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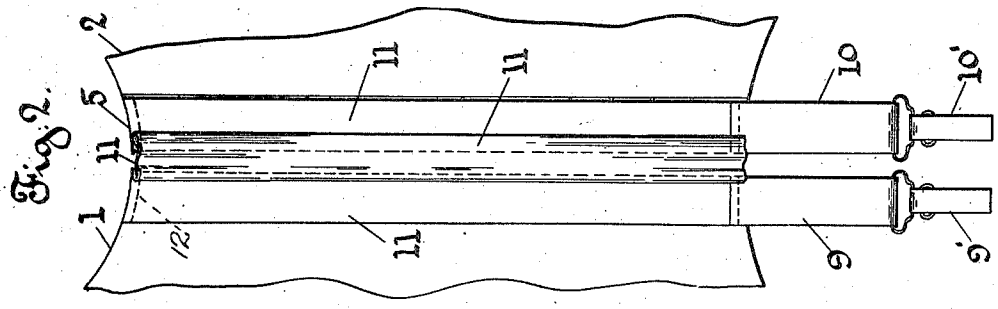
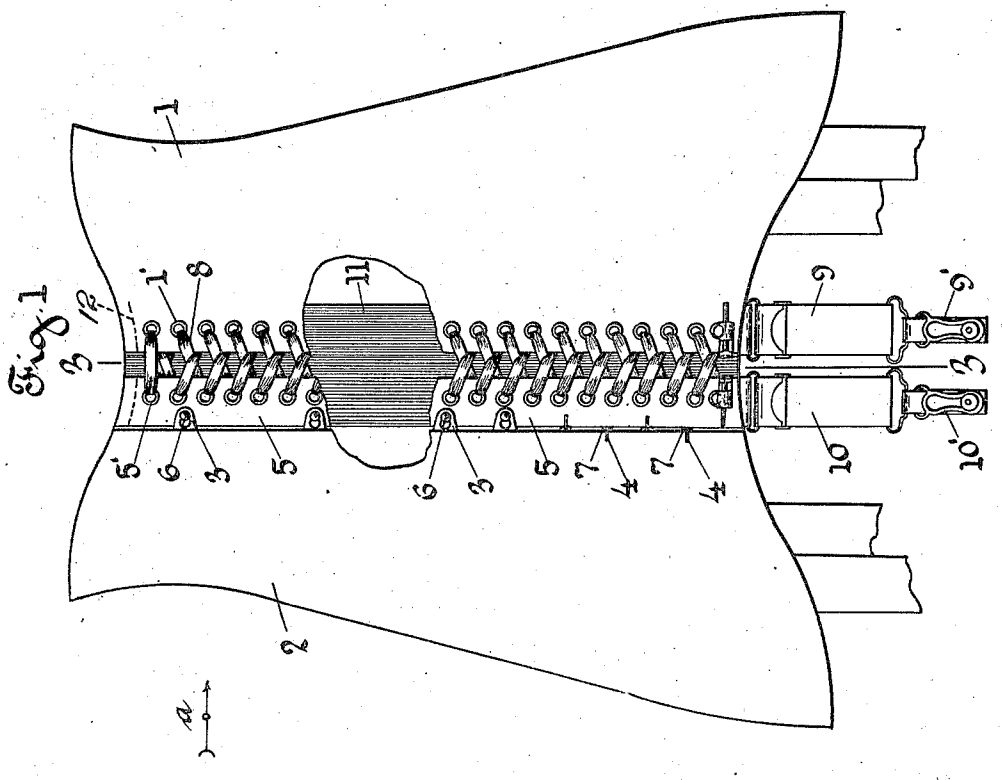


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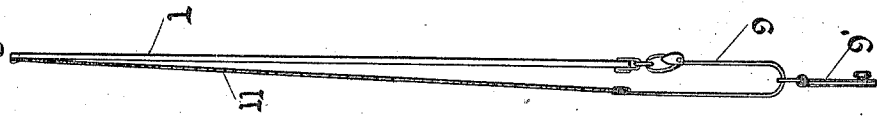


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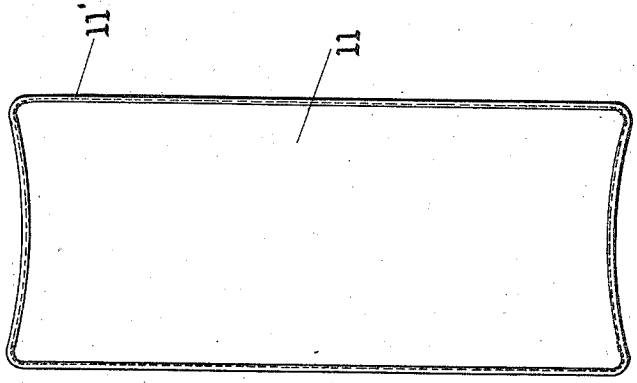
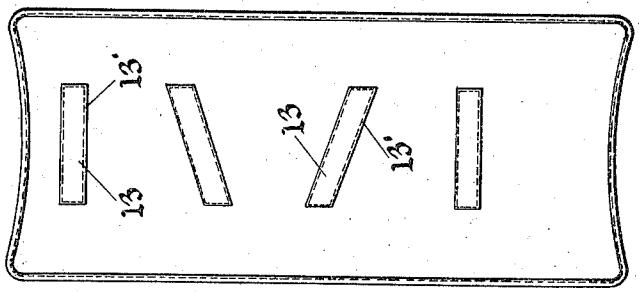


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTE J. LECOUTRE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets, and particularly to that type of corsets which have a shield or tongue back of the lacing, to cover the space or opening between the two sections laced together.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved shield or tongue for corsets of the type above referred to.

My invention consists in certain novel features of construction of my improved shield or tongue.

In my improvements I provide a shield or tongue, which is attached at its upper end to the upper edge of the corset, preferably by stitching, and is attached at its lower end to two of the loop hose supporters. The shield or tongue extends back of the lacing of the corset, and is entirely free from the corset and not attached thereto, except at its upper edge, as will be hereinafter described.

Referring to the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a front view of the two front sections of a front laced corset, and my shield or tongue applied thereto; a part of the corset is broken away.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the parts shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a section, on line 3, 3, Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrow *a*, same figure.

Fig. 4 shows the shield or tongue detached.

Fig. 5 shows a modified construction of the shield or tongue shown in Fig. 4.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 is a front section of a front laced corset. 2 is a second front section of a front laced corset, having a steel with the fastening clasps 3 thereon, and hooks 4, secured to the edge thereof. 5 is the floating edge, so termed, having the studs 6, and eyes 7 thereon, to be detachably connected with the clasps 3, and hooks 4, in the usual way.

8 is the usual lacing, which is passed through eyelets 1′, and 5′, of the sections 1, and 5, respectively. 9 and 10 are the two hose supporters, of loop shape, at the front of the corset. One end of the looped portion of the hose supporter 9 is attached to the lower edge of the section 1, and one end of the looped portion of the hose supporter 10 is attached to the lower edge of the floating section 5.

All of the above parts may be of the usual and well known construction.

I will now describe my improvements in the shield or tongue.

The shield or tongue 11, shown detached in Fig. 4, is preferably made of one piece of textile fabric, and provided with a binding or edge 11′. The shield 11 is of sufficient width to extend across and thus bridge the opening between the front section 1, and the floating section 5 of the corset, when the lacing is let out to the extent ordinarily desired, and said shield extends preferably from the top edge of the corset to the lower edge of the corset. The shield 11 is secured at its upper end on the inside of the corset, to the upper edge of the section 1, and to the upper edge of the floating section 5 of the corset, preferably by stitching 12, as shown by broken lines in Figs. 1 and 2.

The shield 11 extends in a vertical direction on the inside of the corset, back of the lacing and of the opening between the edges of the section 1, and the floating section 5, as shown in Fig. 1, and preferably extends down as far as the lower edge of said section 1, and the floating section 5.

The lower end of the shield 11 is attached at one side to the free end of the hose supporter 9, and at its other side to the free end of the hose supporter 10.

The shield or tongue 11 is entirely free from the corset, except at its upper end, and its lower end is attached to the ends of the hose supporters 9, and 10. By this construction, the attaching of the hose supporters 9 and 10, to the hose, by means of the clasps 9′, and 10′, of ordinary construction, will draw down the shield or tongue 11, and act to hold the shield or tongue 11 even and smooth, in the direction of its length, for the full length of the corset, back of the lacing, when the corset is in use.

In Fig. 5 is shown a modified construction of the shield or tongue shown in Fig. 4.

In said Fig. 5, a plurality of bones or steels 13 extend in the direction of the width

of the shield or tongue 11, and are attached thereto by stitching 13'; these bones serve to stiffen the shield or tongue transversely and thus act to hold said shield or tongue 11 smooth and even in the direction of its width, through its central portion.

I have shown my improvements in shield or tongue for corsets combined with the front sections of a front laced corset, but my improvements may be equally well combined with the rear sections of a back laced corset by being stitched and thus permanently attached to the tops of the corset sections or parts.

It will be understood that the details of construction of my improvements may be varied if desired.

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

1. In a corset, the combination with two parts laced together, of a shield or tongue permanently attached at its upper end only to the insides of the upper portions of said parts, said shield or tongue being of a proper width to bridge the space between the said corset parts behind the lacing, and hose supporters comprising looped portions the ends of which are attached to the lower ends of the corset parts and to the lower end of said shield or tongue.

2. In a corset, the combination with two parts laced together, of a shield or tongue permanently attached at its upper end only to the insides of the upper portions of said parts, said shield or tongue being of a proper width to bridge the space between the said corset parts behind the lacing, and said shield or tongue being provided with transverse stiffeners, and hose supporters comprising looped portions the ends of which are attached to the lower ends of the corset parts and to the lower end of said shield or tongue.

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