series of which are provided, so that the strap may be adjusted to different degrees of

tightness. These straps serve not only to support the corset, but act as shoulder-braces also. G, Fig. 4, represents one of the spine-supporters, which are composed of wood, and are of concavo-convex shape, so as to fit the back, and are so placed in the corset as to rest one on each side of the spine, and thus form a perfect support without chafing. The bosom-pads I I are of the usual shape, and are filled with sponge. The backs of the pads are provided with slits or openings, as shown in Fig. 3, so that the filling may be readily inserted or withdrawn without the trouble of ripping the seams. A button and button-hole may be employed, as shown, to close said openings.

A strip of elastic material connects the pads, and they may be fastened to the corset by means of buttons and button-holes, as illustrated.

I claim as my invention—

1. A detachable corset-support, formed of two strips, C C, of elastic material, united by non-elastic shoulder-pads C' C', as specified, and provided with attaching-hooks at each end, said hooks being attached to the corset at the points and in the manner shown.

2. The bosom-pads I I, formed with openings in the back for convenience in inserting and removing the filling, as set forth.

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