

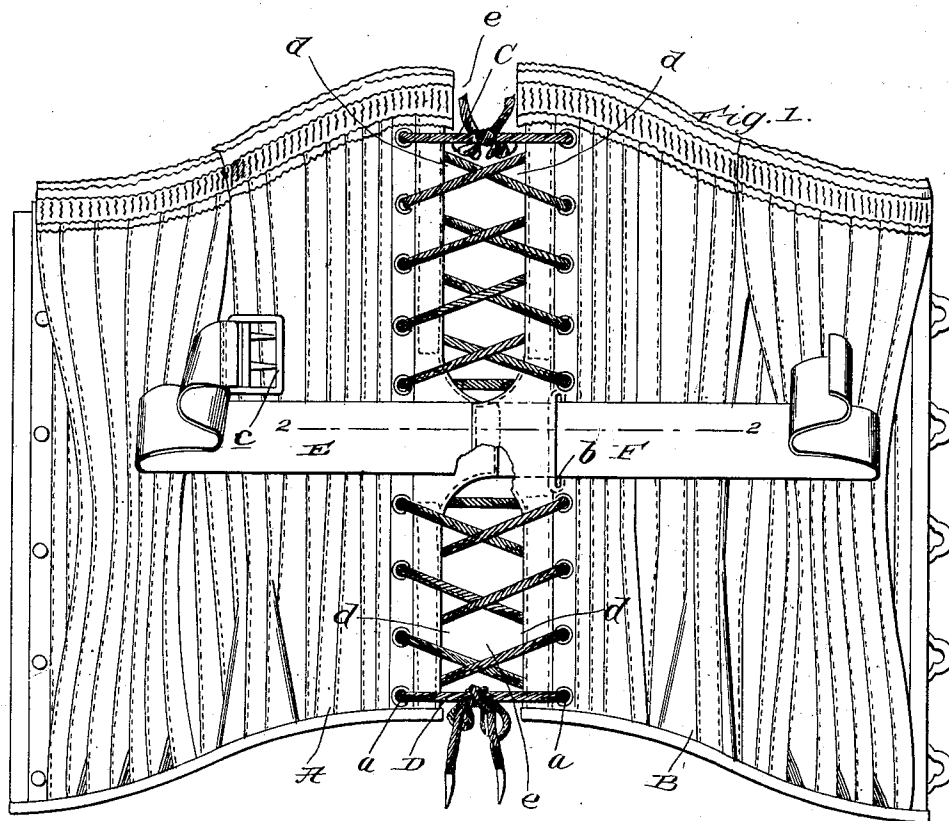
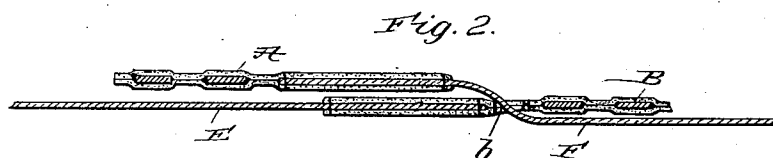
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NETTIE TEMPLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Stockton, in the county of San Joaquin and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets, and contemplates the provision of a corset having spaces between the upper portions and lower portions of its sections at the back and independent laces connecting the same, whereby said upper and lower portions may be independently fitted to the upper and lower parts, respectively, of the body, and also having straps connected to its sections at the back between the upper and lower adjustable laces and adapted to extend around to its front and be there adjustably connected together, this in order to permit of the corset being quickly and easily drawn in at the waist to the extent desired and secured in such condition subsequent to the arrangement of the corset on the body.

With the foregoing in mind the invention will be fully understood from the following description and claims when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of a corset embodying my invention as the same appears when open, and Fig. 2 a detail transverse section taken in the plane indicated by the broken line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both views of the drawings, referring to which—

A B are the sections of my improved corset, which are provided with the ordinary or any approved means for connecting their forward edges together, and C D are the upper and lower independent adjustable laces, which extend through eyelets *a*, provided in the sections A B, and are designed to be tied in the conventional manner.

E is a strap formed integral with or connected to the section B at a point between the upper and lower connections C D—i. e., at the waist-line of the corset—and F is a strap formed integral with or connected to the section A at a similar point and extending through a vertical slot *b* in the section B.

These straps E F are of a length to extend around to the front of the corset, and one of them is provided with a buckle *c*, designed to receive and hold the other. While I prefer to employ the buckle *c*, it is obvious that any other means may be employed for connecting the straps E F without involving a departure from the scope of my invention. The rear edge portions of the sections A and B are cut away above and below the straps E F, as indicated by *d*, this in order to form spaces *e* between said rear edge portions.

It will be readily appreciated from the foregoing that the upper and lower portions of my improved corset may be independently fitted to the upper and lower parts, respectively, of the body and that after the corset is placed on the body the waist portion thereof may be readily drawn in to the extent desired and secured in such condition, and this without interfering with the upper and lower connections C D. The spaces *e* between the upper and lower rear edge portions of the sections A and B permit of a great range of adjustment between the upper portions of said sections and also between the lower portions thereof. From this it follows that a small waist may be produced without unduly crowding and rendering uncomfortable the bust and abdominal portions of the body, which is an important advantage; also, that the upper and lower portions of the sections A B may be nicely fitted to the upper and lower portions of the body notwithstanding the production of the small waist.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A corset comprising two sections having waist-line straps on their rear edges, eyelets disposed adjacent to said edges and at intervals between the waist-line straps and the upper end of the corset, and eyelets disposed adjacent to the rear edges and at intervals between the waist-line straps and the lower end of the corset; one of the sections also having a vertical slot for the passage of the strap on the other, an upper lace passed through the upper eyelets and connecting the sections at intervals between the waist-line straps and the upper end of the corset, and a lower lace passed through the lower eyelets,

and connecting the sections at intervals between the waist-line straps and the lower end of the corset.

2. The herein-described corset consisting
5 essentially of the sections having waist-line straps on their rear edges, open spaces *e*, between said edges, extending from the waist-line straps to the ends of the corset, eyelets disposed adjacent to said edges and at inter-
10 vals between the waist-line straps and the lower end of the corset; one of the sections also having a vertical slot for the passage of the strap on the other, an upper lace passed through the upper eyelets, and connecting

the sections at intervals between the waist- 15 line straps and the upper end of the corset, and a lower lace passed through the lower eyelets, and connecting the sections at intervals between the waist-line straps and the lower end of the corset. 20

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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