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Fig 1



Fig 2

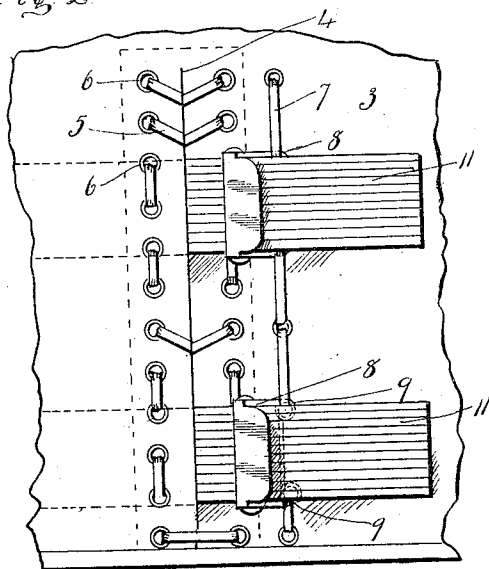


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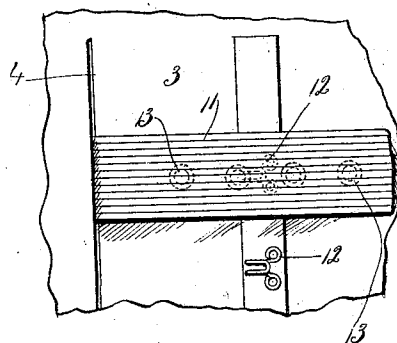
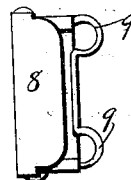


Fig 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DARWIN SPENCER BERGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1 a view showing a pad adjusted on a person with the corset disengaged in front. Fig. 2 an enlarged view of a portion of one side of a corset showing means for adjustably attaching buckles thereto. Fig. 3 a similar view illustrating modified means of adjustably attaching the straps to the corset. Fig. 4 a front view of a buckle particularly adapted for use with my corset.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets and particularly to corsets adapted for use by women after surgical operations, the object being to provide a broad supporting belt inside the front corset over the lower abdomen to relieve and cure symptoms due to relaxed and inefficient abdominal walls. Pads or bands have been used in connection with corsets, but as heretofore constructed they are inclined to ride up so that instead of maintaining a proper support at the point desired, they have been liable to displacement and so as to have a contrary effect from the purpose for which they are designed; and the invention consists in certain details of construction as will be hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

In carrying out my invention I employ a corset which may be of any approved design comprising, as usual, two members 2 and 3 which are preferably secured together at the front. At each side there is a slot or opening, preferably a long slot 4, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, which slot is closed by lacings 5. At the rear of these slots are a series of eyelets 6. Secured to these eyelets by tapes 7 are one or more, and preferably two buckles 8 the particular character of the buckles being immaterial to this invention, but preferably the frames of the buckles will be formed with loops 9 by which the buckles may be held in place by

the tapes 7, and so that they may be conveniently raised or lowered as desired. Preferably the buckles will have two loops 9 corresponding to the distance between the eyelets 6. The pad 10 which will be shaped 60 for the person to wear it, and which is adapted to extend across the abdomen, is provided on opposite sides at the upper and lower edges with straps 11 which extend outward through the slots 4 and which engage with the buckles 8 and so that the tension of the pad may be adjusted as desired. 65 The front of the corset overlaps this pad but is otherwise free from it so that movement of the body which may cause the corset to ride up or down will not move the pad. 70

Instead of employing the buckles 8 a series of hooks 12 may be arranged in place of the eyelets 6 and the straps provided with 75 a series of eyes or eyelets 13 to engage with these hooks, but preferably the buckles will be employed as the straps may thereupon be adjusted with greater nicety. With a pad thus adjusted and secured to a corset, the 80 strain of support is evenly distributed over the entire surface so as to support and protect any desired area, and is easily and quickly adjusted to any degree of pressure and protects the abdomen from the pressure 85 of the front steels of a corset from which it is, as before stated, absolutely independent.

I claim:—

1. The combination with a corset having side openings, of a one-piece abdominal pad 90 formed at each side with two straps adapted to pass through said openings, means at the rear of said openings for adjustably attaching the ends of the strap to the sides of the corset at different elevations. 95

2. The combination with a corset having side openings, of buckles secured to the corset at the rear of said openings and adapted to be adjusted vertically, combined with a one piece non-elastic abdominal pad having 100 straps at opposite sides adapted to pass through said openings and engaged with said buckles.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses. 105

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