

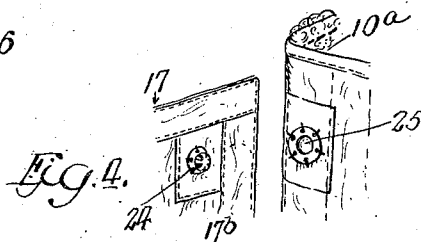
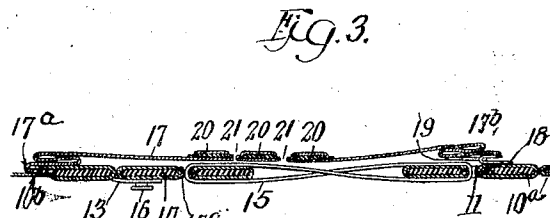
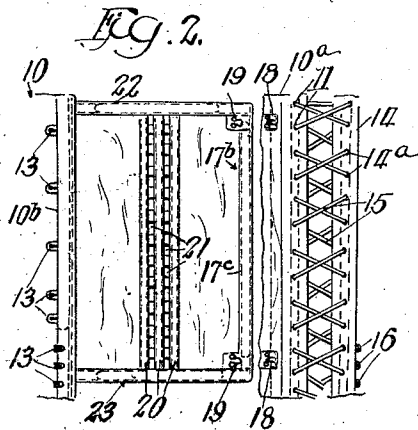
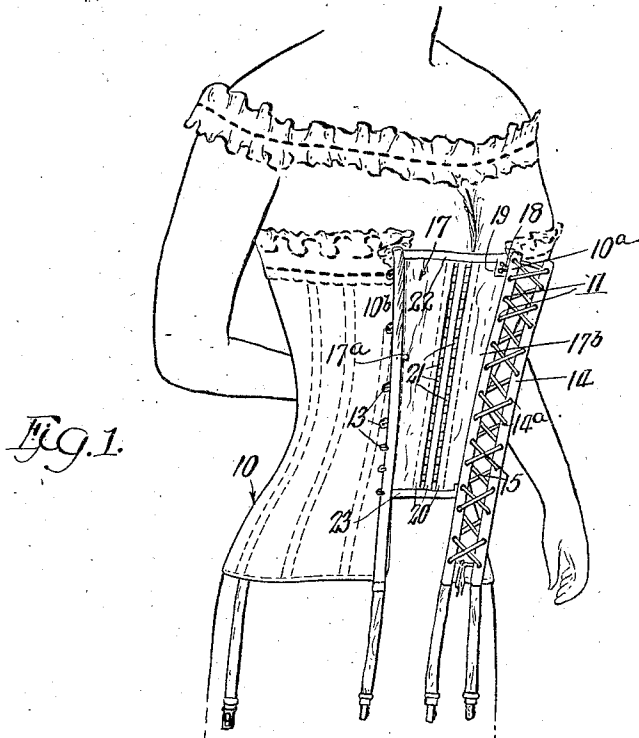
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. SCHOPBACH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Aurora, in the county of Kane and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I, CHARLES H. SCHOPMAN, do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets consisting of the matters herein after described and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

The invention relates particularly to the type of corset which has the lacing in front, and which is provided with a stiffening shield back of the lacing to bridge the open space exposed by the lacing and confine and protect from protruding that part of the body or under garment of the wearer which is covered by the lacing.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a perspective view representing my improved corset in place on the body of the wearer as it appears before the body of the corset is hooked together. Fig. 2 is a view representing a fragmentary elevation with the flap carrying the lacing turned back and one edge of the shield placed adjacent to but unattached to the part of the corset body to which it is to be detachably connected. Fig. 3 is a view representing a partial transverse section through the front of the corset body and the shield as it appears when the corset and shield are both hooked. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view illustrating a modified means for detachably connecting the free margin of the shield to the corset body.

Referring now to that embodiment of my invention illustrated in the drawings, 10 indicates the corset body which opens in front. Said body is provided adjacent one margin 10^a with a vertical row of eyelets 11.

14 indicates a narrow stiffened strip having eyelets 14^a and connected with the margin 10^a of the corset body by a lacing 15 which passes through the eyelets 14^a and 11 so that the space between the two may be adjusted to the desire or comfort of the wearer. Said stiffening strip 14 is adapted to be detachably connected to the margin 10^b

of the corset body to close the corset in a familiar manner, the two being provided with coacting members 13 and 16 of suitable hooking devices.

17 indicates a shield adapted to lie beneath the lacing next the body when the corset is on the body of the wearer. Said shield has a margin 17^a permanently attached to the inner surface of the corset body along a line spaced from one margin of the corset body, preferably the margin 10^b. Its opposite margin 17^b is adapted to be detachably connected to the inner surface of the other marginal part of the corset body at points spaced from said margin 10^a and is provided with a stiffening member 17^c so that it will lie smoothly against the body of the wearer.

18 indicates hooks and 19 indicates eyes carried respectively by the corset body and by the free margin of the shield by which such attachment is made possible.

The shield member is provided with vertically extending laterally spaced stiffening members 20 which are so arranged and connected to the shield member as to provide ventilating openings 21. At the upper and lower margins of the shield member are secured horizontal stiffening members 22, 23, respectively, which assist in retaining and in properly confining the body of the wearer at points in their vicinity.

In Fig. 4, I have shown another form of attaching device for detachably connecting the free margin of the shield member to the corset body. This consists of devices like the familiar glove fastener, each comprising an elastic contractive stud 24 attached to the shield member and a socket member 25 secured to the inner surface of the corset body.

In the use of my improved corset, the corset body is placed about the body in the usual way, and the free margin 17^b of the shield member attached to the corset body. The shield member is made considerably wider than the intended space between the parts of the corset body to which it is connected so that when its free margin is hooked to the corset body the corset is loose enough on the body of the wearer for easy adjustment, both of the position of the corset and of the part of the body of the wearer confined within it. The marginal parts of the corset body may be grasped by each

hand in making these adjustments and also when hooking the shield member, thus facilitating the operation. The stiffening strip 14 is then hooked to the margin 10^b of the corset body in the usual manner, the lateral marginal parts of the shield being folded upon themselves, as shown in Fig. 3. The stiffening members 22 and 23 at the upper and lower margins of the shield member are terminated short of its lateral margins to make this folding possible. The lacing may then be adjusted to suit the comfort of the wearer.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a corset, in combination with a body opening in front and having eyelets adjacent one margin, a stiffening strip spaced from said margin and having eyelets, lacing connecting the eyelets of said stiffening strip with the eyelets adjacent said margin of the corset body, co-acting members of attaching devices carried respectively by said stiffening strip and the other margin of said corset body, a shield member adapted to lie beneath said lacing, said shield member being permanently attached at one lateral margin to the inner surface of the corset body along a line spaced from one margin thereof, and means for detachably connecting the other lateral margin of said shield to the inner surface of said corset body at points spaced from the other margin of said corset body.

2. In a corset, in combination with a body

opening in front and having eyelets adjacent one margin, a stiffening strip spaced from said margin and having eyelets, lacing connecting the eyelets of said stiffening strip with the eyelets adjacent said margin of the corset body, co-acting members of attaching devices carried respectively by said stiffening strip and the other margin of said corset body, a shield member adapted to lie beneath said lacing, said shield member being provided with vertically extending stiffening members intermediate its lateral margins and with horizontal stiffening members at its upper and lower margins terminating short of its lateral margins, said shield member being permanently attached at one lateral margin to the inner surface of the corset body along a line spaced from one margin thereof and having its other margin free and provided with a vertical stiffening member, and means for detachably connecting the free margin of said shield to the inner surface of said corset body at points spaced from the other margin of said corset body.

In testimony, that I, claim the foregoing as my invention I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses, this 4th day of January A. D. 1912.

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