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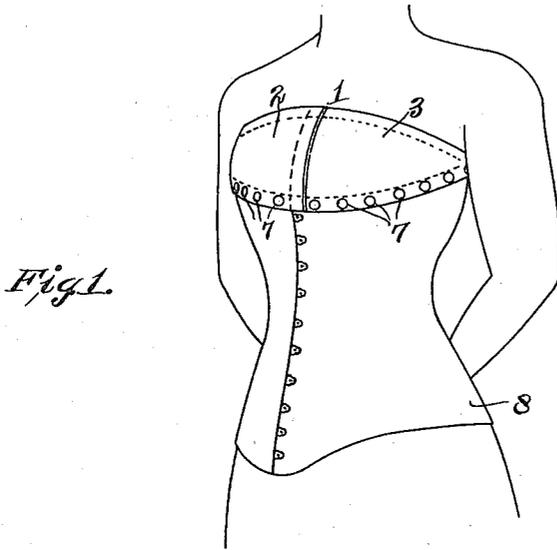


Fig. 1.

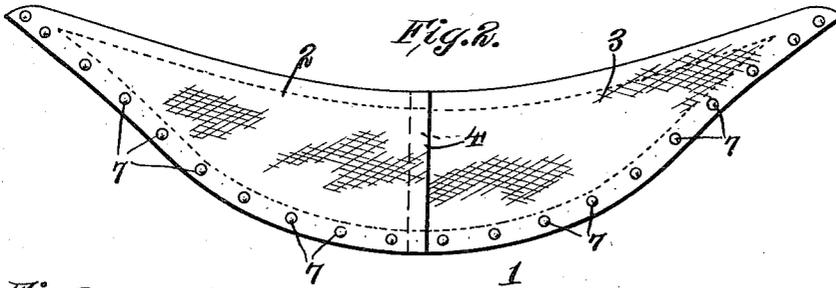


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

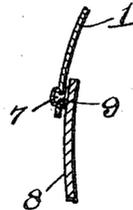
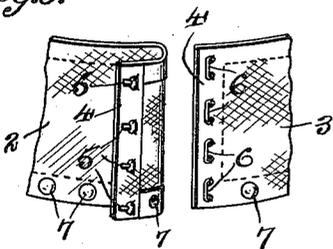


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALVERDA J. HENSLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, county of Dewitt, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to attachments for corsets and the object of my invention is the provision of an attachment of such character designed particularly for use by stout women to serve in the capacity of a bust reducer or supporter.

A further object is the provision of an attachment garment as mentioned which may be readily and quickly attached or detached, and which will be effectual in use and of simple and economical construction.

Other objects will appear hereinafter. With these objects in view my invention consists in a corset attachment characterized as above mentioned and in certain details of construction and arrangement of parts all as will be hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

My invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which,

Figure 1 illustrates the proper arrangement of my improved attachment upon the body of a woman, Fig. 2 is a plan view of my device detached, Fig. 3 is a detail perspective illustrating the preferred means employed of fastening the adjoining edges of the comprising half parts of the device, and Fig. 4 is a sectional detail illustrating the preferred means of attachment of the device to the upper edge portion of the corset.

Referring now to the drawings my device consists simply of a body 1 substantially crescent in form, which is comprised of two similar half parts 2 and 3 each of a substantially rectangular form. Said parts are formed of any suitable non-elastic durable material of preferably a durable fabric, the shortest edges 4 thereof being preferably overlapped and detachably secured together. Such connection between said edges is effected preferably by means of a plurality of hooks 5 arranged upon the contacting surface of one of said edges and a plurality of eyes 6, adapted to be engaged by said hooks, provided upon the contacting surface of the

other of said edges. Although this is an efficient, reliable, and simple means of connection it is understood, however, that I do not limit myself thereto, since other connecting means of a possibly equal or greater efficiency might be employed if desired without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Provided adjacent the lower or convex edge of each of the body parts 2 and 3, is a plurality of female clasp members or sockets 7 spaced thereon as shown. Provided adjacent the upper edge of the front and side portions of the corset 8 of the proposed wearer of the device, the same being spaced thereon so that the same may be brought to register with the sockets 7, is a plurality of male clasp members or balls 9. With such provision it is evident that the secure attachment of the body 1 to the upper edge of a corset may be readily and quickly effected. Here also, as above stated, I make no specific limitation as to the means of attaching the device to the corset, but consider myself at liberty to employ any other similar method desired.

In the arrangement of the device upon a woman, the lower or convex edge thereof is secured to the upper edge to the corset with the adjoining edges of the parts 2 and 3 thereof in alinement with the adjoining edges or the front steels of the corset thereof. With such arrangement, upon the wearer removing her corset, the connected edges 4 of the parts 2 and 3 need only to be unfastened, said parts being permitted to remain upon the corset parts, hence when the corset is replaced, the same will be in correct position, said edges 4 needing only to again be connected.

By forming the body 1 of a substantially crescent design as shown, upon the arrangement thereof upon a woman in a manner as above described, it will be found that the same will compress or force inwardly the breasts or separate side portions of the bust securely confining the same, preventing the unsightly and embarrassing projection thereof beyond the upper edge of the corset, and also serving to avoid to a certain degree vertical or lateral movement thereof when walking or otherwise physically exercising. The peripheral edges of each of the body parts 2 and 3 are shown as being turned back so as to reinforce the same. However,

this is merely a constructional detail and may or may not be employed, it being optional with the manufacturer of the device.

5 Although I have designed my device with special reference to its employment in conjunction with a corset, the same may be used in connection with any other similar garment to which it is applicable.

10 Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

15 A corset, in combination with a garment comprising a flexible body of a length to adapt the same to extend substantially half way around the body of the wearer, said flexible body being tapered toward each end

and the lower edge of said body being longer than the upper edge and detachable clasp connections between the lower edge of said body and the upper edge of the forward portion of said corset, whereby said body is secured to the corset throughout the length of said lower edge, substantially as described.

20 In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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