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Fig. 1.

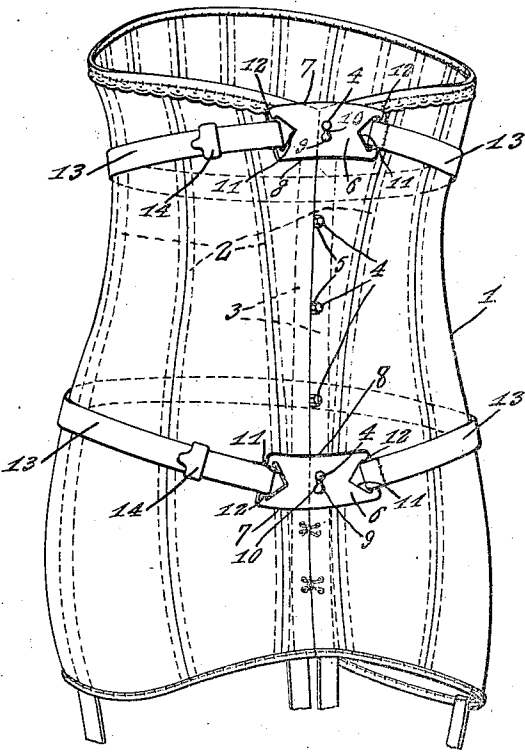


Fig. 2.

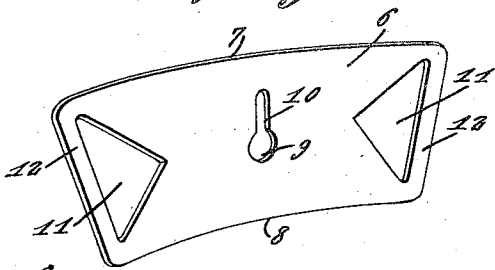
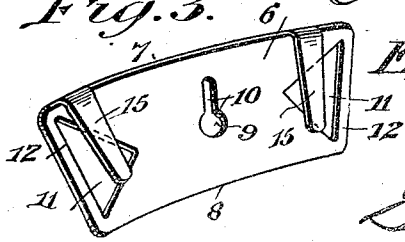


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to garment attachments and pertains particularly to an attachment for corsets.

The primary object of this invention is the provision, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, of a corset attachment designed to hook over a button upon the front of a corset and be held in position thereon by a resilient strap passing around the corset and the body of the wearer, to hold the upper ends of the corset staves against buckling outwardly.

The device is further adapted to be used against the lower part of the front of the corset to cause the staves to be flexed inwardly beneath the abdomen thereby causing the upper central portion of the staves to be flexed outwardly to relieve some of the pressure upon the stomach and diaphragm.

The invention contemplates the provision of a short flat slightly arcuate non-resilient plate having a restricted button hole slot in the central portion thereof and having apertures through each end thereof for the engagement of each end of the plate by an elastic strap or belt. This plate is designed, as above set forth to lie flat against the outer face of the corset either at the top or at the lower portion thereof to cause the steel staves of the corset to be flexed in the desired manner.

A further and final object of the invention is the provision, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, of a device of the type above described which is of simple structure, easily and quickly applied to any desired position and inexpensive to manufacture.

The invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, with the understanding that the invention is not confined to any strict conformity with the showing of the drawing but may be changed and modified so long as such changes and modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset showing two of the devices embodying this invention applied thereto.

Figure 2 is a detailed perspective view of the plate per se.

Figure 3 is a detailed perspective view of the modification of the plate shown in Figure 2.

Referring now to the drawing in detail wherein like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 1 indicates a corset having the usual staves 2 built into the body thereof.

The front staves 3 which normally extend in parallel relation throughout the length of the garment are here shown, one thereof being provided with the usual buttons 4 while the other has the slots 5 formed therein for engagement over the button to hold the garment in place.

As is well known the body of a wearer particularly in the region of the diaphragm tends through the curvature thereof to cause the upper end or ends of the corset staves 2 and 3 to be flexed outwardly causing discomfort to the wearer and also causing the clothes to fit badly thereover.

The device embodying this invention is designed to overcome this difficulty caused by the outwardly extending stay ends and the device comprises a metal plate indicated generally by the numeral 6. This plate is of stiff non-bending material and the top and bottom edges 7 and 8 respectively are slightly curved giving to the plate a slightly arcuate shape.

At the center of the plate there is formed a button-hole aperture having a large portion 9 through which the head of one of the buttons 4 is adapted to be passed and a constricted portion 10 which engages about the neck of the button beneath the head preventing the plate from slipping off of the same.

Each end of the plate 6 is provided with a substantially triangularly shaped aperture 11, one side thereof running parallel with the side edge of the plate setting up the cross bars 12. Associated with the plate is an elastic belt or strap 13 which is of sufficient length to pass around the body of the wearer and one end of this strap is fixed across one of the bars 12 while the other end is passed over the other one of the bars 12 and secured to the strap body by means of a buckle 14 carried on the strap.

When the plate is placed in the position shown at the top of the garment as shown in Figure 1, the convexly curved portion is arranged across the top of the staves with

the button 4 at the top of the stay extended through the button-hole 9. When the strap has been drawn to position, the plate is then forced inwardly against the upper ends of the staves causing the same to be bent inwardly and thus removing any unsightly bulges at the top of the garment. As shown in Figure 1, the plate is so curved as to align itself with the curve of the strap across the front of the body, thus preventing any wrinkling where the strap attaches to the plate.

Another one of the devices may be used in conjunction with one at the top portion of the garment and this other one may be placed in the position shown in the lower portion of the Figure 1, the plate being supported upon one of the lower buttons 4 and in this position the convexly curved portion of the plate is upon the lower edge thereof and when the strap 13 is drawn to position the plate will be drawn in and cause the staves to flex beneath the abdomen thus causing the upper central portion of the staves to be curved slightly outwardly relieving some of the pressure against the stomach and diaphragm.

In Figure 3 is shown a modification of the structure shown in Figure 2. In this form the plate 6 is provided with integral tongues or hooks 15 which as shown are located one adjacent each end of the plate and depend from the top edge thereof. It sometimes

happens that the buttons upon a corset are not positioned in a way to make the use of the plate shown in Figure 2, convenient, in which event the plate shown in Figure 3 may be used by engaging the tongues over the top edge of the garment instead of suspending the same from a button.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that there has been provided a new and novel device for use in connection with garments of the class described, which device is simple in structure, easily and quickly applied and efficient for the purpose for which intended.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

A corset stay securing device of the character set forth, comprising an elongated plate having a belt receiving slot through each end thereof and further having, at the central portion thereof, a button slot adapted to engage a corset button; a pair of prongs extending from one edge of the plate across one face thereof in spaced relation thereto for engaging over the top edge of a corset, said prongs being located one adjacent each end of and overlying a slot in said plate, and a body encircling strap having the ends thereof engaging in said slots in the plate.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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