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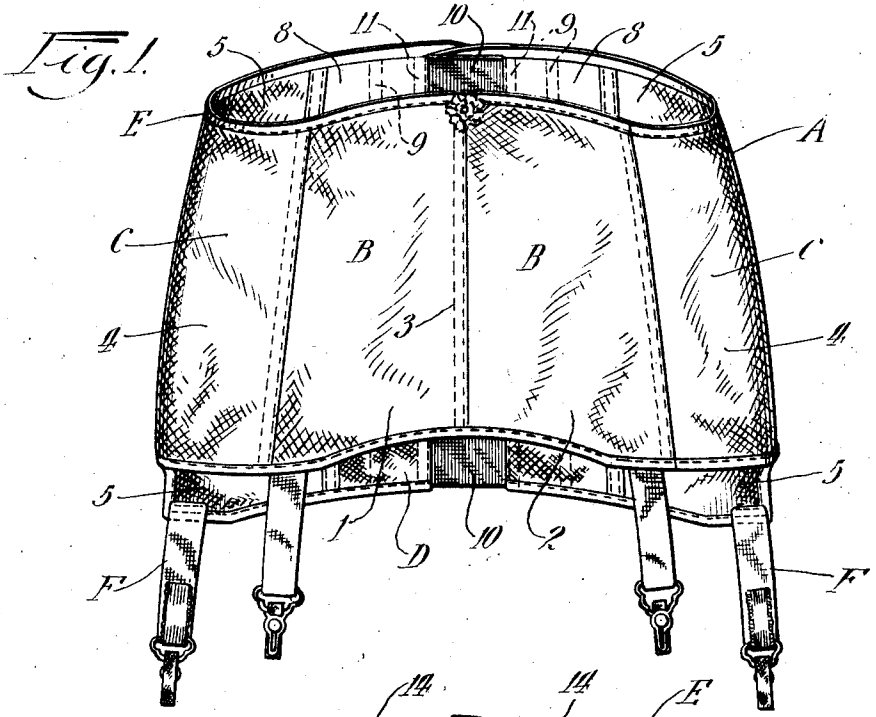
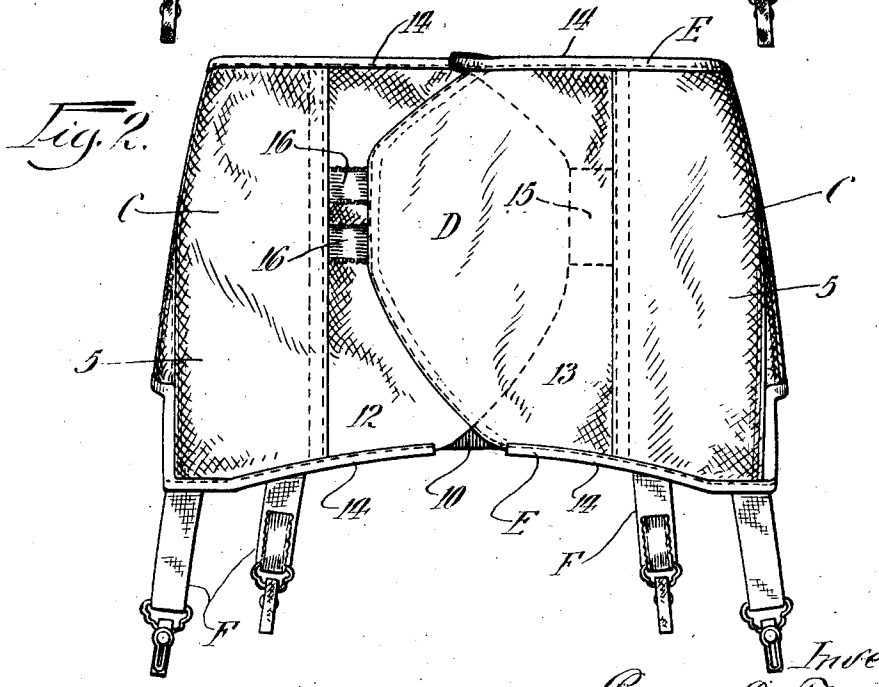



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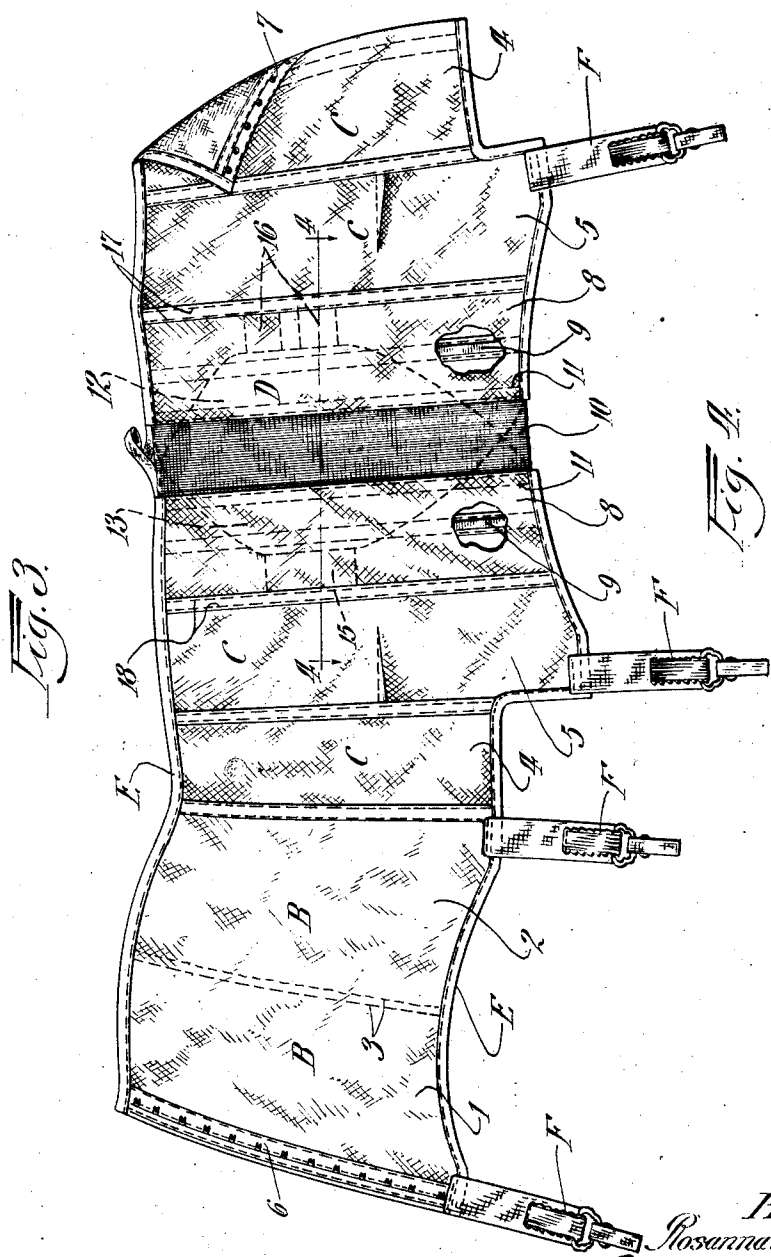


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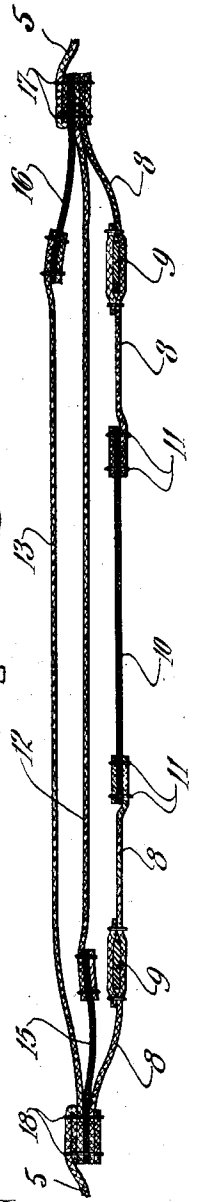


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This invention relates to corsets and more particularly to that type known as "hip confiners", although the invention is applicable to other types.

The object of the invention is to provide a garment which will be comfortable to wear and attractive in appearance, which will be sufficiently yielding to conform to the figure and at the same time retain its intended shape, to properly confine the figure.

The invention is particularly directed to the provision of a back construction which will give the back of the wearer a smooth, flat appearance and which will eliminate undesirable stretching of certain portions of the corset as the result of the wearer assuming a sitting posture.

Heretofore corsets not provided with laces, have been made of alternating sections of elastic and non-elastic material to permit the garment to conform to the figure of the wearer. One objection to these constructions has been the stretching of the elastic sections, particularly in the lower part of the garment surrounding the sides and back of the thighs and hips, and the failure of the elastic portions to be restored to their original condition when strain upon them is relieved. I have overcome this objection by my improved construction, in the preferred form of which the back of the corset is composed of three superposed members, wherein the unique arrangement of the elastic and non-elastic portions and the normal friction between the superposed layers eliminates undesirable stretching.

The invention consists in the arrangement and combination of parts illustrated, described and hereinafter pointed out in the appended claims and will be more fully comprehended as I proceed to describe the same in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a corset constructed in accordance with my invention, the garment being distended as in use.

Figure 2 is a back view of the same.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the inside of the garment spread out to more fully show the contour and arrangement of its several parts.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken in the horizontal plane of the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Referring now to the drawings: A represents the corset as a whole, having a front section B, side sections C, C, and a back section D. As shown in the drawings, the front section B preferably comprises two pieces of non-elastic material 1 and 2 joined together by lines of stitches 3. The front section B may be made of one piece of material, if desired. As shown in the drawings, the sides C comprise two side-front sections 4, 4 and two side-back sections 5, 5 of non-elastic material. The sections 4 and 5 forming the side C, are joined together by suitable lines of stitching, and one of the sides C is joined to the front B by lines of stitching, while the other side section C is adapted to be connected to the front B by means of hooks and eyes 6 and 7, respectively, as shown on Figure 3.

The particular construction of the front and side sections is immaterial. The corset may be front or side opening. The material comprising these parts may be single or lined.

The back member D extends over the back below the waistline and intermediate the side-back sections 5, 5. As shown it comprises an inner and two over-lapping portions. The inner portion is constructed as follows: two non-elastic members 8, 8, each provided with a stiffening strip 9 extending longitudinally thereof, and an elastic portion 10 between and joined to the non-elastic members 8 by lines of stitches 11. The overlapping portions are two similar superposed pieces of non-elastic material 12 and 13, each preferably having one straight longitudinal margin, substantially straight upper and lower margins and a curved margin, and may be shaped to fit the back of the wearer. The portion 12 is placed upon the inner portion 8—10, and connected along its straight longitudinal margin to one side-back 5, and the portion 13 is similarly connected to the other side back 5. The upper and lower margins of the portions 12 and 13 may be connected to the non-elastic members 8 of the inner layer at 14 by means of the binding strip E, which extends around the top and bottom of the garment, but this is not essential. The free margin of the portion 12 is connected to one side-back 5 by means of elastic 15 and the free margin of the portion 13 is connected to the other side-back 5 by one or more elastic strips 16. The inner back member and the two superposed over-lapping portions 12 and 13, with their elastic portions 15, 16, respectively, are connected to

the sections 5 by lines of stitches 17 and 18, respectively, as clearly shown on Figure 4.

Conventional garter straps F are shown.

The inner back layer consisting of the parts 8, 9 and 10, is preferably constructed as herein shown and described, but the particular arrangement of the elastic and non-elastic parts may be varied.

It will be understood that the independent arrangement of the various elastic portions with respect to each other permits the garment to yield when required without stretching the garment as a whole. Also that the novel arrangement enables me to use a minimum of elastic.

The strains put upon the garment in use, particularly when the wearer assumes a sitting posture, are distributed between the elastic portions of the back, and the frictional contact between the overlying parts lessens the tendency to stretch and aids in holding the garment snugly about the figure.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a corset having front and side sections, a back member comprising an inner portion and two over-lapping portions extending substantially from the waist line to the bottom of the garment, the inner portion being yielding transversely and connected to the side members, each of the over-lapping portions being connected at one longitudinal margin to one of the side sections and being provided at its free margin with an elastic strip which is connected to the other side section.

2. In a corset having front and side sections, a back member comprising an inner portion and two over-lapping portions extending substantially from the waist line to the bottom of the garment, the inner portion being yielding transversely and connected to the side members, one of the over-lapping portions being connected at one longitudinal margin to a side section, the other over-lapping portion being connected at one longitudinal margin to the other side section, said overlapping portions being provided at their free margins with elastic strips which are connected to the side sections.

3. In a corset having front and side sections, a back member comprising an inner portion, and two over-lapping portions of non-elastic material, extending substantially from the waist line to the bottom of the garment, the inner portion being yielding transversely and connected to the side members, each of the over-lapping portions being connected at one longitudinal margin to one of the side sections and being provided at its free margin with an elastic strip which is connected to the other side section.

4. In a corset having front and side sections of non-elastic material, a back member comprising an inner portion, and two over-lapping portions of non-elastic material, extending substantially from the waist line to the bottom of the garment, the inner portion being yielding transversely and connected to the side members, each of the over-lapping portions being connected at one longitudinal margin to one of the side sections and being provided at its free margin with an elastic strip which is connected to the other side section.

5. In a corset having front and side sections, a back member comprising an inner portion of elastic and non-elastic material, and two over-lapping portions extending substantially from the waist line to the bottom of the garment, the inner portion being connected to the side members, each of the over-lapping portions being connected at one longitudinal margin to one of the side sections and being provided at its free margin with an elastic strip which is connected to the other side section.

6. In a corset having front and side sections, a back member comprising an inner yielding portion and two over-lapping non-yielding portions extending substantially from the waist line to the bottom of the garment, the inner portion being connected to the side sections, the over-lapping portions being shaped to fit the back of the wearer and having one substantially straight longitudinal margin, substantially straight upper and lower margins and a curved margin, and an elastic strip attached to the curved margin, one of the over-lapping portions being connected at its longitudinal margin to one side section, and the other over-lapping portion being connected at its longitudinal margin to the other side section, said elastic strips being attached to opposite side sections.

7. In a corset having front and side sections, a back member comprising an inner layer of elastic and non-elastic material, extending substantially from the waist line to the bottom of the garment, and two over-lapping portions of non-elastic material the upper and lower margins of the over-lapping portions being connected to the upper and lower margins of the non-elastic portions of the inner layer, one over-lapping portion and one edge of the inner portion being connected to a side member of the corset, the other over-lapping portion and the opposite edge of the inner member being connected to the other side section of the corset, the free margins of the over-lapping portions being provided with elastic strips whereby each is connected to a side section of the corset.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses, this 31st day of March, 1927.

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