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Corsets.

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Fig. 1.

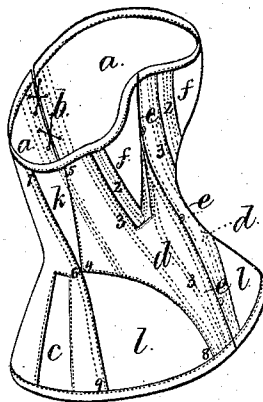
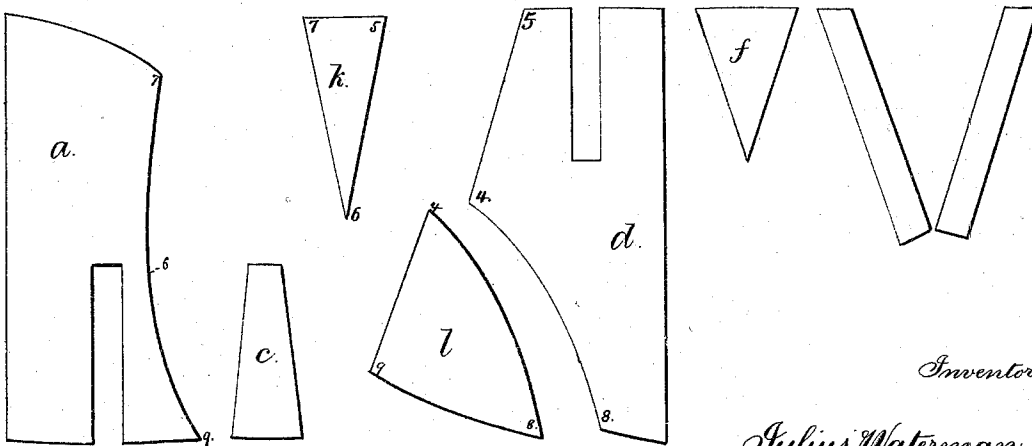


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS WATERMAN, of the city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification:

Corsets have usually been made with two bosom-gores at each side of the corset, and the body of the corset has extended up between the bosom-gores, and has generally been stiffened with cords or whalebones, which, coming in the middle portion of each breast, are often uncomfortable, and do not allow the dress to set as smoothly as desirable over the breast.

My invention is made for supporting the bosom by the corset in a more comfortable manner than heretofore. I employ but one gore at the breast, and support the breast at the side portions by the body of the corset, and I provide the necessary fullness in the upper part of the corset by introducing a gore in the corset at the portion coming under the arm.

By this construction, the appearance of the corset is very much improved, because the bosom-gores are not disfigured by any central division, and can be made of embroidered material, and the smoothness of the dress over the breasts is obtained.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the corset; and Fig. 2 represents the different pieces as cut out to shape, previous to joining them together to form the corset.

The back section *a* is made for receiving the ribs or bones and eyelets *b*, as usual, and the

hip-gore *c* is also introduced therein. The front section *d* is adapted to receive the steel rib and fastening *e*, of the ordinary character, and in this section *d* the bosom-gore *f* is inserted. This may be either plain or embroidered; and the bones or ribs 2 and 3 are inserted at the sides of the gore to stiffen the body of the corset and hold the breasts up at each side. The edge 4 5 of the front section *d* is united to one edge of the gore *k* that comes beneath the arm, and this gore is attached at the other edge 6 7 to the edge of the back section *a*. The main hip-gore *l* is attached to the front section *d*, between the points 4 and 8, and to the back section *a* between 6 and 9.

By this construction, the fabric of the corset can be cut with reference to the warp or weft threads coming into the line of greatest strain, so that the corset will preserve its shape, and will also sustain the breasts in a comfortable and elegant manner.

I claim as my invention—

A corset having the single breast-gore *f* inserted in the fabric of the corset-front, and the gore *k* introduced between the front piece *d* and back piece *a*, as and for the purposes set forth.

Signed by me this 22d day of July, A. D. 1873.

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