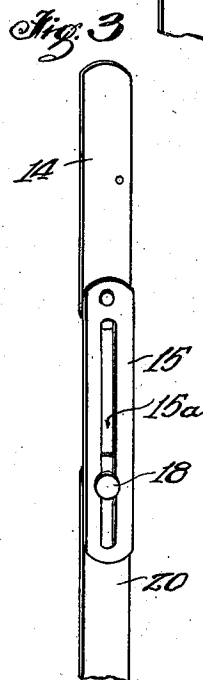
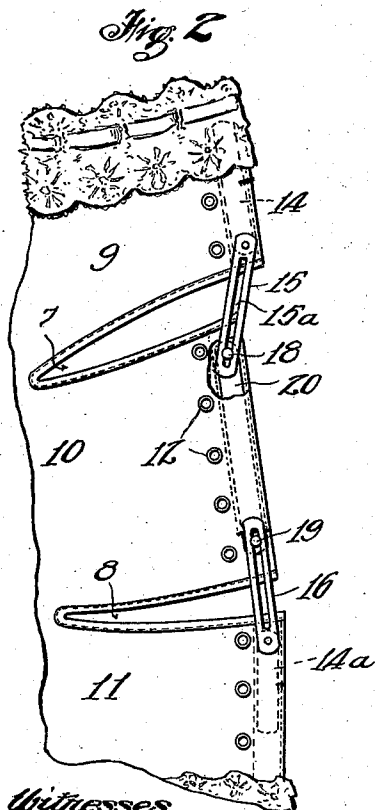
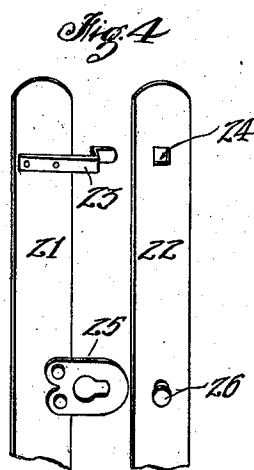
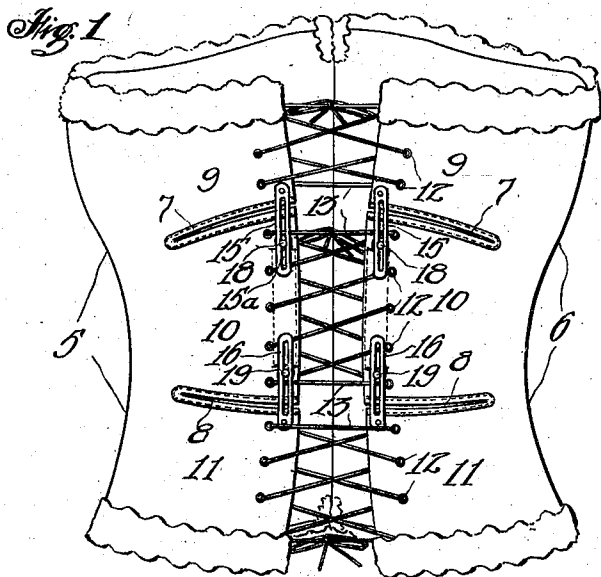


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EVA B. ADAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Santa Ana, in the county of Orange and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its objects the production of a corset in which different lacing tension may be given to different sections thereof, so that a corset of a given size may be used by ladies whose forms are quite different; also to provide a corset that will not accidentally come unfastened. I accomplish these objects by the corset described herein and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a rear view of my improved corset. Fig. 2 is a fragmentary view of a portion of the back edge of one of the parts of the corset. Fig. 3 is a detail of a portion of the rear fixtures. Fig. 4 is a detail of a portion of the front fastenings.

My improved corset is composed of two separable halves 5 and 6, which are made of any suitable material and provided with the usual stays and cording, not shown as the same is no part of my invention. The back edge of each half is provided with transverse slits 7 and 8, which preferably extend about one-third of the distance to the front edge, thereby dividing the same at the back into the upper section 9, the middle section 10, and the lower section 11. Each of these sections is provided with the usual lacing eyelets 12, and each section is independently laced by the lacing cords 13, so that if a lady has a very slender waist and good sized hips and bust, the middle section can be laced tightly while the upper and lower sections can be loosely laced. In the back edge of the upper and lower sections are secured flat steel stiffening strips 14 and 14^a, to the adjacent ends of which are secured the slotted connecting strips 15 and 16. Studs 18 and 19 pass through the slots 15^a in these strips, and are secured in the ends of the steel stiffening strip 20, which are secured in the back edges of the middle section. These slotted

links prevent the sections from overlapping 50 and from spreading too far apart, and are pivotally connected to the other parts.

In each of the front edges of the halves are the stiffening strips, 21 and 22, a detail of which is shown in Fig. 4. These strips are 55 secured in the usual manner, and strip 21 is provided at the top and bottom thereof with fastening hooks (one of which hooks 23 is shown in Fig. 4), which are adapted to be 60 passed into apertures in the ends of the companion stiffening strips (one of which apertures 24 is shown in Fig. 4), whereby when the eyes 25 secured to strip 21 intermediate the hooks are passed over the usual studs 26 65 secured to strip 22 intermediate the apertures, the front of the corset can not come unfastened accidentally. It will be understood that a hook at either the top or bottom will be first passed into an aperture and then the eyes successively passed over the studs, 70 until the other end is reached, when the other hook is passed into the other aperture, when the corset is securely fastened against accidental separation. If desired the hooks and apertures may be used as the sole means of 75 securing the meeting edges of the corset.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A corset composed of two halves, each half having an upper, a middle and a lower 80 back section, each section being independently laceable; and pivotal connections securing the back edges of the upper and lower sections to the middle section.

2. A corset composed of two halves, each 85 half having an upper, a middle and a lower back section; slidable connections securing the back edges of the upper and lower sections to the middle section.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I 90 have hereunto subscribed my name this 12th day of January, 1907.

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