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COMBINED WAIST LENGTHENER AND CORSET.

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Fig. 1.

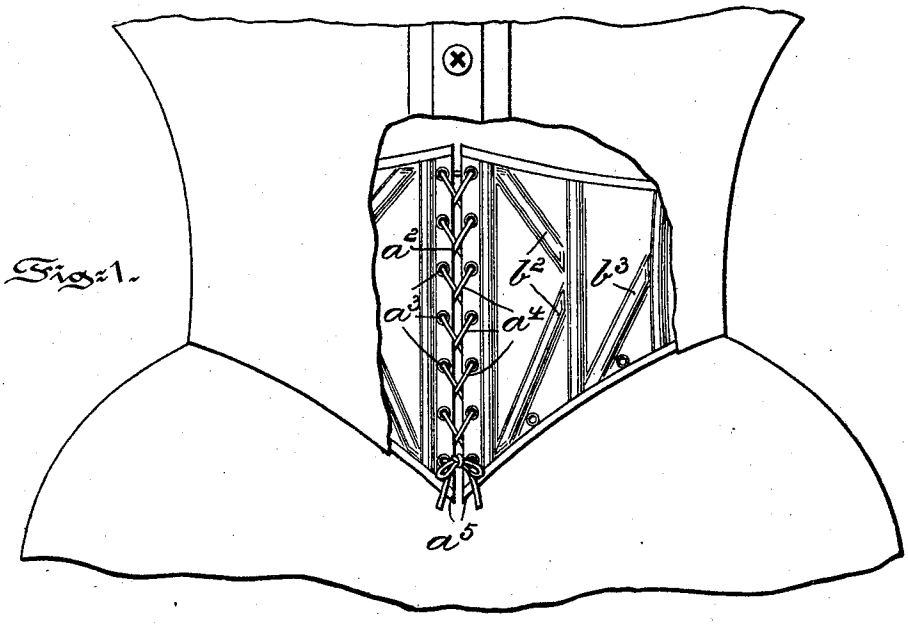


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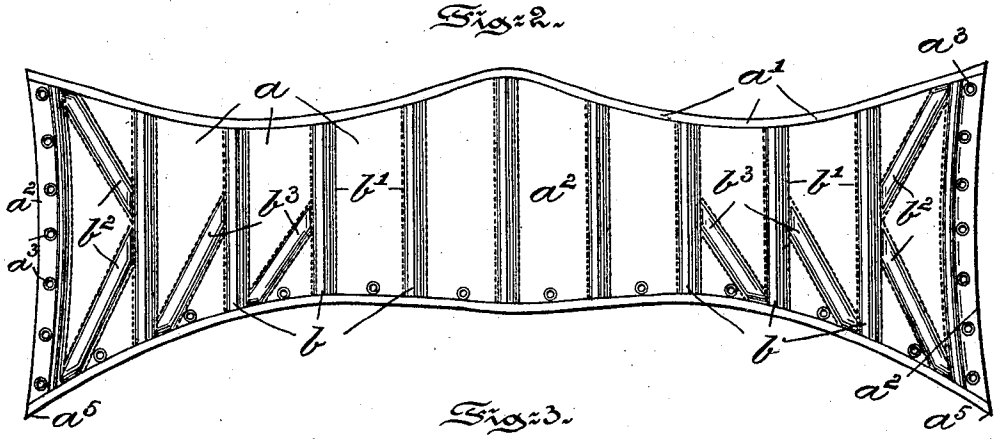


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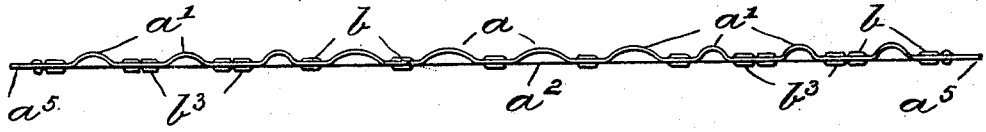
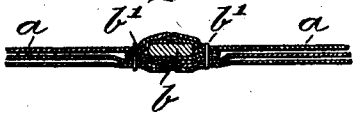


Fig. 4.



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COMBINED WAIST-LENGTHENER AND CORSET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA K. PILLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Waist-Lengthener and Corset, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to a kind of corsets or stays wherein the parts of the body may be properly supported and at the same time the waist of the wearer lengthened; and in such connection it relates to the construction and arrangement of such a combined waist-lengthener and corset.

Heretofore in feminine apparel it has been customary to supplement the usual corsets or stays with an additional stay designed to lengthen the waist, or, more properly speaking, to give to the wearer the appearance of being long-waisted. The additional stay has been worn over the corset and has been fastened by means wholly disconnected from the corset.

The principal object of my present invention is to combine in one article of apparel a corset or its equivalent with a waist-lengthener.

The nature and scope of my invention will be more fully understood from the following description, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the bust of a woman, with the outer apparel broken away to illustrate a waist-lengthener and corset embodying main features of my invention. Fig. 2 is a top or plan view of the combined waist-lengthener and corset spread out upon a flat surface. Fig. 3 is an edge view of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken through one of the bones or stiffeners and adjacent parts of the fabric and illustrating the preferred manner of making the article.

Referring to the drawings, the combined waist-lengthener and corset comprises a series of parallel sections a, united at contiguous edges and provided at these points with ribs or bones b, inserted between the two or more layers of fabric comprising the sections a. The sections a have a fullness at their free upper and lower edges, as illustrated at a' in Fig. 3; but in the medial or longitudinal central portion a^2 the sections a join together in a substantially flat and belt-like portion, which snugly fits around the waist proper of the wearer when the article is worn. The end sections a both terminate in a stiff and somewhat curved edge a^2, provided, preferably, with eyelets a^3 for the reception of laces a^4 to properly secure these edges a^2 together when the article is worn. The lower corner a^5 of each edge a^2 is in the form of a point or acute angle, and the lower edges of the sections a taper from these corners a^5 toward the center of the article. When worn, the points a^5 project downward over the abdomen and serve to continue the true waist-line below its normal position. The upper edges of the sections a fit and snugly support the parts of the bust, but preferably do not extend upward as far as the ordinary corset does. The ribs or bones b when inserted in the fabric of the sections are held in place by two rows or series of rows of stitches b' b', (see Fig. 4,) and they are preferably arranged equidistant from each other all around the article. In addition to these straight ribs or bones b the end sections adjacent to the stiff edge a^2 are reinforced by two radiating or inclined ribs b^2, extending from about the true waist or medial line, respectively, upward and downward toward the upper corner and lower corner a^5 of the edge a^2. The next succeeding sections a, whose lower edges taper, are also reinforced by downwardly-inclined ribs b^3.

Having thus described the nature and object of my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A combined waist-lengthener and corset, comprising a series of connected sections, a series of ribs or bones inserted at the contiguous edges of adjacent sections and two end sections each having a relatively stiff edge projecting in acute-angled corners both above and below the upper and lower edges respectively of the intermediate sections, said intermediate sections having longitudinally of the article a flat, belt-like medial portion adapted to fit the waist of the wearer and pro-

vided at both top and bottom edges with a fullness, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. In a combined waist-lengthener and corset, a series of connected intermediate sections each having a fullness at the upper and lower edges and a flat belt-like medial portion, a series of ribs inserted between contiguous edges of adjacent intermediate sections, two end sections relatively longer than the intermediate sections, each of said end sections having angular corners projecting respectively above the upper and below the lower edge of the intermediate sections, a series of radiating ribs b^2 strengthening the corners of the end sections and a series of downwardly-inclined ribs b^3 reinforcing the lower edge of the sections adjacent to the end sections, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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

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