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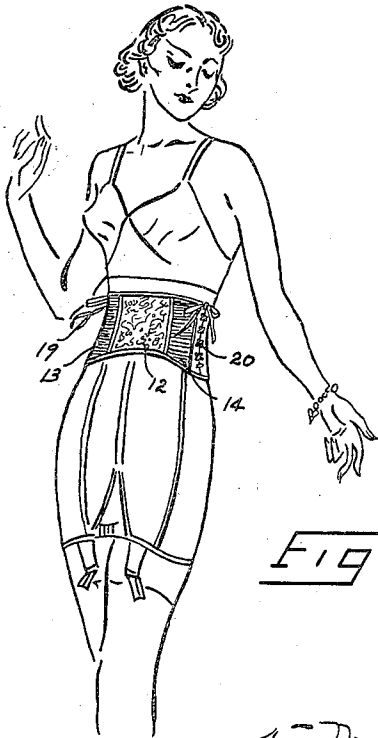


Fig 4

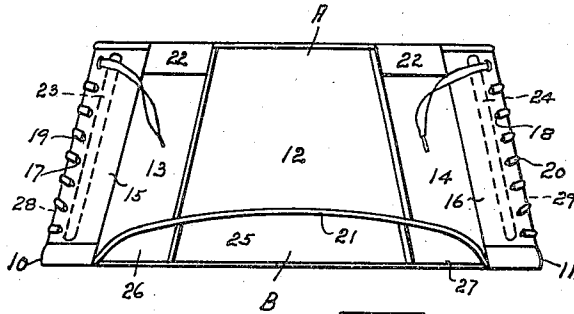


Fig 1

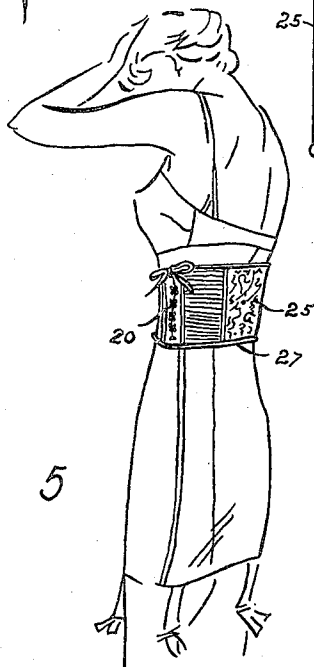


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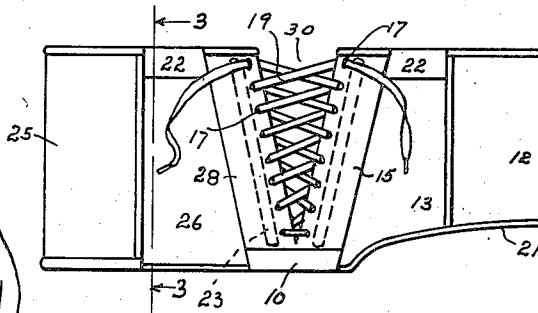


Fig 2

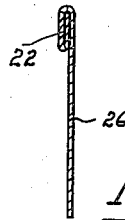


Fig 3

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The invention relates to corselets and more particularly to a short corselet designed to be worn over any type of girdle. It has for its main object to control the bulging of the flesh so often caused by girdles which is commonly known in the trade as a "spare tire". Another object is to provide a corselet which may be worn with complete comfort, which will overcome the constrained feeling generally experienced in most one piece garments, and which will give the wearer a correct posture.

A still further object is that this corselet is so designed that it adjusts itself to every motion of the wearer and still retains its position. Additional features are that it provides a corselet of neat appearance; it is easy to put on and to remove; it may be readily adjusted to accommodate the wearer; and can be manufactured and sold at a comparatively low cost.

These and various other features and advantages will be readily understood from the following description and from the accompanying drawing of a preferred embodiment of the invention, in which, however, certain modifications might be made without departing from the scope of the appended claim. In the drawing,

Fig. 1 shows a front elevation of the corselet laid out with the front and rear part flat against each other;

Fig. 2 shows a side view similarly laid out flat;

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 in Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 shows a front view of the manner in which the corselet is worn; and

Fig. 5 shows a similar side and rear view.

Referring now to all the views simultaneously, the corselet consists of a front part A and a rear part B, which are firmly secured together at 10 and 11, as plainly shown in Fig. 2. The front part consists of a narrower non-elastic panel 12, the garment being of such a width at the front as to extend from the waist to the diaphragm, preferably made of brocade or any other suitable material, and of two elastic panels 13 and 14, shortened at the front to the width of the elastic panel 12. Adjacent to these elastic panels, non-elastic members 15 and 16 are secured, and the outer edges of these members are provided with a plurality of eyelets 17 and 18 in which laces 19 and 20 are inserted. The front and rear part of the corselet is shaped as plainly shown in Fig. 1, so that both parts taper toward the top edge. The front part is preferably arcuated, as shown at 21.

As shown in Fig. 3, the upper edges of the elastic panels are preferably doubled over two or more times, as shown at 22, so as to make the panels less elastic at their upper edges. Stiff-

ening members 23 and 24 are preferably inserted in the members 15 and 16, adjacent to the eyelets. The rear part of the corselet is also provided with a central panel 25, made of non-elastic material, and with two elastic panels 26 and 27, terminating in non-elastic members 28 and 29.

In putting on the corselet, the corselet is preferably slipped over the head and after being placed in the position clearly indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, the laces on opposite sides are drawn as tight as required. Inasmuch as the upper part of this corselet extends above the part in which the bulge or flesh is normally formed, it will be seen that this bulge is smoothened out by the action of the corselet; its action being such that it will give much more freely at or towards the lower edge than at the upper edge, where it is reinforced by the doubled-up seam. Thus, the flesh which has been displaced is smoothened out by the corselet.

From the foregoing it will be seen that this corselet is of simple construction, easy to apply, that it may be adjusted to completely conform to the shape of the person using it, and that stiffening members 23 and 24 cause the openings 30 between the front and rear parts to be laced together evenly.

Having described the invention and its objects, what I claim as new and wish to protect by Letters Patent is:—

A corselet of the slip-on type comprising a garment having a narrower part for overlying the front of the body below the midriff to restrain a protruding stomach and having wedge-shaped slits formed on opposite sides at each side, the points of said slits terminating a short distance from the bottom edge of the garment, elastic members inserted in the garment adjacent to said slits, eyelets inserted in the edges of the slits from the top nearly to the bottom of the garment, laces inserted in said eyelets for drawing the slits together so that the tension around the upper edge of the garment will be greater than around the lower edge when worn by the user, the elastic members doubled over and made narrower at the top edge than at the bottom edge so as to still further increase the tension on the top edge, the elastic members adjacent the front part being shortened adjacent the front part to lessen the tension and to prevent binding of the lower edge on the front part of the stomach, and stiffening members inserted behind each row of eyelets to cause the slits to be drawn together evenly, the garment being of such a width at the front as to extend from the waist to the diaphragm.

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