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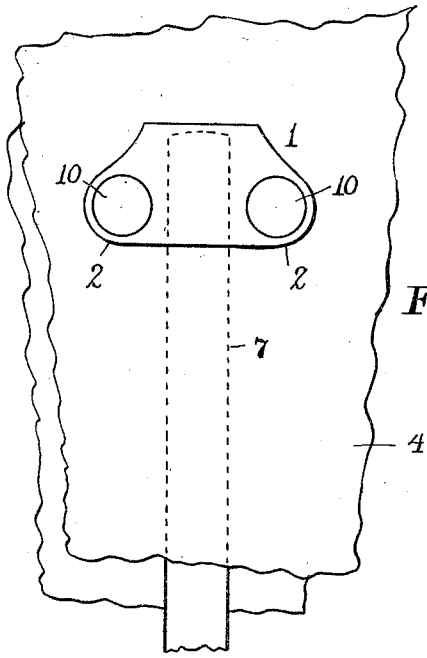


Fig. 1

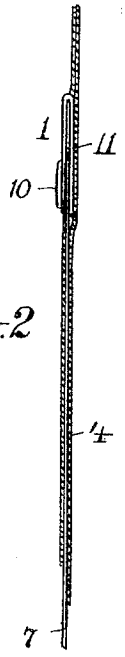


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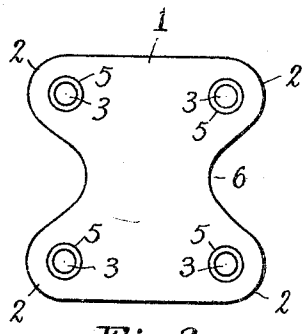


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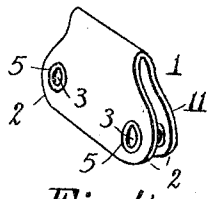


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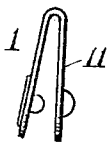


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA M. CHANDLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Malden, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Bone Protectors, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

One of the inherent difficulties in connection with corsets lies in the way in which the ends of the "bones" or stiffening steels thereof wear and tear their way through the confining fabric and then proceed to cut into the flesh of the wearer. When a corset reaches this point, the offending bones are pulled out; but, while this terminates one trouble, it simply begins another by rendering the corset incapable of giving the desired shape to the figure, and the article is soon thrown away.

The object of this invention is the effecting of simple, inexpensive and practical means for enabling a lady so to fasten or shield the out-reaching bone-end as to prevent its doing any damage, and thereby lengthening the corset's life very materially.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a face view of a portion of a corset showing one of the bones thereof having its end shielded by my fastening device. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same. Fig. 3 is a face view of the device unfolded. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the device folded. Fig. 5 is an edge view thereof.

The material which I prefer to use for the purpose consists of tough but pliable leather, such as chamois skin, cut in an approximately hour-glass shape, as 1 in Fig. 3. Each rounded corner 2 is formed with an eye 3 by means of which to attach the shield or fastener to the corset-fabric 4. Each eye 3 is provided with a metal eyelet 5 for preventing the fastening threads from cutting through the eye. This shield is then given a fold across its midlength or waist 6, and the two flaps are applied over the end of the protruding bone-end 7, and fastened to the fabric by the stitches aforesaid, or otherwise.

For the cheapest form of the device, the simple reinforced eyes 3 above described are employed; but for the higher priced ones, so-called glove-fasteners 10 are applied thereto in place of the simple eyes, as indicated in Figs. 1, 2 and 5, a prick of a scissor's point enabling the glove-fastener to penetrate the corset-fabric.

In each case, the fabric needs to be cut sufficiently to permit one of the flaps 11 of each fastener or shield to be introduced through the fabric behind the bone-end.

I have found by experience that the ends of protruding bones or steels can be shielded or fastened in place in this manner so that they will not cause trouble for an indefinite period, and the corset will retain its shape-controlling function.

What I claim is:

A fastener for the ends of corset-bones, comprising a bit of pliable leather in the shape of an hour-glass folded over the end of the bone, and glove fasteners at the four corners of the same by means of which to fasten the device to the fabric of the corset at each side of the terminal portion of the bone.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing invention, I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of March, 1917.

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