

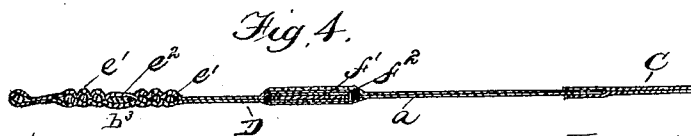
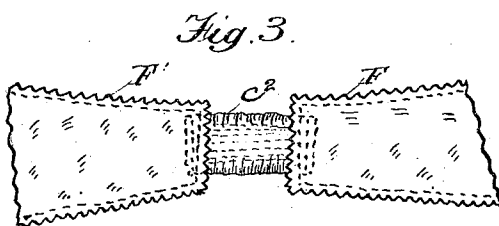
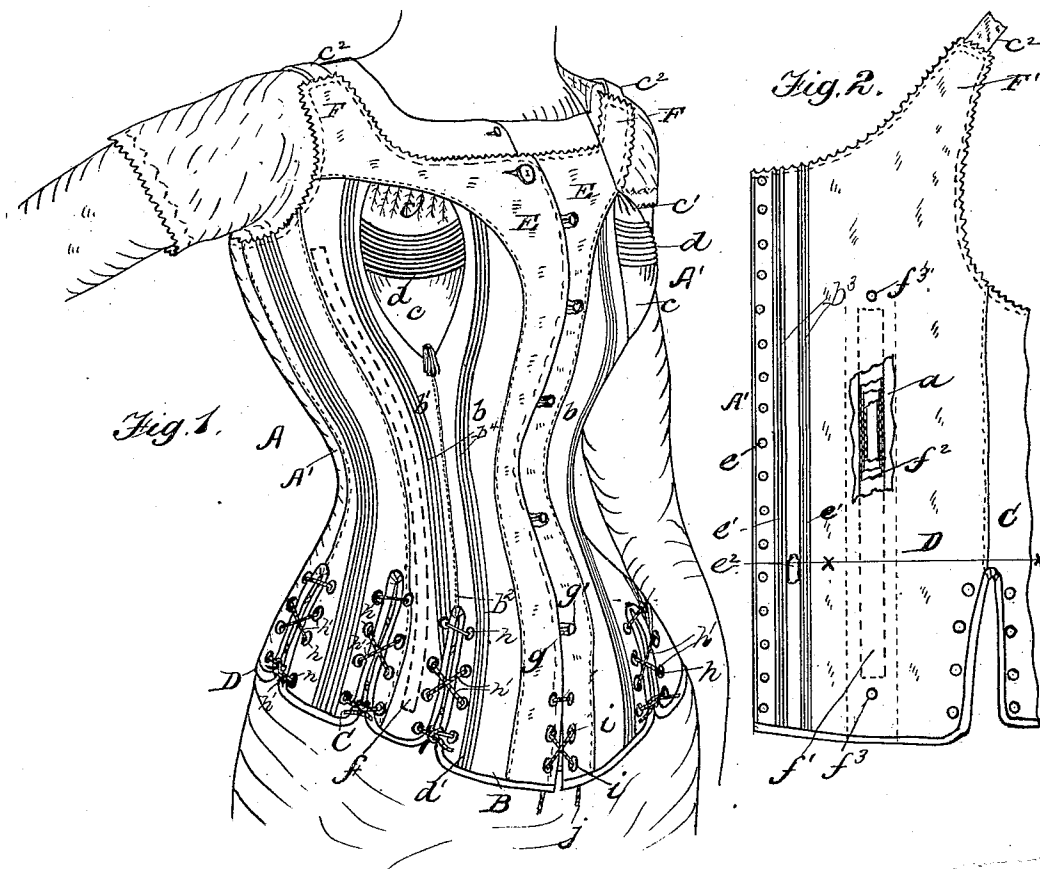
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZA ANN TERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Menomonee, in the county of Dunn and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets; and the novelty consists in the construction and combination of parts, substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

The objects of my invention are to provide a corset which shall be easy to the wearer, and one which can be adjusted to suit persons of different sizes.

The invention has further for its object to so construct the bust portion as to insure a neat fit thereof, and thus prevent the dress of the wearer from falling in on the bosom.

In the drawings hereto annexed, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset embodying my improvements, and Fig. 2 is a detail view, partly in section, of the rear portion of the corset partially broken away. Fig. 3 shows the elastic connections between the front and rear shoulder sections. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on line *xx* of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, in which like letters of reference in all the figures indicate like parts, A designates the corset made in two sections or halves, A' A'. Each half of the corset is made in three pieces, B C D, extending from top to bottom, the piece B of each half forming the front portion thereof, pieces C forming the sides, and the pieces or sections D forming the back portion. Each section of each half is cut to the proper shape, as hereinafter described, and lined, as at *a*.

The front section, B, of each half is composed of two parts, *b b'*, of equal width, and stitched together, as at *b''*, the upper portions thereof being cut away in curved lines diverging from each other to permit of the insertion of the bust-piece *c*, which is stitched thereto,

and contracted slightly and gathered together at its top, as at *c'*, to give a neat fit. The front section is provided with a yoke, E, which extends the entire length of the front of the corset and over the shoulder, terminating in straps F, which meet similar straps, F', formed by extensions of the upper portions of the back section, D. A piece or strip of elastic, *c''*, connecting the straps F and F', permits the straps to give or yield. The bust-piece *c* is corded transversely, as at *d*, to cause the same to stand outwardly and fit the wearer neatly without compressing the breast.

The section *b* of the front portion of each half is cut on a true line at the point where it meets the section C, which is provided with a series of cords, *d'*, running longitudinally thereof, to strengthen the same at the point of strain. The side piece or section, C, is cut so as to fit the wearer at the line where it is stitched to the back piece, D, which is provided at its rear edge with a series of eyelets, *e*, and two series of longitudinal cords, *e' e'*, spaced apart, between which is arranged a strip of steel, *e''*, stitched in place between the cloth of the back piece, B, and its lining *a*.

The front and back pieces or sections, B and D, are each provided with a steel, *f* and *f'*, respectively, which are incased in cloth covers *f''* of three thicknesses, and stitched between the cloth and lining of the said pieces B D, the upper and lower ends of the cover of the steel *f* being further held in place by eyelets *f''*.

Each half of the corset is provided at the front with the usual corset-clasp, *g g'*, to connect the halves or sections, and at the rear the sections are held together by cords (not shown) passing through the eyelets *e*. The sections constituting one-half of the corset are so cut at their upper ends as to provide an armhole, while at their lower ends they are provided with V-shaped cuts properly spaced apart, the adjacent edges of cloth of the cuts being felled and provided with a series of eyelets, *h*, through which pass cords *h'*, whereby the lower portion of the corset may be adjusted to any required degree to fit the wearer.

It will be understood that the feature of adjustment just described is specially adapted to corsets of the abdominal class; but my im-

5 improvements can also be applied to a corset of
 the ordinary form. The rear section, D, is
 corded, as at b^3 , and the sections $b b'$ of the front
 piece, B, are also corded, as at b^4 , while the
 10 yoke E can be finished in any suitable design.
 The lower end of the yoke E, in an abdominal
 corset, is extended below the edges of the sec-
 tions C D, preferably about four (4) inches,
 and the front edges thereof provided with eye-
 15 lets i , through which pass cords j to connect
 the adjacent sections together at the front be-
 low the clasp $g g'$.

It will be observed that by my improvements
 the weight of the corset falls upon the shoul-
 15 ders, rendering the corset easy to the wearer,
 while the stiffening-steels keep the same in
 proper shape without injury to the corset or
 discomfort to the person, as they are securely
 incased and protected. The bust part of the
 20 corset is heavily corded and so arranged as to
 project outwardly in an expanded position
 from the corset proper to insure comfort to the
 wearer and a full round contour to the dress.

25 The yokes extend above the bust nearly to
 the neck, and have arms at the sides, which
 reach over the shoulders to prevent the dress

from falling in upon the bosom. By locating
 the stiffening-braces in the front and back sec-
 tions and leaving the side sections free the
 necessary support is provided and greater free- 30
 dom and ease insured.

I am aware that modifications in the form
 and proportion of parts can be made without
 departing from the principle or sacrificing the
 advantages of my invention. 35

Without limiting myself to the exact details
 of construction shown and described, what I
 claim as new is—

The corset herein described, having the
 breast-pocket upon each side gathered at its 40
 upper part and held in place by the yoke E,
 which extends from the shoulder portion of
 the corset across the upper front edge thereof
 and along the edge of the front opening, as set
 forth. 45

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
 presence of two witnesses.

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