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Fig. 1

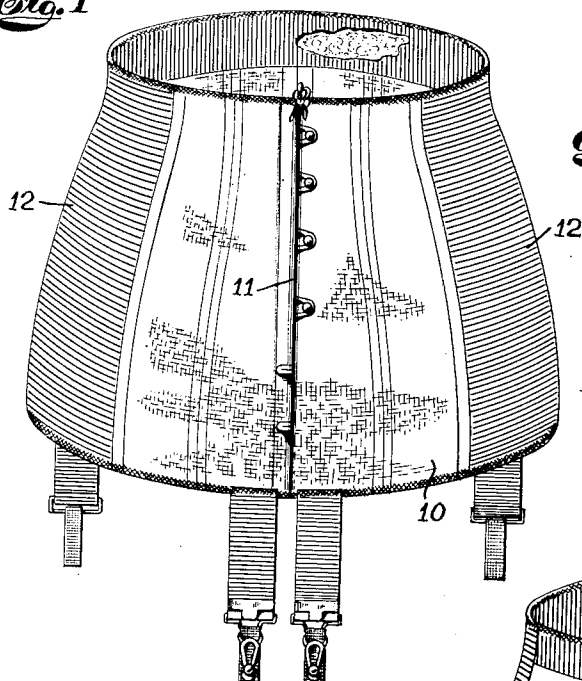


Fig. 3

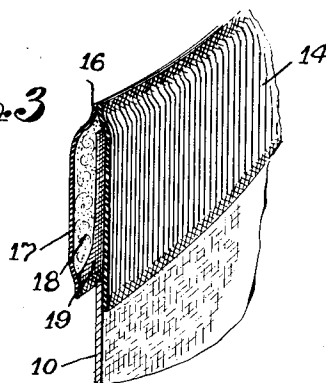


Fig. 2

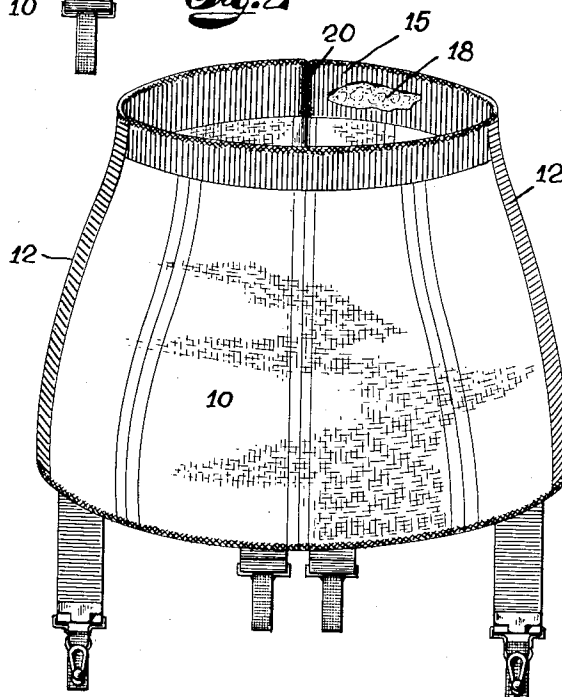
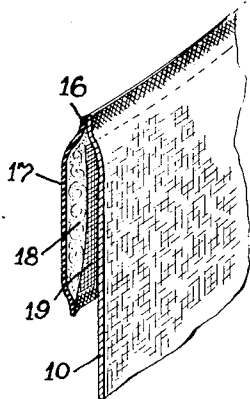


Fig. 4



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My invention relates to improvements in corsets, and the general object of my invention is to produce a corset which will be much more comfortable to the wearer than those heretofore used, without in the least detracting from the style and appearance. In the construction of corsets it is not unusual to make the corset body with resilient or elastic sections, and even to provide elastic top edges, but practically all of them have a thin top edge which whether elastic or inelastic, is at certain times and in certain positions of the body, almost certain to strike the body in such a way as to be painful. The object of my invention is to obviate this difficulty, and produce a corset which so far as its body structure is concerned can be of any approved type or form, but which has its top edge shaped and adapted to fit the body nicely but in a yielding manner, and to distribute the force of any strain throughout the whole width or circumference of the corset.

In carrying out this idea I provide the top edge of the corset with a soft elastic pad which may be of many specific forms of construction, but which lies like a flap around the upper edge of the corset, contacts with the body, and by reason of its soft resilient nature will not hurt even though it may be tight. By having this elastic pad or flap attached only at the top edge and at the ends, I get a wide distribution of strain, and it makes the corset very comfortable. It will at once be seen that this improved feature may be applied to corsets of infinite design and structure. This will be better understood from the description which follows.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the corset showing my improvement.

Figure 2 is a rear perspective view of a corset like that shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a broken detail vertical section of the upper portion of the corset, and

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 showing a slightly different construction.

The body 10 of the corset can be made up in an infinite variety of ways, in fact the body structure can be of any approved type or kind, and I have shown it provided with a front fastening 11 and with vertical elastic gores or sections 12. The corset can have

a transverse band 14 joining the body 10 at the top as shown in Figure 3, or the body part can be carried up to the top edge without the band as in Figure 4, and the corset generally can be made up as desired. The important feature and the one which comprises my invention, is the pad 15 which extends along the entire top edge and preferably inner side of the corset. This pad is attached as shown at 16 to the upper edge of the body 10 or band 14 as the case may be, and I have shown the pad having its outer surface 17 of elastic material, its center 18 of cotton, wool or the like, and an inner lining or facing 19 which is also preferably elastic. The lining is preferably attached at its lower edge to the lower edge of the facing and extends upwardly between the facing and the body to form a pocket into which the wool may be inserted. It will be understood that with this construction, the wool may be varied in quantity and may be replaced by new wool when the old filling becomes wadded and ineffective. This thin broad pad is attached at its top edge only as shown at 16, and at the ends as shown at 20 in Figure 2. It is broad enough to have a substantial bearing against the body, add to the ease of the wearer, and elastic enough to yield to all the body movements, while at the same time being attached as described it permits any strains to be distributed entirely around the upper edge of the corset and so the wearer is not hurt by such strains.

I have shown the pad in a way which I think is most desirable, but obviously the pad can be made in very many ways without affecting the invention, the main theory of which is to have a floating pad of the general kind described of material soft and elastic but not necessarily a stuffed casing as that indicated.

I have shown my improved attachment as applied to a corset, but it will be understood that the style of corset can be changed, and that the improvement can be applied to corset brassières or similar structures, without in any way affecting the invention; and while in the claims I have used the term corset, I use it in the sense of including any analogous structure.

I claim:—

1. In combination with a corset, a belt-like pad secured along its upper and end edges only to the upper edge of and inside the cor-

set and extending substantially around the entire upper edge of the corset.

2. In combination with the body of a corset, a flexible band attached to and extending
5 around the upper edge of the body, a pad secured at its upper edge to the upper edge of said band and extending entirely around and
10 lying within said band, the lower edge of said pad extending below the upper edge of said body.

3. In combination with the body of a corset, a flexible band attached to and extending

around the upper edge of the body, a pad secured at its upper edge to the upper edge of said band and extending entirely around and
15 lying within said band, the lower edge of said pad extending below the upper edge of said body, said lower edge of the pad being floating and unattached.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my
20 name to this specification this third day of October, 1927.

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