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Improvement in Skirt Supporting Corsets.

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Fig. 1

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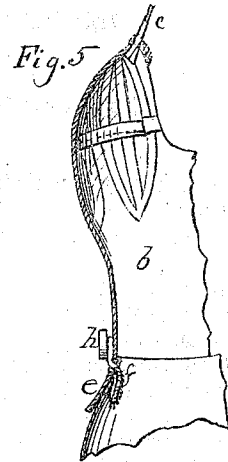
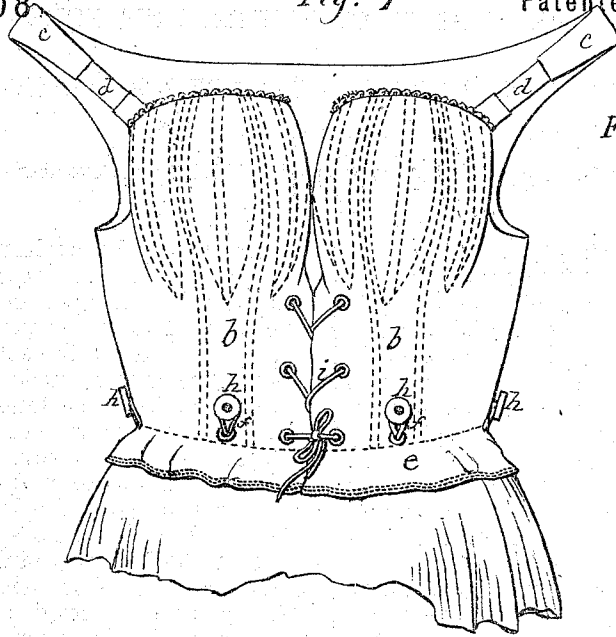


Fig. 2

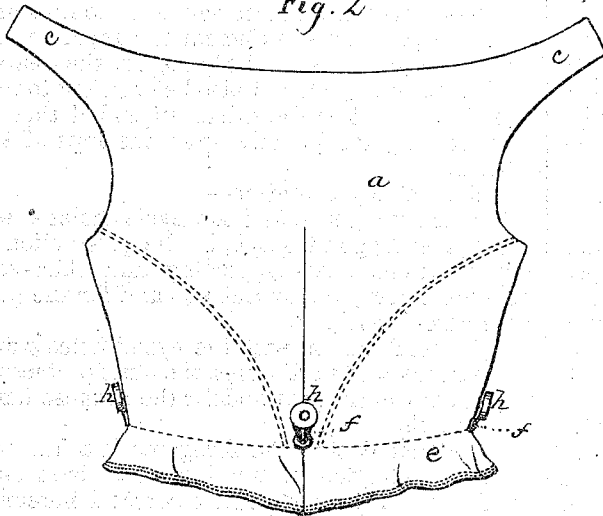


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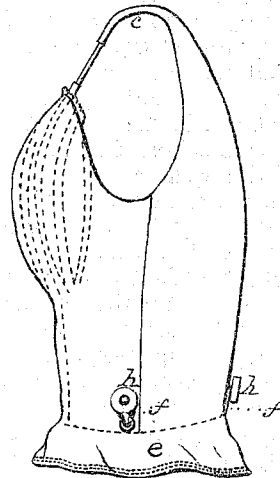
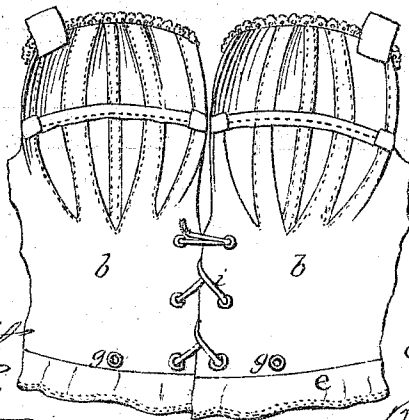


Fig. 4



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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-SUPPORTING CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Mrs. SAPPHIRA YOUNG, of Elmira, in the county of Chemung and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Bust-Supporting and Skirt-Suspending Corset; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which forms a portion of this specification—

Figure 1 being a front view of said invention; Fig. 2, a back view; Fig. 3, a side view; and Fig. 4, a view of the inner surface of the front portion of the same.

My said improved bust-supporting and skirt-suspending corset is composed of the back portion *a* and the front or breast portions *b b*, united with each other and with the shoulder-straps *c c*, as shown in the drawing. The usual elastics *d d* are combined with the shoulder-straps *c c* in any usual manner. The united portions *a b b* of said corset only embrace the bust of the wearer, while the ruffled flap *e*, which descends from its seamed connection therewith, loosely covers the hips of the wearer. The necessary breast-protruberances are formed in the front portions *b b* of the corset by first cutting the requisite number of slits therein, then stitching lozenge-shaped pieces of the fabric into said slits, and then stitching any desired number of elastic strips between the thus expanded front fabric of the corset and the correspondingly-expanded lining of the same, substantially as shown in the drawing. A skirt or any desired number of skirts can be suspended to the corset, and the upper ends thereof be smoothly covered by the ruffled flap *e* of the same, as shown in Fig. 1. The requisite number of loops *f*, attached to said skirt or skirts, are passed outwardly through eyelet-holes *g*, Fig. 4, in the corset, and thence are passed upward and looped over the buttons *h*, which are located a short distance above said eyelet-holes and firmly secured to the sides of the corset. The ruf-

fled flap *e* must be sufficiently long and sufficiently full to smoothly cover whatever number of skirts the wearer may desire to suspend from the corset. The breast portions *b b* of the corset may be united with each other over the person of the wearer by means of a cord, *i*, and the requisite number of eyelet-holes in said portions of the corset, as shown in Fig. 1. The said eyelet-holes must not, however, be carried upward to such a height as to produce an undue amount of compression over the breasts of the wearer, or to interfere with the easy, elastic, and graceful fit of the breast-protruberances over those delicate portions of the female form.

The pressure exerted by the lacing-cord *i* should be such as to afford efficient support to that portion of the wearer between the hips and the breasts, and also sufficient to support, without undue compression, the breasts of the wearer. Said compression should also be sufficient to prevent the weight of the skirts appended thereto from resting too heavily upon the hips of the wearer.

I claim as my invention—

1. The arrangement of the eyelet-holes *g* and the suspending-buttons *h*, in the production of my improved bust-supporting and skirt-suspending corset, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

2. In combination with the eyelet-holes *g* and the buttons *h* of said corset, the skirt-protecting flap *e*, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony that the foregoing is a full and clear specification of my improved bust-supporting and skirt-suspending corset I hereunto subscribe my name.

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