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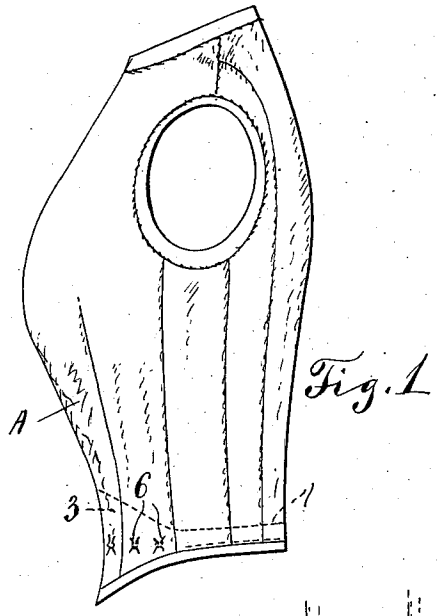
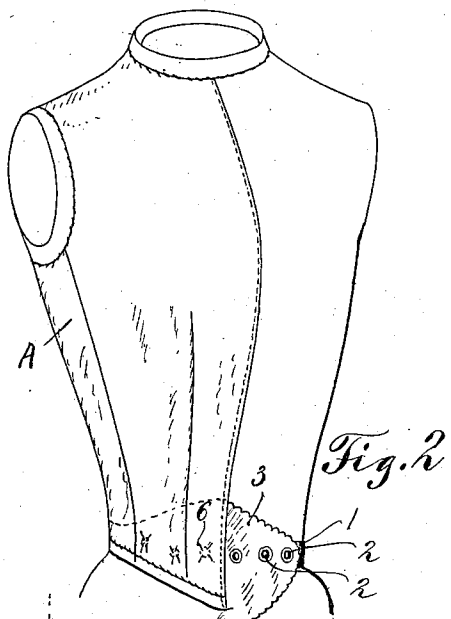


Fig. 1



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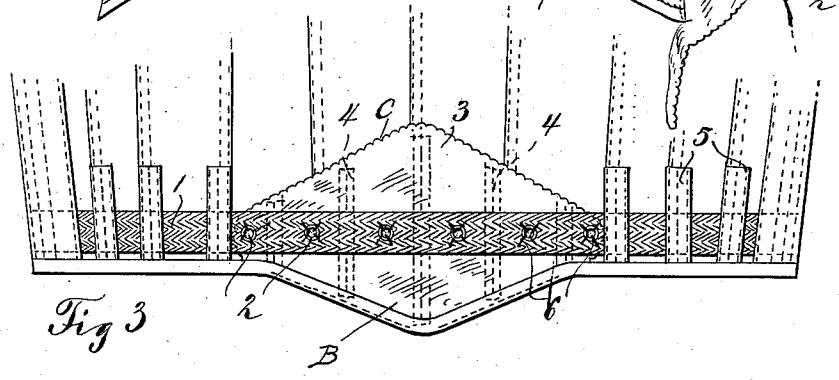

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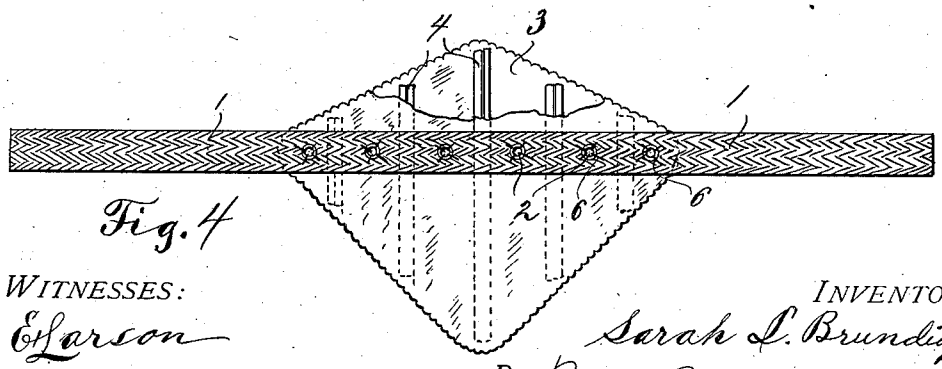

Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH L. BRUNDIDGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Waist Foundations, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to waist foundations and is primarily designed to construct a girdle or member to which the waist or lining portion of a dress having the "Princess" effect, is attached. The construction of the present invention is such as to cause the dress to fit correctly, and to prevent the waist line thereof from shifting upwardly or side-wise.

While the invention is illustrated as applicable to dresses of the above noted type, I do not wish to be limited to such use only, as it will be readily apparent that the foundation may be applied to ordinary waists and dresses.

For a full understanding of the present invention, reference is to be had to the following description and to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation illustrating the present invention applied to a waist lining. Fig. 2 is a front elevation illustrating a portion of the lining with the invention applied thereto. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary elevation illustrating the manner of attaching the present invention to the inside of the lining. Fig. 4 is a view of the device alone.

Throughout the following detail description and on the several figures of the drawings, similar parts are referred to by like reference characters.

The present invention is applied to the waist A of a dress, or lining for a dress, and comprises the belt 1 of non-elastic material, to which belt is secured the waist foundation proper, designated at 3. The foundation 3 consists preferably of two or more thicknesses of fabric, and viewed in plan, said foundation part is of somewhat diamond shape. The belt 1 is arranged transversely of the foundation 3 in such a position that the upper and lower portions of the foundation taper toward a central point above and below the belt, that portion of the foundation or girdle below the belt and indicated at B, projecting a greater distance from the belt than the portion C which extends above the latter. Eyelets 2 connect the members 1 and 3 of the invention at intervals, and the foundation or girdle proper 3 is reinforced by stays or members 4 arranged at intervals vertically thereof and preferably inclosed between the layers or several thicknesses of fabric from which the article is made. The foundation 3 is so made that the entire body thereof is flat, or with all portions in the same plane, no fullness being allowed either at the upper or lower edges of the same. The above arrangement is advantageous in that, when the article is in use, the upper portion C of the foundation has a firm bearing against the figure or person, assisting materially in preventing upward shifting of the foundation when secured at the front waist portion of the person, this being especially advantageous because the foundation or girdle 3 is secured to the waist A, as hereinafter described, and will therefore also prevent any tendency of the latter to shift upwardly.

The invention is especially designed to be used in connection with straight front corsets and when applied to a garment, the stays 4 maintain the foundation 3 in flat extended position with the portions B and C in close engagement with the figure of the wearer of the garment.

The terminals of the belt or waistband which extend beyond the girdle 3 are attached to the lining or waist only by the ribs or stays 5 stitched thereon. The front of the waist or lining is secured to the girdle by stitching the former through the eyelets 2 as at 6. The lower edge of the girdle is cut to the proper length and then stitched to the lining.

I am well aware that a device having a downwardly extending section only, to which the waist is secured, is old, but the same acts purely as a waist extender or lengthener and could not be used in a dress having the "Princess" effect with the advantages of the present invention. The upper portion C serves the function of a corset in causing the waist to fit correctly above the belt.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

The combination with the waist portion of a garment, of a waist foundation consisting of a body, a belt attached to said body at the transverse central portion of the latter so that the upper and lower ends of the

body project some distance above and below the belt respectively, said projecting portions tapering toward a vertical line centrally through the body, stays arranged vertically of the foundation body at intervals in its length, and connections between the belt line portion of the foundation and the waist whereby the portion of the foundation body above the belt is adapted to fit closely against the person to resist upward shifting of the foundation and the waist connected thereto.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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